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POSTCARDS STILL AWAITED.

We are still waiting to hear from quite three-fourths of our readers as to whether or not they are prepared to continue their support to the 'Ringing World' if the paper is enlarged by four more pages and the price increased to threepence weekly. As we stated a fortnight ago, we are ready to do our part if the members of the Exercise will do theirs. There is a general unanimity of opinion that without its own journal, keeping ringers all over the country in touch with each other's doings, ringing would lose more than half its interest; yet when it comes to a vital question of the future of the only ringers' paper, only a minority are ready promptly to express their views. It may be that all the rest imagine that we shall take silence as giving consent. If so, the absence of replies is encouraging, but we *do* want to know what backing we shall receive if we undertake the additional financial responsibility which would be involved in a larger paper. We presume that this article will be read by every subscriber to the 'Ringing World,' and we would therefore ask all those who have not already communicated with us to send a postcard *to-day*.

After this gentle chiding of our many friends, let us say that the communications we have already received have been, with very few exceptions, an entire endorsement of the policy we have suggested. We did not expect that everyone would agree, and some few—very few, happily—will not pay threepence, even for a larger and improved paper. Other few fear the enhanced price will kill the journal, although they themselves will do all they can to keep it alive. On the other hand, from a large number of correspondents come cheering messages that the policy we propose will be cordially supported, and is the one most likely to find greatest acceptance. There are most varied opinions as to charging for peals. In some quarters this is thought to be all that is needed; in many others it is believed that the result would be disastrous. For the moment, however, the thing which chiefly concerns us is whether the Exercise wants a paper, and whether it is prepared to pay a penny a week more for something better than it is getting to-day at twopence. Let us say at once that the size, after we have wiped off the arrears of peals, which have come down upon us in recent weeks like a flood, will enable us to devote space to a number of interesting features, among which the interests of the young ringer will specially not be overlooked. But let us come to grips with the position. We ask all who have not done so to say whether they will or will not continue their support if the paper is increased in size and in price, and whether they will undertake to get a new subscriber (we want a thousand such, at least). And we ask you to send that postcard *to-day*.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 18, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.	
ALBERT W. COLES Treble	*GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	WILLIAM J. NUDES 9
JOHN ARMSTRONG... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE 10
ARTHUR MASON 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
HAROLD W. CLARK 6	T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEAL.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Dec. 18, 1920, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.	
GEORGE ORCHARD Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER 6
ARTHUR WILKINS 2	JOHN R. JONES 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 3	CHARLES J. GARDINER 8
ALBERT WRIGHT 4	FRANK COLE 9
HUBERT SCRIVENS 5	ALBERT E. SMITH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. WRIGHT.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LEWISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

(St. Margaret's Society.)

On Saturday, Dec. 4, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.	
CHARLES F. BAILEY Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
EDGAR H. BAILEY 2	GEORGE WILSON 6
*GEORGE BAILEY... .. 3	JAMES G. RUMSEY 7
ALFRED KEEBLE 4	ERNEST S. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. J. M. Bailey's 20th peal. The conductor has now called a Surprise peal from every bell in this tower.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 11, 1920, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.	
WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... Treble	JOHN H. WHITE 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	AMOS W. CLARK 6
*GEORGE MARRINER 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
ISAAC EMERY 4	*ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by A. HARMAN.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 11, 1920, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.	
GEO. CECIL WALLACE ... Treble	GEO. WM. BRAME 5
WILLIAM POYSEK... .. 2	JOSEPH LORD 6
WILFRED H. BUXTON... .. 3	WM. A. PARSONS... .. 7
J. ARTHUR ORGILL 4	CHARLES HAYCOCK Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTON. Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Dec. 11, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE COTTIS Treble	ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... 5
ALBERT C. HARDY 2	EBENEZER ANDREWS 6
ARTHUR WORBOYS 3	JOHN DALE 7
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN 4	CALEB FENN... .. Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by CALEB FENN.

First peal of Oxford on the bells. First in the variation by 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7. Rung as a birthday compliment to the steeplekeeper, John Dale.

**HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)**

On Saturday, Dec. 11, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOHN MOULDEN... .. Treble	E. R. MARTIN 5
ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG ... 2	EDWARD ARMSTRONG 6
†WILLIAM TAYLOR 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 7
†FRED HARWOOD... .. 4	JAMES ARMSTRONG Tenor

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich, Mr. Moulden of the local band kindly taking the vacant rope. He was elected a member previous to starting.

**PENSHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Dec. 11, 1920, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THE STRANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Treble	HARRY HARRINGTON 5
GEORGE THOMPSON 2	HERBERT MARKWELL... .. 6
ALBERT BELTON 3	FREDERICK WHITE 7
GEORGE EDWARDS 4	HENRY SEAL... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

This was G. Edward's 50th peal.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 11, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE TEMPLE Treble	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 5
GILBERT H. HARDING ... 2	HENRY W. BROWN 6
THOMAS F. KING... .. 3	CHARLES W. BELL 7
RICHARD J. COUSINS 4	JOHN TAYLOR Tenor

Non-Conducted

Umpires: THEODORE GRANT and FRED C. RICH.

Mr. T. Grant called the necessary 'go' and 'that's all,' and followed the peal throughout from manuscript, checking each bob lead and part end.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 11, 1920, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in P.

*HERBERT SADDINGTON ... Treble	†HARRY MEADOWS 5
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	*JAMES HENDRY 6
†JOSEPH SADDINGTON 3	†BERNARD SADDINGTON ... 7
JAMES HOUGHTON 4	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rebung in a new iron frame with the addition of two new trebles, by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The 'go' is excellent.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, Dec. 11, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ERNEST J. NEWELL Treble	*GEORGE WOLFE... .. 5
*LEONARD FIDLER 2	*HERBERT E. DAY 6
MISS A. MAY DURRANT ... 3	GEORGE T. CROFT 7
*ERNEST W. DAY 4	*WILLIAM J. CROFT Tenor

Composed by W. GARRETT. Conducted by WILLIAM J. CROFT.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor on eight bells. All the ringers are members of the Hitchin St. Mary's band.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Treble	*HAROLD W. CLARK 5
*PERCY J. SPICE 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
WALTER SMITH 3	ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... 7
GEORGE DURLING 4	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN. Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.
* First peal in the method.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Dec. 16, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 qr. 11 lb.

WILLIAM SHAW Treble	*JOHN STOPFORD 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2	FRED HOLT... .. 6
JOHN BRIERLEY 3	TOM WILDE 7
HARRY NORGROVE 4	ALBERT HOUGH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by TOM WILDE.
* First peal in the method away from treble. First peal of Treble Bob on the new bells.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Dec. 16, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

*H. HOLDEN Treble	R. MATTHEWS 5
J. BASS... .. 2	C. E. PERKINS 6
J. WHATMORE 3	J. LLOYD 7
*W. MORTEN 4	*R. GORDON Tenor

Conducted by C. E. PERKINS.
Ringers of 1st, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th, belong to local band.
* First peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM GIBBS... .. Treble	JOHN BASS 4
*WILLIAM COOPER 2	†JOHN LLOYD 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	HARRY COOPER Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles.

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WATTON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,
On Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

NATHAN PATMORE Treble	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 4
SIDNEY CARTER 2	BARNARD PATMORE 5
ERNEST A. OVERALL 3	GEORGE H. CARTER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CARTER.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Canterbury, and three of Plain Bob.

*EDWIN BATCOFF Treble	JAMES WAGHORN 4
FREDERICK BUTCHERS ... 2	PERCIVAL E. LAMBERT ... 5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by P. J. LAMBERT.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect, after the funeral of Mrs. Francis Smith Marriott, wife of the aged Rector. * First peal.

LONGDON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
On Thursday, Dec. 9, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 42 six-scores, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT HALL Treble	RICHARD PENDRY 4
FRED SMITH 2	CHARLES YOUNG 5
WILLIAM GODWIN 3	GEORGE JAMES Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD PENDRY.

The ringer of the 2nd hails from Forthampton and 5th from Castlemorton, the rest are local ringers.

ARDELEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,
On Saturday, Dec. 11, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Oxford Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST A. OVERALL Treble	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 4
GEORGE H. CARTER 2	HENRY WALLACE 5
SIDNEY CARTER 3	BARNARD PATMORE Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

KELNDOWN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Dec. 11, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of St. Clement's Bob and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... Treble	ALBERT RELFE 4
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 3	JAMES WAGHORN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

OAKLEY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Dec. 11, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 8 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Canterbury Pleasure, Old Doubles and Plain Bob, and ten six-scores of Grandsire.

*RICHARD SHIMMANS ... Treble	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 3
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	HERBERT J. HARLOW ... 4
RICHARD KENDALL Tenor	

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

* First peal.

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

On Saturday, Dec. 11, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN MINOR, 5040 CHANGES

Comprising 720 changes in each of the following methods, viz.: St. Clement's Bob, Single Court Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MISS DOROTHY M. ATKINS Treble	†THOMAS BUTLER 4
WALTER T. WILSON 2	†THOMAS GARBY 5
†MISS CECIL HEPBURN ... 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven plain methods.

LITTLE COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 11, 1920, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob, two of Canterbury Pleasure and two of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*CHARLES HOLFORD Treble	JAMES HEMMING 4
*OLIVER ATTWOOD 2	*GEORGE ASLEY 5
JOHN HALL 3	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Hubert Salisbury, who was interred at Little Comberton the previous Saturday. He was a member of the above Association and will be sadly missed. * First peal of Minor in three methods.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, Dec. 11, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Lincoln, Ipswich, Cambridge, London Wells, York and Durham. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES R. MORSS Treble	EDWARD SMITH 4
GEORGE A. BLACK 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 3	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the unveiling of the War Memorial erected in the churchyard, also as a last token of respect for the late Canon Sanders, formerly Rector of Woodford.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, Dec. 13, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four 720's of Kent, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALEC MARTIN Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 4
†H. S. ROBINSON 2	FRED HARWOOD 5
*J. T. BIMSON 3	WILLIAM TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Dec. 3, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES:

ALLEN F. BAILEY 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 7-8
EDGAR H. BAILEY 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.
Witness: MR. M. SELF.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

ALLEN F. BAILEY 1-2	JAMES M. BAILEY 7-8
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 9-10
CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6	EDGAR H. BAILEY 11-12

Composed by JAMES MOTTS Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.
Witness: MR. M. SELF.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 11, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE RINGING MASTER, MR. A. E. PARSONS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

FRANK W. PERRENS 1-2	ALBERT WALKER 7-8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3-4	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 9-10
JAMES E. GROVES 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.
Referee: ALBERT E. PARSONS.

This was the annual handbell peal for the above Association.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, Dec. 16, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES 7-8
FRANK W. PERRENS 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN 9-10
ALBERT WALKER 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.
Referee: ALBERT E. NORMAN.

First twelve-bell handbell peal for the Society.

FUNERAL OF MR. W. H. GEORGE.

The funeral of the late Mr. William H. George, of Eastleigh, whose death we announced last week, took place at the Parish Church, Eastleigh, on Wednesday, December 29th, the services being conducted by the Rector of North Stoneham (Rev. S. Salmon), the mourners being Mrs. George (widow), Mr. H. George and Mr. J. George (sons), Miss M. George (only daughter), and Mr. James George (brother). The following ringers were present: Messrs. W. T. Tucker (district secretary), D. C. Williams, W. G. Edwards, W. G. Rowe and A. H. Giles (North Stoneham), J. W. Elkins (Winchester). Mr. G. Williams, Master of the Winchester Guild, was unable to be present. The L.S.W.R. accountant's office was represented by Mr. Parkes, and the time office by Mr. Jeffery. There were many beautiful floral tributes.

In the evening, at St. Nicolas' Church, North Stoneham, a muffled peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung, and on Sunday, January 2nd, the bells were half-muffled for both services, at each of which a special hymn was rung. The Dead March in 'Saul' was played by the organist at the conclusion of both services.

Mr. George had rung nearly 300 peals in various methods, including Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich Major, one peal of Superlative, and also peals of Grandsire and Stedman Caters. He was nearly always to be found ringing at the back-end. His last peal, which he conducted, was Thurstons' Four-Part, rung by the local band at North Stoneham, where he was a regular service ringer on Sundays, in spite of having to walk two miles each way from Eastleigh. The deceased was well known by ringers all over the county of Hants, and had rung peals in nearly all the eight-bell towers under that able conductor, Mr. G. Williams. Mr. George conducted the first peal of Grandsire Caters at Winchester on the Cathedral bells, several of Bob Major at North Stoneham, and three peals of Stedman Triples. He will be greatly missed at North Stoneham.—R.I.P. W. T. T.

ST. ALBANS VETERAN DEAD.

Mr. Thomas Waller, of St. Albans, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 18th, after a brief illness. In the early days of change ringing at St. Albans he was very prominent, and rang a good many peals on tower and handbells, his first peal being rung at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, in 1878. He was buried in St. Peter's Churchyard on Wednesday, December 22nd, the treasurer and secretary of the Hertford County Association representing the ringing fraternity at the service in church. Mr. Waller was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. In the evening of the funeral the St. Peter's Society rang a half-muffled touch in memory of an old comrade.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A Guild of Ringers has been formally inaugurated at Westminster Abbey, and a list of some five-and-twenty ringing days has been drawn up. The Sunday evening service ringing has been discontinued.

The peal of ten bells, with tenor 16 cwt., for the Parish Church, Epsom, were dedicated under unusual conditions just before Christmas. They were placed in the churchyard for the ceremony, and were sounded round after the ceremony. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank will have them ready for a ringers' opening before the end of the present month.

The College Youths have again got a Cambridge Maximus band in good practice. Last Saturday an attempt for a peal at Coruhill came to grief through the breaking of a rope, after about an hour, and when ringing had shaped into good peal form.

A frame of new design has been constructed for the new peal of eight at Banstead, Surrey. The bells (tenor 22 cwt.) are being cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and the case provided for them is of substantial construction with special bracing. It promises to give a wonderful rigidity under the thrust of the bells.

Among other peals now on order from the Croydon foundry are: Rochester Cathedral, 10 (tenor 30 cwt.); Carisbrooke, 8 (tenor 20 cwt.); Paddockhurst, 8 (tenor 24 cwt.); Westham, 6 (tenor 10 cwt.); Wiston, 6 (tenor 7 cwt.); Edenfield, 8 (tenor 8½ cwt.).

The peal of Caters at St. Woolos, Newport, Mon., on December 4th, was rung in 3 hours 25 minutes, not 3 hours 35 minutes.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WAR MEMORIAL DEDICATED.

A large gathering of ringers from all over the Diocese assembled at Llandaff Cathedral on Bank Holiday, and in the presence of a large congregation the memorial tablet erected to those members of the association who fell in the great war was unveiled by the hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Jones, and dedicated by the Lord Bishop. The officiating clergy included the Dean, Archdeacon Buckley, Canon Jesse Jones, and one of the minor Canons who had done service on the battlefields. Following the dedicatory prayers, the hymn, 'The supreme sacrifice,' by John S. Arkwright, was sung, and whilst the choir and clergy returned to their places the bells were rung for a few minutes, half-muffled. It was a beautifully impressive service. The organist played the Dead March in 'Saul,' and at the conclusion the National Anthem was sung. For those who were privileged to attend it will always remain a touching memory.

The tablet is a fine piece of workmanship, and is made of Hopton-wood stone. For the kindly personal interest which the Dean has shown from the time the memorial was first proposed to him the association owes him a deep debt of gratitude.

The annual meeting of the association took place the same afternoon at St. John's, Cardiff, where the ringers mustered in great force. A service was held in the Parish Church in the afternoon, conducted by Dr. Jones Powell, Vicar. Mr. Ben Davies, a Llansoyd ringer, presided at the organ. Tea followed in the Schoolroom, and although many more mustered than were expected, all were well catered for.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar. The officers appointed for the year included Mr. H. Morgan, as Master. Mr. J. W. Jones was re-elected hon. secretary, and Messrs. Hobbs and Dawe, auditors. St. Woolos, Newport, was chosen for the next annual meeting, and Monmouth and Pontypridd respectively for the quarterly meetings. Quite a number of new members were elected, and a good deal of detailed business transacted. The day's proceedings were a huge success.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PROPOSED ISLE OF WIGHT BRANCH.

A successful meeting was held at St. Thomas, Newport, I.W., on Boxing Day, with a view to forming an Island Branch of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, the towers on the island being at present merged with the Portsmouth District. Representatives attended from Ventnor, Whitwell, Ryde, Brading, Carisbrooke and Newport, and the meeting was fortunate in having present Mr. W. H. Fussell, hon. secretary of East Berks and South Bucks branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, whose advice was most helpful in arranging the form of procedure.

The Rev. J. G. Orr, Rector of Whitwell, was voted to the chair, and after an opening prayer the correspondence leading up to this meeting was read and discussed.—It was proposed by Mr. H. Barton, of Ventnor, and seconded by Mr. W. Chambers (Newport), that subject to formal sanction of the Winchester Diocesan Guild an Island Branch be formed.

The election of officers was left until the Guild's sanction had been received, but Mr. Upton (Newport) was elected hon. sec. pro tem.

A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, on the proposition of Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Fussell, terminated the business programme, after which the ringers had a short touch of Bob Major, conducted by J. Bruce Williamson; ringing was also indulged in prior to the business meeting.

The Island should prove to be as successful a branch as most others in this huge diocese, and it is hoped that the founders of it will be supported by the remaining ringers and so attain the success they have set out to achieve.

THE WHITECHAPEL FOUNDRY. CELEBRATION OF UNIQUE EVENT

Robert Mot, 1573; Mears and Stainbank, 1920; and between those dates an unbroken succession of bell founders carrying on the same business, almost on the same spot. This unique record places the Whitechapel Bell Foundry among the oldest business firms in the kingdom, even if it is not the oldest with, as it were, a direct line of descent. The completion of three and a half centuries of trading, which has carried the fame of the foundry into every corner of the English-speaking world, was an event which was not to be passed entirely unnoticed, but with a modesty characteristic of the ancient firm, the celebration was confined to a 'family' gathering. On Saturday evening, at The Coffee Pot, in the City of London, the headquarters of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the firm entertained the employes to dinner. The foundry staff, who number about thirty, were welcomed by Mr. Albert A. Hughes (the genial principal), his mother (Mrs. Arthur Hughes), his wife and his brother (Mr. Robert Hughes). Mr. Hughes presided at the bountifully spread tables, and at the conclusion of the repast the toast of 'The King' was cordially honoured.

Mr. Alan Macdonald (manager), in felicitous terms, proposed 'The Firm,' whose name in the bell world, he said, was one to conjure with. It was a very happy idea that they should have that gathering. They (the staff) wished the firm continued success, for in that success rested their own prosperity (applause).

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, in replying, said the occasion on which they had met was unique. They had met to celebrate the closing of the 350th year of the firm's existence. That meant that over since the twelfth year of good Queen Bess, the foundry had been turning out bells for all parts of the world. That was a record of which they all might feel very proud indeed. In the firm's history they had passed through some very trying periods. He doubted very much whether they had ever passed through such trying times as the period of the late war, and the year following the cessation of hostilities. The way in which they had pulled through had been due largely to the unswerving loyalty of the staff. If it had not been for their wholly genuine co-operation he knew very well they would not have got through as they had done. He felt they were running not so much as a big commercial concern where everything was cut and dried; they were a peculiarly old-fashioned business, and they were more of a family party. Most of those present were old members of the staff and knew the traditions that lay behind the firm. They would feel as he very strongly felt, that they owed a great deal to those who had gone before them (hear, hear). By their hard work they helped to build up the fortunes of the foundry and the present holders—he felt they were in the position of trustees of an old institution—should do their best in their turn to see that they handed it on at least as successfully as it was handed down to them (applause). It was in 1570 that Robert Mot, the founder of the firm, started in Whitechapel. It was in the same road as they were now in—he dared say it was a little more salubrious than at the present time (laughter). He often wondered if Robert Mot ever imagined his efforts would live so long after him. He doubted if he could have done, but they would remember that only about eighteen months ago bells that left the foundry more than 300 years before came back for restoration. He referred to two of the bells at Westminster Abbey, one of which was cast in 1583, and the other in 1594. He hoped the firm would have continued prosperity, and that they, with the staff, would work together in the future in the same spirit that had helped them through the recent trying and difficult period (applause).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Editor of 'The Ringing World,' on behalf of the ringers of England, congratulated the firm upon attaining the 350th year of their foundation. He pointed out that change ringing was a thing unknown for many years after Robert Mot opened his foundry in Whitechapel, and the work of his successors had a great deal to do with making change ringing possible in the early days of the art. The Whitechapel foundry had a great reputation throughout the country, built upon good workmanship and sterling honesty and business integrity, and he wished the firm long and continued prosperity (applause).

The evening was afterwards devoted to music. There was no lack of talent, and songs were rendered by several members of the staff, including the Chairman and Mr. R. Hughes. There were also some capital banjo and concertina solos, and a foundry band rang a perfect touch of Grand sire Triples on handbells. A few College Youths looked in later in the evening, and the following rang a course of Stedman Caters: J. W. Golding 1—2, H. R. Pasmore 3—4, J. Thomas 5—6, W. Pasmore 7—8, A. A. Hughes 9—10. Mrs. A. A. Hughes played the accompaniments.

WAS IT FALSE?

A Suffolk ringer asks us to say that the peal of Kent Treble Bob, rung at Helmingham, Suffolk, on November 13th, was hopelessly false, as it would be impossible to get the bells home from the order they went into the slow after the seventh in the last course. The bells, he says, had shifted course and were jumbled home. Perhaps the conductor will give the Exercise his views.

CUMBERLAND'S NEW RING OF SIX. WAR MEMORIAL AT MILLOM.

In memory of the men of Millom, Cumberland, who fell in the war, a fine ring of six bells has been placed in the tower of St. George's Church, in that parish. The bells, with a tenor of 14 cwt., were cast by Messrs. John Warner and Sons at the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, and are hung in their patent all-steel frame, on the cantilever principle, and their 'go' is perfect. In the absence of the Bishop of Carlisle, the dedication was performed by the Ven. H. E. Campbell (Archdeacon and Chancellor of Carlisle), and it was appropriate that he should perform the ceremony, for as a former Vicar of the parish, he baptized and helped in the teaching of some of those to whom the memorial has been erected. The unveiling of the memorial tablet and the dedication of the bells took place in a crowded church, and was of a simple but impressive character. After the dedication, the Dalton-in-Furness ringers rang a short touch of Bob Minor, and immediately the bells were lowered in peal. The muffles were then put on, the bells were rung half-muffled, and a 360 Bob Minor was brought round. The bells were then lowered in peal and the muffles taken off. The ringers were: R. Jackson 1, T. Watson 2, G. Jackson 3, W. H. Dennison 4, T. Metcalfe 5, J. Burrows (conductor) 6. This was the most impressive part of the ceremony—the several minutes silence, except for the sound of the bells, and many a sob and sigh from the sad hearts within the church. Prayers were then offered by the Rev. W. G. Arnold (curate-in-charge of St. Luke's), and a hymn sung, after which the Archdeacon gave an address. The dedication of a peal of bells, he said, was an event of very great interest to the parish. He expressed the regret of the Bishop at his inability to be present, and also regretted the absence of his wife, who was prevented by illness from meeting many old friends. He considered it fitting that he himself should be called upon to perform the dedication, as it was thirty-three years to that very day (December 18th) since he delivered his first address from that pulpit, and twenty-five years since his term of office as Vicar of St. George's, Millom, came to an end. His wife and he had spent many happy years at the Vicarage there, in which four of their children had been born. One of their children had made the supreme sacrifice, and he tendered his heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved relatives of the fallen heroes. That, he added, was one of the best churches in the diocese, and the memorial was one of the best and most costly (the bells had cost about £1,100) that he had ever dedicated. It was not only a peal of bells, but a memorial to heroes. The men whose memory was thereby commemorated had fought, had suffered, and had died. They had made the supreme sacrifice, and their loss meant sacrifice also to their bereaved. There was something appealing in the sound of a bell, and the memory of those who had fallen would be carried down to future generations by that memorial.

The hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' was sung, after which the 'Last Post' and 'Reveille' were sounded. The service then concluded with the hymn, 'On the Resurrection morning,' and the pronouncement of the Blessing by Archdeacon Campbell.

At the conclusion of the service, the bells were raised in peal, and a 720 of Bob Minor was brought round by: R. Jackson 1, Miss E. M. Smart 2, G. Jackson 3, T. Watson 4, W. H. Dennison 5, J. Burrows (conductor) 6.

A tea was kindly provided by the Vicar, and afterwards short touches of Bob Minor were rung, Miss Barker, J. P. Barker and W. T. Clark, from Broughton, and Mr. Frank Smith (Messrs. John Warner and Son's foreman bell hanger), taking part.

The bells are a very musical ring of six, and are a great credit to the founders. Great thanks are due to Mr. Frank Smith for having the bells ready and in thorough order, and for his able assistance which made the opening so successful.

Ringers were present from the towers of Barrow-in-Furness, Dalton-in-Furness and Broughton, and several enjoyable hours were spent in ringing various methods, much to the delight of the local residents, who one and all appreciated the musical quality of the new bells.

STEDMAN CINQUES.

The commemoration in Birmingham on December 28th of the centenary of the first peal of Stedman Cinques rung out of London, recalls the fact that the first peal of Stedman Cinques was rung by the College Youths at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on October 6th, 1788. This was a 6204. The Cumberlands beat it at Spitalfields with a 6334 on December 20th, 1806, and the Birmingham peal, conducted by Thomas Thurstans, held the field as a Stedman Cinques record until 1844, when it was superseded in length at Norwich. The honours were recaptured at Birmingham in 1848, when 7392, composed and conducted by Henry Johnson, was rung at St. Martin's, and, incidentally the record remains with that tower in the 11,111 rung there by a band most of whom, happily, are still amongst us.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD'S CENTENARY PEAL.

In reply to 'An Essex Ringer,' respecting the truth of the above peal, I can assure him and also the Exercise, that the peal was true, and not false as some make out. Trusting this will stop all rumours that are afloat.—Yours sincerely,
H. J. TUCKER.

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WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Farcham on Saturday, Jan. 8th, 1921. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea at 5.30.—E. J. Harding, District Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 8th, 1921. Bells ready at 4, meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Peter's, Bedford, on Saturday, Jan. 8th, 1921. Service at 4.15 p.m. Address by the Rev. Canon Knowall. Tea at St. Peter's Hall at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—H. L. Harlow, Dis. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Ipswich Branch.—The third general meeting will be held in the Church Room, Leiston, on Saturday, Jan. 8th, 1921, at 4 p.m. By kind permission of the Rector the bells of the Parish Church will be available throughout the day.—E. Evans, Hon. Branch Secretary, 21, Springfield Lane, Ipswich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston on Jan. 8th, 1921. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 6.30, to be followed by business meeting.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec., 98, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Tipton on Saturday, Jan. 8th, 1921. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited. Will all Members kindly note change of secretary?—E. W. Salter, 10, Station Road, Erdington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next annual branch meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 8th, 1921. Bells available at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. Business: Election of branch secretary, etc.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Seaford on Saturday, Jan. 8th, 1921. Tower open 2 p.m. and onward. Service at 4 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation) 4.30 p.m. Half railway fare (maximum 2s.).—A. D. Stone, Div. Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at All Saints', Hull, on Saturday, Jan. 8th, 1921. Bells available from noon at All Saints' (8), St. Mary's, Lowgate (6), and Holy Trinity (10). Service in church at 4 p.m., with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Smallwood). The Revs. E. A. Earp, of Holy Trinity, and the Rev. Canon

England, of Hesse, have promised to be at the meeting. Tea at 5 p.m. at 1s. per head.—W. Hinton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Volta Street, Selby.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the above will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Jan. 8th, 1921. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. All ringers specially invited.—A. Panther, Sec. (*pro tem.*).

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, Jan. 8th, 1921. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head, and only for those who send in their names on or before Jan. 3rd to Mr. E. Steele, 109, George Street, Sandyford Hill, Longton, requesting that tea be provided for them. May we remind members that the annual subscription is now due for 1921?—J. Johnson, E. Steele, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held on Monday evening, Jan. 10th, 1921, at St. John the Divine's, South Albion Street, near Midland Station. Ringing from 7 till 9 p.m. Business meeting in the belfry. Annual subscriptions at revised rate become due at this meeting.—H. E. Norman, District Sec., 4, Berners Street, Leicester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes on Monday, Jan. 10th, 1921. Tower open 6.30. Business meeting at the 'Edinburgh' at 8 p.m., to be followed by a special meeting to consider the alteration of Rule 12. Practices at 7.30 p.m. Bishopsgate Jan. 17th, St. Clement Danes Jan. 24th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings will be held at St. Magnus on Jan. 26th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 11th, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th. *Business meeting afterwards at headquarters. All at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 11th, 1921, at St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, City, at 7.45 p.m. Ringing at St. Martin's from 6.30 to 7.30. All subscriptions are due at this meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Saturday, Jan. 15th, 1921. Bells ready 2 o'clock. Committee, 3.45. Tea, 5 o'clock. General meeting to follow. Tea at 2s. 6d. per head will be arranged for by Mr. E. W. Beadmoore, 1, Avenue Road, Ashby, for those who advise him by the 12th January, and will be at Radford's Cafe, Bath Street. Will all District Secretaries kindly forward to the Hon. Treasurer, the first week in January, their statements of accounts to 31st December?—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Jan. 15th, 1921. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Willenhall on

Saturday, Jan. 15th, 1921. Bells available at 3. Service in church at 5.15, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. T. H. P. Hyatt). Tea will be provided at 6 for those who send word not later than Jan. 11th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The war memorial to fallen ringers will be unveiled and dedicated in Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 15th, 1921, at 3.30 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, President of the Association. Tea, at 5 p.m., will be provided, 1s. 9d. each, at The Corn Exchange, to those only who notify Mr. P. Timson, 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford, not later than Saturday, Jan. 8th. Seats in the Cathedral will be reserved for relatives of the fallen, and correspondents of each tower are requested to make this known to the families of all fallen members of their respective bands and invite them to be present. Tickets for tea will be sent to relatives of the fallen if names and addresses are sent to Mr. Timson by Jan. 8th. The Cathedral bells will be rung half-muffled previous to the service. At 6 p.m. the muffles will be removed, and the bells will then be available for all ringers present.—C. H. Howard, Master, H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec., The Temples, Witham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, Jan. 15th, 1921. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15th, at Milnrow. Bells ready at 3, meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Jan. 15th, at Douling. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15th, at All Saints', Fulham, tower. Open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting, election of officers, etc., at 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. District Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service in church 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow, about 5 p.m., at the C.E.M.S. House, St. Stephen's Street. Members requiring tea please let me know by Jan. 10th. Business, election of branch officers.—P. E. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting in the Schools at 5 o'clock.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Elicot Road, Coventry.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Giles', Camberwell, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present at tea kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, Jan. 12th?—A. J.

Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 47, Beddington Grove, Wallington.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. —A combined practice will take place at Aldershot on Saturday, Jan. 15th, at 6 p.m. It is hoped that members will attend.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Broughton on Jan. 15th. Bells (5) open at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Kindly let me know by Tuesday, 11th, those requiring tea.—R. F. Turner, Hon. Dis. Sec., 160, St. Peter's Avenue, Kettering.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45, business meeting after. Ringing at All Saints' and St. Paul's before service and after meeting. All who intend to be present at tea please notify me by the 10th latest.—F. Dentry, Hon. Sec., Twyford, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Tyne Division.—A combined practice will be held at Hexham on Saturday, Jan. 15th. All ringers welcome. Bells available afternoon and evening.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec., 80, Fern Dene Road, Gateshead.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will take place at Netherton on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in the church at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Church House at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting afterwards. Will all members who intend to be present at tea kindly let me know not later than Jan. 19th, as I have to give a definite number to the caterers? —A. Davies, Hon. Sec., 29, Hampton Street, Netherton, Dudley.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells open at 2 p.m. Meat tea at 4.45 p.m., at Turner's Cafe, South Street. Those requiring tea please notify me by Jan. 17th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea at the Woolpack at 6 o'clock, followed by business meeting. A charge of 1s. 3d. will be made for tea, and all requiring same must advise me by the 20th inst. Will members please note that the annual subscription for 1921 is due, and is now 1s. 6d.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Tea at 6 p.m. sharp, to those who notify me by the 19th.—H. J. Bradley, Christ Church Schools, Willesden Lane, N.W.6.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

DEATH OF LIVERPOOL RINGER.

One of the earliest members of the Lancashire Association, Mr. G. W. Hughes, has just passed away. For a great many years he was a ringer at St. Michael's, Garston, and had several peals to his credit. He joined the Lancs Association soon after its reconstruction, 1879. The deceased had represented Garston on the Liverpool City Council, and was a prominent Freemason.

The interment took place at Allerton Cemetery on December 22nd, and on the following day a quarter-deal of Stedman Triples was rung at Garston with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect: J. Allen 1, A. Imtott 2, C. Davies 3, E. Counce 4, G. R. Newton (conductor) 5, T. Hammond, junr., 6, W. Hughes 7, W. B. Hughes 8.

Much sympathy is extended to the bereaved family and to the deceased's brother, Mr. W. Hughes, who is secretary of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancs Association.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Hereford Guild was held at Colwall, where the eight bells were available, and a goodly number of ringers attended. Some very good ringing was done in following methods: Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Major. A short service was held in the church, and the Rev. Dr. Harris gave a most appropriate address. Tea was provided in the Choir Room, Dr. Harris presiding. A short business meeting afterwards concluded a pleasant day.

DEATH.

LUCAS.—On Jan. 2nd, at 101, Acacia Road, Walthamstow, Rachel, the beloved wife of G. B. Lucas, sen., passed peacefully away, aged 60 years.

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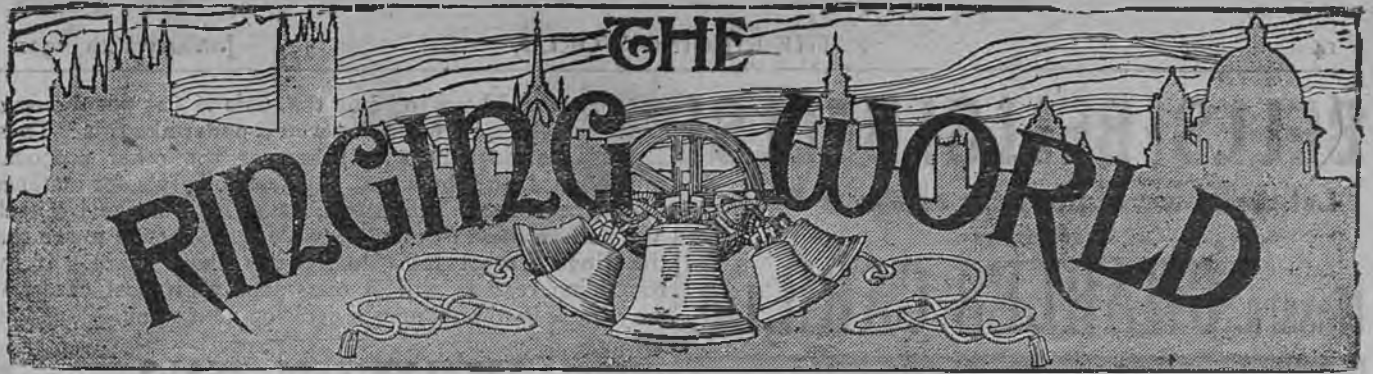
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SUBSIDIES.

The result of the article on this page last week has been to stir up at length something like a real interest in the subject which we put before our readers as a matter of considerable interest to them and importance to the Exercise, namely, the future of 'The Ringing World,' which is the only existing link between ringers throughout the country. Promises of support, if the paper is enlarged at an increased charge of a penny per week, have come in in much larger numbers, although we are still far off the desired end of receiving the 'yea' or 'nay' of every reader. As far as we have gone the views expressed are overwhelmingly in favour of the course we have proposed, as against the alternatives.

There is, however, one alternative to which we feel we must return, because we have received from more than one influential quarter the suggestion that it is the line that ought to be adopted in preference to raising the price, viz., that of a subsidy from the various ringing organisations. Arguments in favour of this have come to us from association officials who—and perhaps quite rightly—do not at the moment desire that their names should be connected with it, because they have had no opportunity of consulting either their Associations or their committees. But, coming from the sources to which we have referred, we feel we cannot lightly pass the matter over. We appreciate very deeply the fact that these gentlemen desire to see 'The Ringing World' backed financially by the organisations who are very largely dependent upon it for sustaining the interests of the members. There are, however, serious obstacles to this scheme which may not have been altogether realised by the proposers. Firstly, whatever is done needs to be done soon. Before all the Associations could be consulted—each one of them would have to have a matter like this formally before it at the annual general meeting—a year at least must elapse, and even at the end of that time it is perhaps doubtful if all the Associations would agree. Beyond this, however, is the amount which is involved. The suggestion is that the increased cost of the larger paper should be met by the subsidy, and that the subsidy should be based upon a grant of so much per thousand members. Now, the additional revenue which it is anticipated will be required to increase the size of 'The Ringing World' and put it upon a satisfactory basis is £500 per annum. Such a sum, we venture to think, is quite beyond the powers of ringing associations to guarantee. Assuming that in the aggregate there are twenty thousand members affiliated to the various organisations—we doubt if there are three-quarters of this number—it means that the suggested

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subsidy would have to be on the basis of £25 per thousand members. What Association would undertake this? These figures, too, to some extent, answer the other proposals put forward, and show that payment for peals, for instance, would be entirely inadequate as an alternative by itself. We believe these facts will enable the Exercise to see that the ringers must individually pay their share. If the remaining readers will at once send their post cards, we may be able to announce a decision next week.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

THOMAS H. REEVES Treble	WILLIAM A. COOPER... .. 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	BERT HORTON 8
ALBERT WALKER... .. 3	*ALFRED ROWLEY 9
FRANK J. SMALLWOOD... .. 4	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 10
JAMES E. GROVES 5	HERBERT KNIGHT 11
WILLIAM FISHER... .. 6	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Composed by JAS. E. GROVES. Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung as a wedding peal for Mr. Thomas Roden, one of St. Peter's company. * First peal on twelve.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	*VICTOR BENNETT 8
HARRY MILES 3	ALBERT W. COLES 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	REUBEN SANDERS 10
SAMUEL HOUNSLow 5	WILLIAM PYE 11
RICHARD T. HIBBERT... .. 6	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal on twelve bells. W. J. Nudd's 300th peal.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

WILLIAM T. PATES Treble	HAROLD HALFORD 7
WILLIAM IRELAND 2	WILLIAM HALE 8
ALBERT W. HUMPHRIS 3	GEORGE WALTERS 9
WILLIAM HASTINGS 4	FRANK COLE... .. 10
WILLIAM BRINKWORTH 5	JOHN BALLANGER... .. 11
ALBERT WRIGHT 6	JOHN PARSONS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1920, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

THOMAS RUSSAM Treble	*HARRY BROUGHTON 7
THOMAS MILLER 2	ARTHUR MASON 8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	SAMUEL GROVE 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... .. 4	ALF. PADDON SMITH... .. 10
ALBERT WALKER... .. 5	JAMES E. GROVES 11
MORRIS J. MORRIS 6	JOHN NEAL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal on 12 bells. Mr. Broughton came from Leicester and Mr. Mason from Croydon. Rung on the 100th anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Cinques rung out of London, which was a 6,600 on these bells on Dec. 28th, 1820.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAUF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Dec. 23, 1920, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*ERNEST E. PRACOCK... .. 1	WILLIAM HEATH... .. 6
WILLIAM B. BISS 2	WILLIAM BOLTON 7
JOHN BULLEN 3	FREDERICK VILES... .. 8
JOHN W. JONES 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
CLARENCE O. HOBBS... .. 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by J. ROGERS. Conducted by F. CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal. Arranged specially for W. Bolton, home on holiday from Grimsby, and as a birthday peal for S. R. Barker. J. W. Jones' 150th peal.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

WILLIAM E. BASON 1	*FRANK R. COPEMAN 6
BEN S. THOMPSON 2	*CECIL V. EBBERSON 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	JOHN A. GODFREY 8
ALBERT ROUGHT 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 9
JOHN MOY 5	GEORGE MAYERS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by W. E. BASON.

* First peal of Treble Ten. First peal of Royal as conductor.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

ALFRED LEA, JUN. 1	EDWARD ROWLAND 6
WILLIAM JONES... .. 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY... .. 7
*THOMAS CATHRALL 3	WILLIAM WEATHERBY 8
EDWARD LLOYD 4	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 9
ALFRED LEA, SEN. 5	†JOHN LLOYD Tenor

Composed by HENRY HALEY. Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on 10 bells. First peal of Stedman and first peal on ten bells by treble man. First peal of Stedman Caters for the Salop Guild.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANGROFT,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 43 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

GEORGE H. CROSS 1	CHARLES E. BORRETT... .. 6
*MISS A. MAY DURRANT 2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 7
*GEORGE A. SPARKS 3	GEORGE P. BURTON 8
ALBERT ROUGHT 4	GEORGE MAYERS... .. 9
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 5	JOHN E. BURTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal in which a lady has taken part for this Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, Dec. 11, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

GEORGE ORCHARD 1	ALFRED HANNIS 5
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	JOHN BALLANGER... .. 6
ALBERT WRIGHT... .. 3	WILLIAM IRELAND 7
CHARLES GARDINER 4	FRANK COLE Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by A. WRIGHT.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, Dec. 18, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15½ cwt.

HARRY DICKENS 1	THOMAS H. REEVES 5
JONATHAN PRESTON 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	WILLIAM J. MEERS 7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 4	ARTHUR GARDNER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

Rung, at the request of the Vicar, in celebration of the notable success of a four days' bazaar in the Church House, and also as a birthday compliment to Thomas H. Reeves, ringer of the 5th.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1920, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS DAY'S SIX-PART.

WILLIAM J. NELDER 1	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	WILLIAM A. ALPS 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	REUBEN SANDERS 7
THOMAS WALKER... .. 4	ASAPH S. PETTETT Tenor

Conducted by W. A. ALPS.

Rung in honour of the 14 Councillors for the Ward of Bishopsgate being returned to the City Council; and to celebrate the birthday of Councillor Weber Brown, and election of Mr. Thomas Walker, one of the Churchwardens, as Beadle of the Vintry Ward of the City.

CHRISTLEYTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 18, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM ASTLE... .. 1	ARTHUR NEWELL... .. 5
FRANK FOX 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	JAMES V. WRIGHT 7
WALTER THOMAS 4	ROBERT GREGORY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

* First peal. First peal as conductor and first attempt.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 18, 1920, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT... .. 1	SAMUEL GROVE 5
ALFRED DAVIES 2	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY 6
JOHN BASS 3	JOHN WITHERS 7
*ERNEST J. BROOKS 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in a Surprise method.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 18, 1920, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HERBERT AUDSLEY 1	RICHARD MORGAN 5
*WILLIAM J. WHEADON 2	ALBERT BATES 6
*FRANK ELLIS 3	JOHN WHEADON 7
†EDWARD BROWN... .. 4	T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE.

First peal of Major on the bells since their restoration, and rung to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan. All are members of the local band. * First peal in the method. † First on a working bell. First peal as conductor.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 18, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

CECIL W. PIPE Treble	WILLIAM BURGESS 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	ALBERT FLEMING... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	GEORGE FARNISH... .. 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	GEORGE FLEMING Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOLT. Conducted by GEORGE FLEMING.
For calling see Ropesight, p. 101.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 18, 1920, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... Treble	THOMAS BLACKBURN 5
ALFRED KING 2	*HARRY WOOD 6
*BERT WILSON 3	*THOMAS KENDALL 7
*HERBERT WOOD... .. 4	*FREDERICK HUNT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

First peal in the method on the bells by an entirely local band. The ringer of the 2nd has now rung a peal on each of the bells in the tower. * First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 18, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ARTHUR CATTELL Treble	*CHARLES BROWN 5
CHARLES ALLSOP 2	JOSIAH MORRIS 6
T. HENRY WRIGHT 3	CHARLES H. BRIGGS... .. 7
*CHARLES H. WEBB 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by the late CHARLES H. FOWLER.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Major. The above was rung specially as a token of respect to the memory of the composer, who died Dec. 12th, 1914.

HARMSTON, LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 18, 1920, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE FLINTHAM Treble	WALTER WOOD 5
FREDERICK G. STOKES ... 2	JOHN H. FREEMAN 6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3	WILLIAM DICKINSON 7
ARCHIE C. STOKES 4	F/Sgt. F.A. HOLDEN, R.A.F. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

First peal of Major on the bells.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 18, 1920, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*FRED OVERTON Treble	CHARLES TAYLOR 5
ALONZO W. LONG 2	STEPHEN BROOMFIELD 6
JOHN W. SEAMER 3	EDWARD BROWN 7
WILLIAM H. HEYHOE ... 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells since restoration in 1914. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. W. Seamer.

BIRSTALL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 18, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM B. SMITH Treble	GEORGE W. STEEL 5
GEORGE HUNT 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON 6
HARRY WALTERS... .. 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
ARTHUR WALKER... .. 4	WILLIAM E. H. ASH Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, Dec. 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 5
FREDERICK E. SMITH ... 2	*ARTHUR P. KNIGHTS... .. 6
CHARLES MASON 3	GEORGE A. THOMPSON 7
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 4	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, SEN.

* First peal.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS... .. Treble	*WALTER RUFFLES 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY... .. 2	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 6
ERNEST E. GRIMES 3	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 7
HARRY HALL 4	THOMAS WM. LAST Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by W. C. RUMSEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob and first attempt.

DEANE, BOLTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED ABBOTT Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
JOSEPH LOWE 2	PETER CROOK 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 3	JOHN POTTER 7
GEORGE PINCOIT... .. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by JOHN POTTER

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD Treble	*FRED HILL... .. 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2	*ALFRED C. WRIGHT 6
JOHN FLINT 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 7
JOHN HOLMAN 4	SAM THOMAS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

* First peal of London.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

LEONARD P. BAILEY Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
ALLEN F. BAILEY 2	CHARLES F. BAILEY... .. 6
GEORGE BAILEY 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	*CHARLES E. FISHER Tenor

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

First peal in the method on the bells. * First peal in the method and first attempt.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WELLINGORE, LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 20, 1920, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 720's of Plain Bob and one of Canterbury Pleasure,
called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

F/Sgt. F. A. HOLDEN ... Treble	W. WAITE 4
F. FLUCK 2	J. WILLOWS 5
W. PEARSON 3	J. WALLHEAD Tenor

Conducted by F. A. HOLDEN.

First peal ever rung by local band. First peal by all except ringers of treble and 5.

STONE-IN-OXNEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, Dec. 18, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and
three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*FREDERICK UNDERDOWN ... Treble	ALFRED DAW 4
CYRIL WENHAM 2	FREDERICK G. BURT 5
GEORGE KENWARD 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE-BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 size in G.

ALLEN F. BAILEY 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	FREDERICK M. BAILEY 7-8
JAMES M. BAILEY 9-10	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

'THE RINGING WORLD.'

RINGERS REALISING ITS IMPORTANCE TO THE EXERCISE.

The special appeal which we made last week to our readers to intimate to us whether they will support a larger paper at an increased cost, has brought us many further communications, but the replies are still far below the present total circulation. Of those that have at present, reached us almost all are in favour of the course we suggest, and what gratifies us still more is the fact that at numerous meetings recently the importance of the journal to the Exercise has been emphasised, and efforts—not without result—have been made to obtain extended support.

For instance, at the Preston Branch meeting of the Lancs Association, on Saturday, the Branch Secretary (Mr. E. R. Martin) made an appeal for wider support for 'The Ringing World,' and an interesting discussion followed, in the course of which Mr. Taylor, junr., proposed that the General Committee of the Association be asked to make a grant to the paper. It was pointed out that the Editor had said definitely that it was not subsidies that were wanted, but better support, and Mr. Taylor, in endorsing the remarks of the Branch Secretary, said he knew several towers in the branch where not a single copy was taken. He considered this was rather a disgrace.

At the Norwich and Ipswich Association, at Ipswich last week, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman) referred to the importance of giving adequate support to the paper, and condemned the practice of making one copy serve for a company.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Bedford District was held at Bedford on Saturday last. Service was held in St. Peter's Church, and an excellent address was given by the Rev. Canon Nowell. Tea was provided by the Misses Steel at St. Peter's Hall, and was very much enjoyed by members from Bedford, Thurleigh, Harrod, Sharnbrook, Elstow, Willington, Sandy, Husborne, Crawley, Clapham.

At the business meeting, with the Rev. Canon Nowell in the chair, the Secretary's report was read and passed.

The Committee was re-elected en bloc, and Mr. H. L. Harlow was re-elected as secretary.—One new member was elected, and Canon Nowell an hon. member.—A vote of thanks to the Rev. J. E. Gilbert for the use of the bells and to Canon Nowell for presiding; to Miss E. Steel acting as organist; and the Misses Steel and Miss Leader for the tea, brought a most successful meeting to a close.

ROTHERFIELD.—At St. Denys Church, on New Year's Eve, for service, 240 Oxford Treble Bob Minor and 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor; also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at midnight in 45 min.: S. Russel 1, C. Harman, H. Hammond 3, E. Bishop 4, F. Hammond 5, E. Bishop, senr., 6, C. Brasier (conductor) 7, W. Hammond 8.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The First Session of the Eleventh Council (twenty-ninth meeting) will be held in the Church House, Westminster, on Whitsun Tuesday, 17th May. Reports of Committees, Notices of Motion, and any other business and matter for the Agenda should reach me not later than Saturday, 16th April.

Hon. Secretaries of Affiliated Guilds and Associations are particularly requested to take notice that affiliation fees are now due, and should be forwarded to me without delay, together with a list of names and full postal addresses of their representatives, newly elected or re-elected, to the new Council.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,

Hon. Secretary.

Deane Rectory,
Overton, Hants.
8th January, 1921.

The foregoing notice is official, and is signed as such in my official capacity, but I must add a brief personal note to remind members of Council, with an expression of my warm thanks for the confidence reposed in me for eighteen years or thereabouts, of my firm purpose, expressed at the last London meeting, not to accept re-nomination to the office of hon. secretary and treasurer, and that it is, therefore, incumbent on them carefully to consider the question of finding someone of their number to succeed to the office.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

SIX-BELL METHODS.

ALTERATION OF NAMES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The Peals Analysis Committee desire to draw the attention of the Exercise to a peal in seven Minor Methods rung at Wath-on-Dearne on the 20th October, 1920, and duly published in 'The Ringing World' on the 5th November following.

Two of these methods—'Nelson's Delight' and 'Duke of Clarence'—are to be found under other titles in the Minor Methods Collection issued by the Central Council: for 'Duke of Clarence' is No. 9 in the 'Treble Bob Minor Methods, and is there called 'Denton,' and 'Nelson's Delight' is a Fourth's Place Delight Method, No. 24, under the title of 'Armley.' The peal No. 9 was rung by the Denton men on June 19th, 1914, and No. 24 by the same men on November 15th, 1914; each performance and naming having been duly announced in 'The Ringing World.'

In the course of correspondence, it now appears that 'Nelson's Delight' was rung at Wath-on-Dearne on the 5th November, 1910 and 'Duke of Clarence' at the same place on November 7th, 1908 both dates being prior to those on which the same peals were rung and named by the Denton men.

The prior claim of Wath-on-Dearne having been conceded by the Denton men, the committee would be glad if those who are keeping up the record of the unnamed peals in the collection would kindly alter No. 9 on page 10 to the 'Duke of Clarence,' and No. 24 on page 19 to 'Nelson's Delight,' so that the record may be in accordance with the facts as now ascertained.

May I take this opportunity of reminding conductors and others interested, that no unaltered peals belonging to 1920 will be included in the analysis, unless they have been duly published in 'The Ringing World' by the end of February?—Yours very faithfully,

ARTHUR T. KING, Chairman.

The Summit, Stevenage.

WESTBURY'S BIG TASK.

A £2,000 RESTORATION.

The annual meeting of Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Trowbridge on January 1st, about 25 members being present, representing Hilberton, Warmminster, Trowbridge, Holt, Devizes, Keevil, Westbury, Bath and Marlborough. During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung.

The meeting was presided over by the Chairman of the Branch (Mr. Hart), and the hon. secretary presented the balance sheet, which showed a small balance in hand, and was considered most satisfactory.

The Chairman made a special appeal to all ringers for help in the restoration of Westbury bells, which was costing no less than £2,000. He pointed out that Westbury had made a great effort, and had raised £1,500, and they all knew how difficult it was to raise the last few hundreds. In conclusion, he hoped that all ringers would do all they could to complete the great task that Westbury is undertaking.

The Chairman was unanimously re-elected, and Mr. H. F. Brown was elected hon. secretary, in place of Mr. S. Pepler, resigned.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells concluded the business.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DORCHESTER BRANCH'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Fordington St. George, Dorchester, when the towers represented were Buckhorn Weston, Charnminster, Dorchester, Fordington, Kington Magna, Swanage, Upwey, Wool and Wyke Regis. Good practice was obtained on the bells, and the Guild service was conducted in the fine old church by the Vicar (the Rev. R. G. Bartelott), who also gave an interesting address, which contained much historical data as to the bells and old Abbots of Dorset. The surpliced choir was in attendance and led the singing.

After the service there was an adjournment to the Moule Institute, where members and friends, numbering 34, sat down to an excellent tea generously provided by the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers of Fordington. The tables were floridly adorned, and the members were waited on by a willing band of ladies.

The business meeting followed, under the presidency of Mr. R. N. Dawes (chairman), who was supported by the Master of the Guild (Major Hugh D'Aeth), the general secretary (the Rev. F. L. Edwards), the Revs. R. G. Bartelott and C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary Winborne Branch), the churchwardens and lady ringers from Charnminster and Dorchester, and officers of the branch.—The Chairman tendered thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for inviting the Branch to Fordington, and especially thanked the Vicar for his most interesting address. He expressed pleasure at the presence of the Master and General Secretary of the Guild, warmly thanked the Fordington ringers for their kind hospitality, and also the ladies for the dainty manner in which the tea was prepared and served.—The Vicar responded to these kindly expressions, and voiced pleasure at seeing the lady ringers present.

The Vicar and Mr. E. C. Dobell were elected hon. members, and Mr. Joshua Morris (Leicester) and Mr. A. W. Seymour (Bristol) were elected life members of the Guild.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings), in his annual report, said the past year had been quite up to pre-war standard. Four quarterly meetings had been held at West Lulworth, Bere Regis, Milton Abbey and Fordington. In addition to these meetings they had a special meeting at the opening of Bere Regis bells, and mention was made of the impressive service at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on July 17th, on the occasion of the unveiling of the memorial tablet to their brother ringers who fell in the great war, and best thanks were tendered to all who assisted at the service. Reference was made to the fact that the branch as a whole had not made such great strides in change ringing as was expected after the war. Members were asked to take the matter up more seriously, and go in for higher methods, and, as the Master had requested, where there were six bells to practise Minor. Dealing with restorations, the report stated that a new bell had been added to the existing peal at Bere Regis, and the others had been to the foundry of Meares and Stainbank, quarter turned and hung in steel frames, making a grand peal of six. The six bells at Frampton had also been rebung. There were other peals in the district that sadly needed rehangng and augmenting, and at Piddletrenthide, which had one of the most beautiful towers in Dorset and a tenor of over 20 cwt., they were unsafe for ringing. The same remark applied to the bells at Cerne Abbas. The membership of the branch had reached the record total of 112—an increase of 11 over last year. They welcomed their new hon. members and the Bere Regis band into the Guild. The secretary regretted that Mr. Wilken had been out of the district a good deal during the past year, but hoped to have his services in the future. Thanks were tendered to all who had entertained the members at all the meetings during the past year.

The financial statement showed receipts of £15 8s. 10d., and expenditure of £9 17s. 8d., leaving a balance of £5 12s. 2d.—It was resolved to place the 6s. remaining over from the fund of the memorial tablet to the branch funds. The accounts were adopted subject to audit.—Several members spoke of the amount of work the secretary put in for the Guild, and as a small reward, and as an expression of their greatest thanks to him for the good work he had done for them for several years, they voted an honorarium of two guineas from the funds.—The Secretary said this had been sprang upon him, and he did not wish it, but the meeting would not hear of altering the decision.

All the officers were re-elected, namely, Messrs. R. N. Dawes (chairman), G. T. White (Ringing Master), W. J. Benger (Deputy Master) and C. H. Jennings (hon. secretary and treasurer).

The next meeting was left in the hands of the secretary to arrange either at Hilton or Wyke Regis.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards recalled the fact that a resolution was adopted for the restoration of the peace bell throughout the diocese. That example was likely to be followed in the Diocese of Rochester as the result of an appeal recently made by the Bishop of that diocese in his 'Diocesan Gazette.' He also called attention to the fact that the funds of the Guild had become very low, the lowest in its history. The funds had been taken up by the extra cost of printing the great number of reports, and it was resolved that a recommendation should go forward from the branch to the general meeting of the Guild that

the annual subscription should be increased to 1s. 6d. or more, while the branch hoped to make a small grant to the general fund.

Congratulations were given to the writer on the able articles which he had contributed to 'The Ringing World' on their branch meetings and the history of their churches and bells, etc.

The usual vote of thanks terminated another pleasant and happy meeting, and the ringers then repaired to the tower, and kept the bells going to 9 p.m., good practice being obtained in Bob Minor.

It may be interesting to ringers to know that at this beautiful church of Fordington, with its partly Norman aisle and its very noble 15th-century tower—a model of proportion—hang two of the bells that once rang in the peal of twelve at Bindon Abbey (a few miles from Fordington), and when this Abbey was suppressed and looted, the bells formed the small part of the plunder. The bells were to be divided between Wool and Coombe-Keynes, but Fordington rogues thought otherwise, and secretly carried off five of the bells, and hid them in a lane near by, still called Bell Drogg. When night fell they carted off the bells. Hence the doggerel rhyme:—

Wool-streams and Coombe-Keynes wells,
Fordington rogues stole Bindon bells.

The late Lord Bishop of Durham (Dr. Moule) was born at Fordington. His father, from 1829 to 1830, was Vicar of the parish, where he laboured for the social good of his parishioners, and the Moule Institute was erected to his memory. Almost in sight are Max Gate, the home of Mr. Thomas Hardy, the renowned novelist, and the thatched roof of Carne Rectory, once the home of the Dorset poet, the late William Barnes—deep student, true pastor, clear and tender seer of nature, and of man.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH SECRETARY RETIRES.

The first meeting of the New Year was held as usual at Manchester Cathedral, when some 40 members and friends called in during the evening, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob were rung on the 8 and 10 bells.

The business meeting was presided over by Canon Elsee, when apologies were read from two members, one of whom was on the sick list, and to whom the sympathy of the meeting was sent. The next meeting was arranged for Brookfield Church, four weeks hence.

The Branch Secretary wished to retire after 9½ years' service, and Mr. J. Hall, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester, was appointed in his stead, with a seat on the Central Committee.

Canon Elsee, in his remarks, wished the members the compliments of the season, and commented on several items which have appeared in 'The Ringing World' of late. He informed the members of what the Central Council were doing in the matter, and concluded with an appeal for more support for the ringers' paper.

After a vote of thanks to the retiring secretary, the authorities and ringers of the Cathedral, and the chairman, the bells were kept going until about 9.30.

PRESTON BRANCH.

A very successful meeting of this Branch was held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, January 8th, over 40 members attending, representing some 12 towers in the branch. The bells were utilised during the afternoon in various Major and Minor methods, and service was held in the small chapel.—The Vicar of Preston (the Rev. A. J. Morris, M.A.) gave an address, remarking that it was the first time he had had the privilege of speaking to ringers, but he realised that they were members of a very high calling. He, therefore, exhorted his hearers to live up to their high calling, and in particular he asked them to be regular communicants.

After service, the party proceeded to the Cafe Orient for tea, which had been very kindly provided by the Vicar and wardens.

At the business meeting, under the chairmanship of the Vicar, Walton-le-Dale and Houghton were chosen as the next two meeting-places, and three new members elected.

At the close of business, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and wardens for their generosity in providing tea and granting the use of the bells.—This was suitably responded to by Mr. Willan and Mr. Rawcliffe (churchwardens). Mr. Willan remarked that he thought the gathering was a very pleasant way of welcoming the new Vicar amongst the ringers.—Mr. Rawcliffe, in a humorous speech, said that some of the terms used by the secretary had rather mystified him, and he felt very anxious to find out a little more about ringing. He hoped that he should have the pleasure of meeting all present when next they came to meet at Preston (applause).

The Vicar said that when first approached about coming amongst them he was rather afraid, but he felt that he had been amply repaid, and if his coming had given pleasure to the company then they could rest assured that he also was pleased to have been with them that evening (applause).

The tower was again visited, and ringing kept up till 9 p.m., the methods rung during the day being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major, Double Norwich; also Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise.

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NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of the 'RINGING WORLD,' to which all communications should be sent, is 63, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The quarterly meeting will be at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Saturday, Jan. 15th, 1921. Bells ready 2 o'clock. Committee, 3.45. Tea, 5 o'clock. General meeting to follow. Tea at 2s. 6d. per head.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Jan. 15th, 1921. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Willenhall on Saturday, Jan. 15th, 1921. Bells available at 3. Service in church at 5.15, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. T. H. P. Hyatt).—H. Knight, Hon. Sec. 15, Rigby St., Wolverhampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The war memorial to fallen ringers will be unveiled and dedicated in Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 15th, 1921, at 3.30 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, President of the Association. Tea, at 5 p.m., will be provided; 1s. 9d. each, at The Corn Exchange. The Cathedral bells will be rung half-muffled previous to the service. At 6 p.m. the muffles will be removed, and the bells will then be available for all ringers present.—C. H. Howard, Master, H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec., The Temples, Witham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15th, at Milnrow. Bells ready at 3, meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Jan. 15th, at Doulling. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15th, at All Saints', Fulham, tower. Open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting, election of officers, etc., at 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. District Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service in church 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow, about 5 p.m., at the C.E.M.S. House, St. Stephen's Street. Business, election of branch officers.—P. B. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting in the Schools at 5 o'clock.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Elicot Road, Coventry.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Broughton on Jan. 15th. Bells (5) open at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—R. F. Turner, Hon. Dis. Sec., 160, St. Peter's Avenue, Kettering.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Giles', Camberwell, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 47, Beddington Grove, Wallington.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. — A combined practice will take place at Aldershot on Saturday, Jan. 15th, at 6 p.m. It is hoped that members will attend.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45, business meeting after. Ringing at All Saints' and St. Paul's before service and after meeting.—F. Dentry, Hon. Sec., Twyford, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Tyne Division.—A combined practice will be held at Hexham on Saturday, Jan. 15th. All ringers welcome. Bells available afternoon and evening.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec., 80, Fern Dene Road, Gateshead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Bolton Parish Church, not St. George's, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The Annual General meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells ready at 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea can be conveniently obtained near church.—F. G. Symonds, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—A District meeting will be held at Sturry on Saturday, Jan. 15th, at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Subscriptions for this year are now due and can be paid at this meeting.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will take place at Netherton on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in the church at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Church House at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting afterwards. Will all members who intend to be present at tea kindly let me know not later than Jan. 19th, as I have to give a definite number to the caterers?—A. Davies, Hon. Sec., 29, Hampton Street, Netherton, Dudley.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells open at 2 p.m. Meat tea at 4.45 p.m., at Turner's Cafe, South Street. Those requiring tea please notify me by Jan. 17th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea at the Woolpack at 6 o'clock, followed by business meeting. A charge of 1s. 3d. will be made for tea, and all requiring same must advise me by the 20th

inst. Will members please note that the annual subscription for 1921 is due, and is now 1s. 6d.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Tea at 6 p.m. sharp, to those who notify me by the 19th.—H. J. Bradley, Christ Church Schools, Willesden Lane, N.W.6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Thornbury on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business, 5.30. Visitors please notify me not later than Jan. 18th.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The Annual meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, Jan. 22nd, at St. Peter's, Nottingham. Tower open 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock at Barker's Cafe, Bridle-Smith Gate. Business meeting to follow.—Thos. H. Kirby, Hon. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available from 2 to 8.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge for those who advise F. Hargreaves, 4, Shireoaks, Worksop, not later than Jan. 19th.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting 5 o'clock. Those who require tea please notify by 19th.—Percy Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The Annual meeting of the above will be held at Mersham on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available from 2 to 4.30. Service at 4.30. Tea by the Guild at 5 o'clock, followed by the usual business meeting. Will members intending to be present at this meeting please notify me not later than Jan. 18th.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings will be held at St. Magnus on Jan. 26th, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th. *Business meeting afterwards at headquarters. All at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SALOP GUILD.—Annual meeting at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Ringing 2.30 p.m.; committee meeting 4; service 5; tea in St. Chad's Room 5.40, 1s. 6d. each if ordered by 26th from Hon. Sec. Meeting after tea.—Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Further particulars next week.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held on Saturday, Jan. 29th, at St. Peter's, Earlsheaton. The bells at Earlsheaton (8), Dewsbury (8) and Thornhill (6), will be available throughout the day. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head, for which all applications must reach Mr. G. H. Hardy, 281, Middle Road, Earlsheaton, not later than Jan. 25th. Divine service at Earlsheaton Church at 4 p.m., preacher

Rev. F. Wolde, M.A., Vicar of Dewsbury.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Further particulars later.—Charles Dean, Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. John Carter's address is now 25, Lessing Street, Honor Oak Park, London, S.E.23.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

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LEICESTER.—At St. Martin's Church, on December 13th, for Confirmation service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Royal: P. Harrison 1, G. Cleal 2, W. Mundy 3, H. J. Poole 4, L. E. Allen 5, S. Cotton 6, H. Needham 7, H. Broughton 8, H. G. Jenney 9, H. Dexter 10. All the ringers belong to St. Martin's, and this is the longest length in the county and by the band.

PAIGNTON.—Devonshire Guild, Mid-Devon Branch.—On Dec. 15th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), from Holt's Original, in 51 mins.: A. Reynolds 1, Mrs. F. T. Gover 2, T. Collings 3, J. Collings 4, O. Austin 5, F. T. Gover (conductor) 6, H. T. Hole 7, F. Farnell 8. First quarter-peal of Triples by all the band except the conductor. First quarter-peal of Triples on the bells, and first quarter-peal of Triples by members of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devonshire Guild.

WORCESTER.—At St. Helen's, Worcester, on December 20th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1344 changes): T. Walters 1, F. W. Neate 2, S. Holt 3, W. O. Jones 4, G. Hinton, junr., 5, W. Lewis 6, J. J. Jeffries 7, W. Page (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Surprise Major by all except Messrs. Jones and Page, and the longest length in a Surprise method ever rung in the City of Worcester.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Dec. 26th, for evening service, in 25 mins., 720 Single Court Minor: W. E. Allen 1, G. Carpenter 2, A. Chilton 3, H. Louth 4, W. R. Hare (conductor) 5, J. S. Betts (Lincoln) 6. With the exception of the ringer of the 6th, all are members of the local band, and this was their first 720 of Single Court.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Gainsborough on Saturday, January 8th, ringers being present from Brigg, Corringham, Scotter and Bigby, in addition to the local company. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening, in different methods. A short service was held, at which the Rev. E. V. Clapton officiated. An excellent tea was provided at 6, Spital Terrace, and was followed by the business meeting.—Mr. F. F. Linley presided, and was supported by Mr. E. Dawber (churchwarden), Mr. Mawditt (sexton), and the Rev. H. T. Parry (Rector of Bigby). Apologies were read from absent members, also a most interesting letter which the district secretary had that morning received from Mr. J. C. Tinker, a former and much respected member of the Gainsborough company, and now residing at Gisborne, New Zealand.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. Harold Green, Brigg, Fred Spittlehouse, Corringham and A. H. Blades, Gainsborough. The whole of the officers were re-elected en bloc, except that Mr. J. T. Ladd was elected Ringing Master in the place of Mr. J. C. Tinker.

The places selected for district meetings were as follows: Messingham, April 16th; Corringham, June 18th; Stow and Willingham, July 16th; Brigg, August 20th; Kirton Lindsey, Sept. 17th.—Mr. C. H. Baker proposed that the district secretary be instructed to write the Rev. Canon Baker, giving the support of the Gainsborough district in his attitude respecting the bells and the ringing of the same being kept under the control of the incumbent as at present.—This was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Chairman gave a very instructive address on constancy and local history, from a religious point of view. His remarks were thoroughly endorsed by the Rev. H. T. Parry, who also made a most interesting speech on the subject.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the Rev. E. V. Clapton for conducting the service; Mr. Mawditt for his assistance; Mr. and Mrs. T. Whelpton for their excellent catering; the donors of the tea; and Mr. F. F. Linley for presiding, were passed and duly responded to.

The Secretary was also requested to write Mr. J. C. Tinker, on behalf of those present, expressing their appreciation of his welcome letter, and at the same time conveying to him their very best wishes. Subsequently further ringing took place, and a very pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

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*LEONARD A. MANNERING... 5	*EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... <i>Tenor</i>

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

FRED HAYES... .. <i>Treble</i>	†GEORGE TWITCHEN 6
RALPH COLES 2	*FRANK BOXELL 7
JAMES WM. WILKINS 3	GEORGE WHITE... .. 8
FRANCIS K. BIGGS 4	SYDNEY T. GOODCHILD ... 9
EDWARD MARKHAM 5	HENRY CHAS. INGRAM ... <i>Tenor</i>

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Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE FLEMING 5
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 2	JAMES ROSE 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	ALBERT FLEMING... .. 7
GEORGE BENNETT... .. 4	WILLIAM BURGESS <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by the late Rev. H. EARLE BULWER.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FRANK BOREHAM... .. <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR G. JAMES 5
GEORGE TWITCHEN 2	SYDNEY T. GOODCHILD ... 6
EDWARD MARKHAM 3	JOHN EVANS 7
EDWARD R. COLES 4	JOSEPH EVANS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

This was the first peal of Triples by the ringer of 4th, who rang his first peal of Stedman Caters at the age of 16, and his first peal of Stedman Cinques when 18.

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

* REGINALD BROWN Treble	JOSIAH D. HARRIS 5
* JOHN W. FAITHFUL 2	D. C. WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O. ... 6
* EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN... 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 7
* FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Double Norwich. It was also the first peal of Major on the bells.

CRANBROOK, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
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A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT Treble	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 5
ANDREW MARSHALL 2	JAMES WAGHORN... .. 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	ALBERT RELFE 7
* FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN... 4	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... Tenor

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CHARLES SANDERS 4	GEORGE F. NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

* First peal and rung at first attempt.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES

Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN MOY Treble	CHARLES E. NEWLAND ... 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON 2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN... .. 6
JAMES R. PILCH 3	GEORGE S. SOAME 7
JOHN A. GODFREY 4	WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor

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(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

* JOHN BAYLISS Treble	CHARLES CAMM 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	ERNEST GIBBS 6
ERNEST E. BARBER 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. 7
WILLIAM RANFORD 4	HENRY CHANCE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal of Triples and first attempt.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE DURLING Treble	ALBERT HARMAN... .. 5
PERCY J. SPICK 2	WALTER SMITH 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

CLAPHAM.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, CLAPHAM PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
CHARLES BURDEN 2	WILLIAM A. ALPS 6
WILLIAM LANGDON 3	ROBERT H. GRIMWOOD ... 7
THOMAS LANGDON 4	* RICHARD F. FORWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by W. A. ALPS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Walter Prime, the highly esteemed Secretary of St. Paul's Cathedral Band. * First attempt, and elected a member of the Society before starting for the peal.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE CLEAL Treble	* SHIRLEY BURTON 5
JOHN OLDHAM 2	HARRY BROUGHTON 6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 3	ALFRED MARTIN... .. 7
ARTHUR J. BALLARD 4	THOMAS TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BROUGHTON.

* First peal of Stedman. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. A. J. Ballard for making the necessary arrangements.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.

EDWARD J. BABER Treble	GEORGE W. STOKES 5
ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 2	ERNEST GOWER 6
ARTHUR GOWER 3	BENJAMIN HOBBS... .. 7
EDWARD W. BRAY 4	THOMAS H. DEADMAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST GOWER.

This peal was specially arranged and rung to celebrate the 76th birthday of Mr. T. Lewis, one of the oldest change ringers in Eastbourne and a member of St. Mary's band. Mr. Baber was made a member of the Association before starting.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

NEWENT, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 30, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EX-SGT. JOSEPH WILLIAMS Treble	JOHN AUSTIN... .. 4
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	JOHN CLARK... .. 5
CHARLES AUSTIN... .. 3	CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to ex-Sergt. J. Williams.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PICKERING & SCARBOROUGH BRANCH OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, Dec. 18, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

* GEORGE FINCH Treble	HENRY FERGUSON 4
HERBERT MILLNER 2	† THOS. W. ROBBINS 5
HARRY GIBSON 3	JOHN R. BARTON 6
FRANK DAVISON 4	JOHN R. BARTON Tenor

Conducted by J. R. BARTON.

Rung with tenor covering after meeting short for Triples. Messrs. Finch and Robbins hail from Helmsley, the rest are members of the local band. * First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, Dec. 19, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with 10 different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM RANFORD Treble	CHARLES CAMM 4
*JOHN BAYLISS 2	*CHARLES ALLEN 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	*JOHN BARTLETT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal. John Bartlett was proposed a member of the Association previous to starting.

MARTLIP, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Dec. 24, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5048 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM G. KITCHINGHAM Treble	WILLIAM NYE 4
CECIL C. BISHOP 2	WILLIAM S. WALKER 5
THOMAS JULL 3	SGT. G. GILBERT, R.E. ... Tenor

Conducted by SGT. G. GILBERT, R.E.

Ringer of treble belongs to local band, 2nd to Upchurch, 3rd to Newington, 4th to Teynham, 5th to Raynham and tenor to Aldershot.

KIRBY MUXLOE, NEAR LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, with 10 different callings.

HENRY HOLWELL Treble	SAMUEL LOCKWOOD 3
JAMES WILSON 2	WILFRED BROTHWELL 4
	WILLIAM H. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by W. H. CLARKE.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES NUNN Treble	ALFRED BERRY 4
WILLIAM ROSE 2	FREDERICK HAYWARD 5
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLE.

PAVENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES COCKINGS Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 3
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	HERBERT ROBINSON 4
	GEORGE TREW Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

CHIPPENHAM, CAMBS.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*T. TAYLOR Treble	†R. SHARPE 4
H. STANNARD 2	†P. PINDER 5
P. FORDHAM 3	†R. LATHBURY Tenor

Conducted by R. LATHBURY.

First peal. † First peal of Minor.

WEST LYDFORD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(FROME AND MIDSOMER NORTON DEANERY.)

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, with different callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. ROSSITER ... Treble	GEOFFREY ASHMAN 4
SYDNEY J. HILLIARD 2	HERBERT WILCOX 5
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 3	*ALFRED BERRY Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON.

The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th and tenor are from Leigh-on-Mendip, the 5th from Douling and the conductor hails from Erdington, Birmingham. * First peal.

FULBECK.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob and one 720 Fulbeck Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE V. NISBETT ... Treble	CHARLES W. ELSE 4
CHARLES W. BAINES 2	RICHARD W. PORTER 5
CALEB L. SIMCOCK 3	GEORGE SCOTT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

* First peal.

MADLEY.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 17 cwt.

JAMES P. HYETT Treble	ALFRED TOMKINS 4
RICHARD THOMAS 2	JOHN CLARK 5
ARTHUR TALBOT 3	CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung in honour of the Rev. G. W. Turner completing 25 years as Vicar of the parish. The above are all district secretaries of the Guild, and it is believed to be the first peal of Minor rung by six district secretaries of one Association.

EATON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Single Bob, two of Canterbury, one of Grandsire and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble	CHARLES WEBLEY 4
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	WALTER TAYLOR 5
JAMES P. HYETT 3	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal of Minor in four methods by ringers of 1st, 3rd, 5th and 6th.

BRETTFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of College, Single and two each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

JOHN PERKINS Treble	*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 4
THOMAS HANDS 2	†JOHN HALL 5
STANLEY WAYMAN 3	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. HALL.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

EDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Dec. 26, 1920, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes, AT 82, STANLEY ROAD.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 5-6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3-4	WILBY J. HAZELL ... 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ILY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes, AT THE V CARAGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

31581 CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor size 15 in C.	
† E. G. HIBBINS ... 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6
* R. LATHBURY ... 3-4	C. W. WOOLLEY ... 7-8

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
Witness: REV. H. B. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in hand. † First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes, AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 18 in G.	
WILLIAM MELVILLE ... 1-2	* GEORGE W. STEERE ... 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 3-4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.
Witness: MRS. POLLING.

* First on an inside pair.

DEVON'S FINE PEAL OF TWELVE.

The magnificent ring of fourteen bells at St. Mary's Abbey, Buckfast, Devon, are to be opened to-morrow. The bells have been hung by Messrs. Aggett and Sons, of Chagford, in massive oak frames, and comprise a ringing peal of twelve, with a tenor of 40 cwt. 3 qr. in B flat. There are semitones between the treble and 2nd and 6th and 7th. The ceremony will be performed at 2.30 p.m. by the Lord Abbot, in the presence of Sir Robert Harvey, of Dandridge, Totnes, who has given the bells in memory of his wife, Lady Alida Mary Harvey, who died on July 17th, 1901.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Blackburn Branch was held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, January 15th, Mr. W. E. Wilson presiding. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Church Kirk on Saturday, February 19th.

A discussion took place with regard to the annual report of the association, and it was thought that the time had come when the association should issue a report similar to that which was issued prior to the war. No motion was put to the meeting, but it was decided that the subject should be again brought up for discussion at the next branch meeting in order that a recommendation may be made to the committee.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens and the local ringers brought the meeting to a termination.

THE LATE MR. W. H. CARROD.

The band at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, has lost a valued member in Mr. W. H. Carrod, who passed away in his 73rd year, after a long and painful illness. He was always to be depended upon for attendance at service ringing, and for some years was one of the mainstays of the company, of which Mr. James George is Ringing Master. Mr. Carrod was also a chorister at the church, and throughout his life devoted a great deal of his spare time to friendly society work. He joined the Henris of Oak Benefit Society in 1874, and in 1882 was elected secretary of the Birmingham Branch. He was closely identified with the formation of the Juvenile Society and the Distressed Members' Fund, and in 1889 was presented by the Birmingham members with a handsome English lever watch as a mark of esteem and in recognition of services rendered. As a member of the Typographical Society Mr. Carrod took a deep interest in Trade Union matters, and represented his branch on several deputations for dealing with trade disputes. The funeral service, which was choral, took place at Bishop Ryder's Church, and the interment at Witton Cemetery.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We hear that Earl Shilton, Leicestershire, is to possess a peal of eight, the old five to be rebung and three added. The work is to be carried out by the well-known Leicestershire firm. By the way, Earl Shilton is the home of a well-known county cricketer, and we are pleased to hear he will soon be as handy at the end of a rope as on the cricket pitch.

William Ranford, of Suckley, Worcestershire, scored his 80th peal on New Year's Day. These were rung in four counties and 40 different towers. It would be interesting to know how many miles he has cycled to ring them.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. WEST DORSET BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the West Dorset branch was held at Bridport. Representatives to the number of over fifty attended from Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Chideock, Linton Cheney, Lynde Regis, Netherbury, Stoke Abbot and Whitechurch Canonicorum. The bells were made full use of during the afternoon and evening. Service was conducted by Canon Coulter (chairman of the branch), and a most appropriate address was given by the Rev. W. H. Clarke, Vicar of Westbury, Wilts, who based his remarks on the motto on the 5th bell of his church, 'Draw near to God.' It was one of those really homely addresses which went right to the hearts of his listeners.

Tea and a business meeting followed.—The most interesting point in the Ringing Master's report was the regularity with which the service ringing on Sundays was carried out, though he at the same time urged on those present the need for making a real effort to master the intricacies of change ringing as being the highest form of ringing one could offer for church services.

The whole of the officers were re-elected with thanks for their past services, and a capital programme of meetings mapped out for the ensuing year.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING.

A successful meeting was held at Hull, on Saturday, January 8th, the headquarters being All Saints' Church. About 50 members attended, representing towers at Beverley, Selby, Goole, Market Weighton, Howden, Sutton, Grimsby, Barton and Barrow. The bells of All Saints' (8), Holy Trinity (10) and St. Mary's (Lowgate, 6) were open during the afternoon and evening to the visitors, who rang them to various methods, including Grandsire and Stedman, and Kent Treble Bob. A service was held in All Saints', when a sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon England, Vicar of Hessle. Speaking from the motto inscribed on the great bell of St. Paul's Cathedral, 'Woe is me if I preach not the gospel,' the Canon dwelt upon the office of a bell ringer, and associated him with the Vicar and the organist. All three had their part in sounding out the message of the gospel. It was for each to see that his life was not inconsistent with his preaching.

After the service tea was partaken of in the Parish Hall, and presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Smallwood). The annual meeting followed, the chair being taken by the vice-president, Mr. A. E. West (Sutton), who was re-elected. Mr. H. Fairlam (Selby Abbey) was elected Ringing Master, vice Mr. W. Pearson (Pontefract, St. Giles), and Mr. A. B. Cook (Hull, Holy Trinity) was elected hon. district secretary, in place of Mr. W. Hinton (Selby Abbey). The retiring nine committee-men were re-elected en bloc.

Votes of thanks, including that to the various clergy for the use of the bells, and also to the ladies who so kindly served the tea. Before the close of the meeting, a fine hall stand was presented to Mr. A. B. Cook by the local ringers, on the occasion of his recent marriage. The Rev. A. E. Smallwood made the presentation, and Mr. Cook suitably responded.

ASTON RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. John Currihan, an esteemed member of the Aston Parish Church band, who succumbed as the result of an accident on December 27th. Mr. Currihan rang for evening service at Aston on the Sunday after Christmas, and a few hours later he had a fall, and sustained a fracture at the base of the skull. In spite of the efforts of the staff at the Birmingham General Hospital he never regained consciousness, and died in the early hours of the following morning. The funeral took place on the 1st inst., and was attended by several Aston ringers.

His death has cast a gloom over the large circle of his ringing friends, and the Aston ringers will feel his death all the more from the fact that it comes so soon after the decease of Mr. James Jones, who passed away in his 70th year, after a long illness.

He had held the office of tower keeper and Ringing Master at Aston Parish Church for about 16 years, and had devoted much time and great patience to improve the service ringing, from the chiming which was in operation when he took control, to good change ringing. He had rung in upwards of 300 peals, but unfortunately had not kept his records up-to-date. He was interred in Aston Parish Churchyard.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION. CHURCH COUNCILS' (POWERS) BILL DISCUSSED.

The quarterly meeting of the Norwich Branch of the Association for the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk was combined with the anniversary of the re-hanging of the bells in Diss Church and held at Diss on Thursday, January 6th. A large company of change ringers were present from Diss, Tharston, Great Henny (Essex), Thornham, Wickham Skeith, Palgrave, Beccles, Stoke Ash, Norwich, North Walsham, and other places. They were kindly granted by the Rev. B. M. Downton (Rector) the use of the fine peal of bells in the Parish Church tower, and during the morning touches were rung in a variety of methods. Dinner was partaken of at the Crown Hotel.—The Secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman) read a letter from the President, the Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich, expressing his very great disappointment at not being able to preside on account of having to keep an important engagement that day. The chair was taken by the Rev. B. M. Downton, Rector of Diss, who was supported by the Rev. H. Drake, of Ufford, Mr. F. S. Wilson, Mr. S. G. Hind, Mr. A. Tyrrell, Mr. A. L. Coleman, and Mr. C. E. Borrett (vice-president). Among others present were Mr. G. P. Burton, Mr. W. L. Duffield, Mr. W. Ireland, Mr. J. Souter, Mr. W. Rose, etc.

The only toast given was that of 'The King,' submitted by the Chairman, and loyally received.

The Secretary read letters of apology from a number of clergymen and others who regretted their inability to attend, and nominated ten new members who were unanimously accepted. He afterwards thanked the members of the Diss company for kindly amalgamating their anniversary with the association's meeting, and spoke of the pleasure it gave the association to come to Diss, where, he said, they always met with a very cordial welcome. Having mentioned the suggested visits of the association during the present year, he proposed that the Easter meeting should be held at Fakenham.—Mr. Ireland seconded, and this was agreed to.

The question of the Whit-Monday meeting was afterwards discussed, and mention was made of the peal of bells recently opened at Lowestoft. The question was asked as to which diocese Lowestoft was in, and the reply being that it was in the Norwich Diocese it was decided that the Whitsuntide meeting should be held at Lowestoft. It was further agreed that August Bank Holiday gathering should be held at King's Lynn.

Mr. Borrett, moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Fred Day, of Eye, for his services as district secretary, spoke in terms of sympathy and regret of Mr. Day's ill-health. He also alluded to the work done to church bells over a wide area by Mr. Day and his father.—Mr. Coleman seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

The Secretary announced that the vacancy caused by Mr. F. Day's resignation of the office of District Secretary for Eye had been filled by the appointment of Mr. William Rose, of Thoraham Magna.

Mr. Coleman brought forward the question of the powers of the Parochial Church Councils in regard to bell ringers and the ringing of Church bells, and alluded to the letters written by Canon W. W. C. Baker and others in 'The Ringing World' of Dec. 10th and 17th. He said if Clause 6 and Section 3 of the Church Council (Powers) Bill became law it would affect them very seriously indeed. This section provided that the Council, with the incumbent, should have power to appoint and dismiss officials—the list including the bell ringers. Canon W. W. C. Baker was urging that bell ringers should be exempted from the clause, and asked that his efforts might be strengthened by resolutions from meetings of associated ringers. He (Mr. Coleman) felt that if they came under the control of the Church Councils it would destroy that happy relationship that had so long existed between the clergy and ringers. If the clause became law it would not benefit either the ringers or the Church, and if the Church Councils once got the power it would be the stepping-stone for municipal and other Councils to make a bid for like authority. With regard to getting permission for ringing, at present they only had their Rector or Vicar to deal with, but if they had to apply to a Council they might have to wait a month before getting permission. The proposal was against their interests as ringers, and he was sure they did not wish for power to be taken away from the clergy. He moved: 'That this association is of opinion that the words "bell ringers" should be omitted in Clause 6 (Section 3) of the Church Council (Powers) Bill, as it considers it detrimental to the best interests of bell ringers and the art of change ringing to subject the ringers to any authority other than that of their parish priests, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Rev. Canon W. W. C. Baker and to the Rev. A. H. F. Bougher.' Mr. Coleman said he had added the name of the Rev. A. H. F. Bougher because he was the president of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

Mr. G. P. Burton seconded the motion, which was supported by the Rev. H. Drake, who said that sooner or later there was sure to be some cantankerous person upon the Council who would have his knife into the ringers, and if they were disbanded it would be most difficult to get them together again.—Mr. C. E. Borrett also supported the motion, which was carried unanimously.

In reply to a vote of thanks for giving permission for the bells to be rung and also for presiding at the meeting, proposed by Mr. Borrett, and seconded by Mr. Coleman, the Rector expressed his regret at the absence of the Dean, and went on to remark that it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to welcome the association to Diss and to encourage ringing in every way. He was not a great believer in rules, but one thing he believed in was ideals. They wanted always to remember to keep the great art of change ringing on the highest possible level—to the glory of God and for the welfare of their fellows. If they went on those principles, then success was sure; their work was pleasing to God, and the goodwill of their friends was a constant pleasure and an encouragement to themselves. The Rector concluded by saying he would like to express on behalf of those present their indebtedness to their excellent secretary, Mr. Coleman, and to propose a vote of thanks to that gentleman for all the work he had put into the association.—Mr. Ireland seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.—Mr. Coleman having acknowledged the compliment, and moved a vote of thanks to Mr. W. Ireland for the very kind assistance given in making their meeting such a success, the meeting ended.

The company afterwards adjourned to the belfry and ringing was resumed for some time, after which an enjoyable evening was spent on ringing Mr. J. Souter's magnificent set of handbells, with the pleasure of his hospitality.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday, January 15th, at All Saints', Fulham, where the fine ring of ten bells were available. Between 30 and 40 ringers were present, including visitors from Guildford and Birmingham. The business meeting was at Putney, the room having been obtained by the kindness of Mr. T. Bolton. It was decided to leave the meetings of the year to the selection of the committee.

Mr. E. A. Young presented the balance sheet and report, which was formally passed, and which stated that sixteen successful meetings had been held during the past year, and there was a balance in hand to start the new year.

The officers were re-elected as follows: Mr. H. Burton (Master), Mr. F. Smith (secretary), Mr. H. Mance (treasurer), and Mr. J. Herbert (steward).—A vote of thanks to the officers for their services for the past year was proposed by Mr. T. H. Taffender (Master of the Association), who has himself done good service for the society.—A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the Vicar and Mr. J. Duffin for the tower and the use of the bells; and the meeting concluded with touches of Stedman Caters on handbells.

OFF TO AUSTRALIA.

Mr. Matthew Ellsmore, of Portsmouth, sends the following letter of farewell.—On the eve of my departure for Sydney, I have to thank you for your kindness in allowing my inquiry to appear as to the existence of bells in Sydney. I received a letter from Mr. G. Bloyce, of Selby, Yorks; and Mr. Richard E. Deal kindly answered through 'The Ringing World.' I now thank those two gentlemen for their valuable information. I hope to meet the Sydney ringers when I arrive there; and, although I have passed the allotted 'three-score years and ten,' I hope to have the pleasure of doing some more ringing.

I offer my best wishes for your future health, and wish the utmost success to 'The Ringing World.' To all my bell ringing friends I bid a most cordial adieu. Farewell to Middlesex, my native county; farewell to Edmonton, my native town; to Tottenham, my good wife's native town; to Portsmouth, and her good people; and last, but by no means the least, farewell to dear old England, and God save the King.

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THIRTY YEARS' SERVICE RECOGNISED.**PRESENTATION TO MR. GEORGE HALKSWORTH.**

In recognition of his thirty years' devoted service in promoting the art of ringing in Doncaster and district, a presentation has been made to the Parish Church Ringing Master, Mr. G. Halksworth. The occasion was a combined practice of the Doncaster and Arksey societies. There were present in the belfry Archdeacon Sandford (Vicar), the Rev. H. T. Eddershaw (curate), the Rev. A. Rhys James (Vicar of Arksey), Mr. W. C. Atkinson (representing the churchwardens), 22 ringers, and a number of friends. After several short touches had been rung, the Archdeacon said it was a great pleasure to accede to the request of his ringing friends to make the presentation. He knew Mr. Halksworth was a devoted and capable member of St. George's belfry. He (the Archdeacon) knew something of the science of change ringing, though he must confess he had been unable to master its intricacies. When a young curate at Sheffield he was sufficiently interested to accept tuition in the art, and was later constrained to purchase a set of handbells to enlarge his knowledge. It was only then he realised the persistent application needed to acquire the necessary efficiency and small progress he had made in that direction. Though he had not proceeded further with change ringing he had not lost interest in it. He wished to congratulate Mr. Halksworth upon the completion of 31 years as a ringer at St. George's Church, and also upon his activities in the district. He hoped that Mr. Halksworth would long be spared to carry on the good work (applause).

Mr. Lloyd read a letter from Mr. Frank Willey, of Sheffield, vice-president Yorkshire Association, regretting his inability to attend. In the course of an interesting letter Mr. Willey wrote: 'Although I am not able to be present at the presentation to Mr. Halksworth, might I add my testimony to so worthy a gentleman and brother stringer, for I know full well that no man in South Yorkshire has done so much as my esteemed and honoured friend for the advancement of the art and science of change ringing. By his geniality, kindness, forbearance, and by his thoughtfulness for others, he had endeared himself to the ringing world. And like all good sportsmen and zealous workers is still running.'

The Rev. A. Rhys James, himself a regular ringer at Arksey Parish Church, spoke in eulogistic terms of the stimulating effects of Mr. Halksworth's visits to Arksey belfry, and Mr. G. Clark (Arksey) referred to the good work Mr. Halksworth had done for them both before they had their peal augmented to eight and since.—Mr. Woodhouse (Arksey) said he had known Mr. Halksworth 15 years, and he was the same George Halksworth to-day as he was when first he met him. Referring to the fact that their Vicar was a ringer, he said that if the clergy as a whole would take more interest in bell ringing and bell ringers, a great deal of good would be done (hear, hear).

The Archdeacon was then called upon to make the presentation, which took the form of a bound volume of 'Amongst the Bells,' and an engraved cigarette case of solid silver, inscribed as follows: 'Presented to Mr. G. Halksworth by the Doncaster and Arksey Change Ringers and a few friends, for the valuable services rendered to his fellow ringers from August 1890 to December, 1920.'

Mr. Halksworth, in acknowledging the gift, said that he never met a greater surprise in his life than the present one. He had been a ringer for 40 years. He started ringing as a young man at Derby, and rather more than 30 years ago he came to Doncaster. That was in the days of Canon Tebbutt, and he well remembered the Canon having received a letter from the Vicar of the church at Derby in which he learnt to ring, and coming to 'dig' him out of his lodgings. Since then he had seen many changes in the band at the Parish Church. There was a time when they had one of the finest bands in England, and were able to ring almost any method from Plain Bob to Superlative. That was the time when a quarter-peal of Grand sire, a date touch of Double Norwich, and a quarter-peal of Stedman, all in one Sunday, was considered an ordinary performance. He was sorry to say that there were only two or three of the old band left, the others having passed over to 'the better land.' The interest in bell ringing was not so widespread amongst the young men of the town to-day as it was 18 years ago. Lately, however, there had been a wave of enthusiasm, and they had recruited to their ranks a number of young men. Twelve months hence he hoped he would be able to say that they would be up to their old standard of 18 years ago.

Mr. Atkinson spoke of the esteem in which Mr. Halksworth was held by the churchwardens, and said that it must be a great honour to be able to ring even the smallest bells of such a magnificent peal as the parish church bells. It had been said that the peal was the heaviest and finest in Yorkshire.—After the Archdeacon had demonstrated his capabilities as a ringer on the tenor (301 owt.), a vote of thanks was accorded him for his presence. The ringers then 'fired' 30 salvas, one for each year of Mr. Halksworth's connection with the belfry. The rest of the evening was spent in ringing short touches in various methods.

Mr. Halksworth is well known as the popular Ringing Master of the Yorkshire Association (Southern District). He was for many years president of the Sheffield and Old East Derby Society, and is a member of the College Youths and many other societies up and down the country. He has rung and conducted between 60 and 70 peals.

NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of the 'RINGING WORLD,' to which all communications should be sent, is 63, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will take place at Netherton on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in the church at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Church House at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting afterwards. Will 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting afterwards.—A. Davies, Hon. Sec., 29, Hampton Street, Netherton, Dudley.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells open at 2 p.m. Meat tea at 4.45 p.m., at Turner's Cafe, South Street.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea at the Woolpack at 6 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Will members please note that the annual subscription for 1921 is due, and is now 1s. 6d.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E. 17.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Tea at 6 p.m. sharp.—H. J. Bradley, Christ Church Schools, Willesden Lane, N.W. 6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Thornbury on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business, 5.30.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The Annual meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, Jan. 22nd, at St. Peter's, Nottingham. Tower open 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock at Barker's Cafe, Bridle-smith Gate. Business meeting to follow.—Thos. H. Kirby, Hon. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available from 2 to 8.30 p.m. Visitors welcome.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting 5 o'clock.—Percy Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 2s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings will be held at St. Magnus on Jan. 26th, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th. *Business meeting afterwards at headquarters. All at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Thursday, Jan. 27th. Bells at Watermoor (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at Watermoor 4.30 p.m. Tea at Viner's Restaurant 5.30, followed by business meeting. Bells at Parish Church (12) during evening. All

ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Monday, Jan. 24th?—F. J. Lewis, Hon. Branch Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

SALOP GUILD.—Annual meeting at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Ringing 2.30 p.m.; committee meeting 4; service 5; tea in St. Chad's Room 5.40, 1s. 6d. each if ordered by 26th from Hon. Sec. Meeting after tea.—Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held on Saturday, Jan. 29th, at St. Peter's, Earlsheaton. The bells at Earlsheaton (8), Dewsbury (8) and Thornhill (6), will be available throughout the day. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head, for which all applications must reach Mr. G. H. Hardy, 281, Middle Road, Earlsheaton, not later than Jan. 25th. Divine service at Earlsheaton Church at 4 p.m., preacher Rev. F. Wolde, M.A., Vicar of Dewsbury.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The Annual meeting of the district will be held at Langham on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting following. Election of officers for 1921, etc. Towers of Stratford St. Mary and Higham also available from 2 o'clock. Subscriptions now due, 1/6 per member. Members intending to be present please let me know by Wednesday, 25th, to ensure tea accommodation.—H. T. Pye, Hon. Dis. Sec., 49, Wickham Rd., Colchester.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Thrapston on Jan. 29th. Bells (8) ready 2.30; service 4.30; tea 5 o'clock. Kindly let me know by Tuesday, 25th, those requiring tea.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A District meeting will be held at Watford on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30 in the Institute at a nominal charge. All ringers welcome but should notify me by the 26th inst. if they intend being present.—H. Edey, Hon. Sec., Western Div., 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. with address by the Vicar (Canon L. Savill). Tea to follow in the Church House, provided by the Vicar, but those intending to be present must send notice to me by Tuesday, Jan. 25th. Business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1921 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. James', Taunton, on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting at 6 p.m. at Waterloo Restaurant. Will visitors for tea please notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 25th?—P. Merson, Hon. Local Sec., Bishops Hull.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteign and Leominster Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Leominster on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow about 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Jan. 25th.—A. Talbot, Hon. Dis. Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Herefordshire.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, Jan. 29th, instead of East Malling as previously

arranged. Bells available for ringing at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards.—S. Hayzelden, Lower Street, East Farleigh.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Dartmouth, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available from 2 p.m., St. Saviour's (8) St. Clement's (6). Tea, 1/3 per head, followed by meeting in Church School Room at 5 p.m. Will intending visitors please notify Mr. Hy. Wilkes, Westbourne Terrace, Dartmouth, not later than Jan. 27th? Subscriptions now due.—W. C. Wakley, Sec., Dawlish.

ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon and Isle of Ely district will be held on Saturday, Jan. 29th, at St. Mary's, Ely. Bells afternoon. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Rev. H. E. Woolley, Hon. Dis. Sec., Long Stanton.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their Quarterly meeting at St. Thomas' Church, Pendleton, on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—Chas. Bower, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea, 29th inst. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting after service. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, Burnham-on-Sea.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Hallow on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Service in church at 4 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter District Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Topsham on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea at St. Margaret's Hall 5 p.m. Tickets 1s. each. Bells available at Topsham, Clyst St. George and Lymptone from 2 p.m. Intending visitors please notify before the 25th inst.—J. C. Oke, Assist. Hon. Sec., 355, David's Hill, Exeter.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Clement's, Hastings, on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Tower open from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Half tea and half rail fares (max. 2/-).—George W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The Annual meeting of this district will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Tower open at 2.30. Service in Church at 5. Tea at the Lime Tree Hotel at 5.45, followed by business meeting. All members intending to attend must notify the Dis. Sec. not later than Tuesday, Feb. 1st.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Warminster on Feb. 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.—H. F. Brown, 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Further particulars later.—Charles Dean, Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Cramlington on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Will all who intend to be present at tea please inform me in good time? Further

particulars later.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec., 80, Fern Dene Road, Gateshead.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—S. and W. District.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Ringing from 3 p.m. •Service 5 p.m. Tea at the London Apprentice 6 p.m., by kind invitation of the Vicar, followed by business meeting.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Election of Delegates to the Central Council. Rule 13. Nominations must reach me not later than Feb. 28th.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallen, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

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The proposal contained in the measure now before the National Assembly to place the control of ringers in the hands of Parochial Church Councils will come before the Church's 'Parliament' next month, and our readers will feel gratified that steps are to be taken to safeguard, if possible, the interests of ringers, especially where their services are voluntary in nature. Canon Baker, of Dunstable, the only member of the Central Council who is also a member of the National Assembly, has given notice of an amendment to the measure, which will be considered at the 'Revision' stage—corresponding to the committee stage in the House of Commons—and the Standing Committee, on behalf of the Central Council, have forwarded a petition to the Assembly on the subject, the text of which appears in another column.

Canon Baker's amendment, as he points out, is on the lines of Alderman J. S. Pritchett's suggestion, viz., to add words to the clause enabling an incumbent to exercise a free discretion as to the voluntary ringing of the bells, which, in the majority of instances, would permit Sunday service ringing, and all peal ringing, to remain on the present footing. Canon Baker adds, and we think rightly, that this line of action is less likely to meet with opposition in the Assembly than an attempt to delete from the measure all reference to ringers. It is a most satisfactory thing from the standpoint of the Exercise that it has such an able representative in the Assembly as Canon Baker, and it is to be hoped that his persuasive powers will enable that body to see the matter in the same light as ringers generally view it. There is no question that the clause as it now stands would open the door to many difficulties in the future, and, as was pointed out at the Midland Counties Association meeting the other day, would give a bare majority of a bare quorum of a Parochial Council power to completely prevent the ringing of bells at a particular church. And this might arise from numerous causes. Such a thing, of course, would not be likely often to happen, but it is well that the effort should be made to remove the opportunity.

We are glad to notice that a good many of the associations have realised the importance of the subject, and have strengthened Canon Baker's hands with resolutions, which, backed by the reasoned arguments put forward by the Central Council in their petition, should show the National Assembly that there is a strong general feeling on the matter, and that the desire for an amendment of the clause does not emanate from a few isolated individuals. With regard to the position of paid ringers it must be admitted that the position is different. The

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Parochial Councils will be responsible for the Church finance, and if a Council has to provide the money to pay the ringers, it will expect to have a voice in the matter of their appointment and the terms of the tenure of their office. We imagine, however, that the proportion of paid bands is now small, and is probably getting less. On the other hand, at by far the larger number of churches the ringers give their services—indeed not a few pay something for the privilege—and when the National Assembly know that they are voluntary church workers equally with the choir and sidesmen, we believe they will be ready to let them remain upon the same footing.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Dec. 19, 1920, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

BEN COOKE... .. Treble	*GEORGE SCHOLEY 5
*ENOCH WATSON... .. 2	WILLIE H. SENIOR 6
SYDNEY GOODALL 3	*TOM NORTH 7
WALTER KNOTT... .. 4	WILLIAM THOMAS Tenor

Composed by A. LARGE.

Conducted by WILLIAM THOMAS.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of Mr. Luke Illingworth, conductor of the local company, who was interred on the previous day.

HULL.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN CHAMBERLAIN Treble	HARRY RODMELL... .. 5
THOMAS S. MORTON 2	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS... .. 6
*JAMES S. CALVERT 3	LEONARD RODMELL 7
ARTHUR M. C. FIELD 4	WALTER AVRE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal on 8 and first attempt. The conductor's 150th peal.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHDEACONAL GUILD.

On Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*FRANK MOLE Treble	FREDERICK DARRELL 5
†ROBERT EVANS 2	BERT RIXOM... .. 6
WILLIAM WASE... .. 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7
†ALFRED S. BAYLEY 4	JACK ASTON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM WASE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire with a bob bell. The conductor is only 21 years of age. The Rev. C. B. Crowe congratulated the band on the fine striking all through the peal.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1920, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9-cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

ERNEST DUMPER... .. Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	ALBERT MARKS 6
OWEN H. GILES 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to William Henry George, a member of the local band.

THORNHILL, YORKSHIRE.—On December 27th, a date touch, consisting of 600 New London, 600 Violet and 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 1 hr. and 10 mins.: W. Idie (Dewsbury) 1, G. Hunt (Horbury) 2, N. Parkinson (conductor) 3, G. Pickles (Horbury) 4, A. Wainwright 5, H. Hepworth 6. The 1 reble ringer hails from Dewsbury, the 2nd and 4th from Horbury, the rest are of the local company.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM ROSE Treble	*WILLIAM BURROWS 5
EDWARD YOUNGS... .. 2	HARRY MOSS 6
GEORGE CATTERMOLLE... .. 3	ERNEST F. POPPY 7
ALPHABUS BERRY... .. 4	DAVID WHITING... .. Tenor

Composed by Tom Lockwood.
* First peal.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES H. BIRD Treble	JOHN E. SMITH 5
GEORGE O. DIXON 2	THOMAS STRICKLAND 6
CYRIL POLLARD 3	RICHARD OLIVER 7
THOMAS H. PARKIN 4	SIDNEY AUSTIN Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD OLIVER.

It is understood that the peal is to be tabled in the church as a memorial to the late Vicar, Rev. Thomas Boughton.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN WILLMOTT... .. Treble	GEORGE C. ILES 5
†HARRY DYAS 2	CHARLES F. W. HUNT 6
ERNEST H. COOK 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON 7
RALPH MACKRILL 4	SAMUEL SOUTHBY... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. SKEVINGTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for watch-night service, to mark the close of the old year. * First peal. † First peal in the method with a bob bell.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in D.

*JOHN T. SCOTT Treble	MAURICE SMITHER 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
HENRY HUTTON... .. 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the watch-night service.

SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-LESS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr.

ALEC MARTIN Treble	*ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG 5
*JAMES ARMSTRONG 2	FRED HARWOOD... .. 6
E. R. MARTIN 3	WILLIAM TAYLOR 7
*JOHN BAILEY 4	EDWARD ARMSTRONG... .. Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. Composition No. 204, C.C. Collection.

EDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*MISS PROGBE UPSHER ... Treble	WALTER J. BOWDEN 5
*ALICK CUTLER 2	EDWARD H. KING 6
HERRERT WOOD... .. 3	WILBY J. HAZELL 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DERITEND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS MILLER Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN 5
JAMES E. GROVES 2	JOHN NEAL 6
THOMAS H. REEVES 3	*J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 4	ALBERT E. NORMAN Tenor

Conducted by J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to W. H. Carrod, a respected member of St. Martin's Guild. * First peal in the method as conductor.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	TOM A. OGDEN 6
JAMES JACQUES 3	DAN RENSHAW 7
THOMAS K. DRIVER 4	JOHN HARRISON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

The composition is now rung for the first time, and contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6 without the 2nd and 3rd ever in 6th's place. The ringer of the tenor hails from Heywood and is 68 years of age; the rest are local.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

RODMERSHAM.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 18, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES TUMBER Treble	SERG. G. GILBERT, R.E... .. 4
WILLIAM SPICE 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
THOMAS JOLL 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

CROPWELL BISHOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1920, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores.

WILLIAM CLARKE Treble	WILLIAM E. WHITE 3
WALTER WHITE 2	*CHARLES HARPER 4
THOMAS SQUIRES Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM E. WHITE.

Rung as a welcome home to Miss I. B. Thompson, G.S.V.A.D., from foreign service. * First peal.

WARKTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two 120's, ten different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

†ERNEST PALMER Treble	JOHN SADDINGTON 3
†WILLIAM LAWRENCE... .. 2	*ROBERT F. TURNER 4
CECIL CHAPMAN Tenor	

Conducted by C. CHAPMAN.

† First peal. First peal as conductor. * First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

FINCHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Dec. 30, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,520 changes each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

TONEY PRICE Treble	M. GEORGE GREENACRE 4
ALFRED BACON 2	OLIVER STAINES 5
TOM GREENACRE 3	*JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
(KING'S LYNN DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.
BERT M. TARGETT, JUN. ... Treble | WILLIAM R. MITCHELL ... 4
FREDERICK C. MITCHELL ... 2 | TOM GREENACRE ... 5
BERT M. TARGETT, SEN. ... 3 | M. G. GREENACRE ... Tenor
Conducted by M. G. GREENACRE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

HINTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Dec. 30, 1920, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 8 six-scores of Plain Bob, 8 of Canterbury Pleasure and 26 of Grandsire.

JOSEPH HALL ... Treble | FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 3
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 2 | JOHN HALL ... 4
GEORGE ASHBY ... Tenor
Conducted by F. J. JOHNSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. F. Johnson, son of the conductor. This was the quarterly peal of the branch.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Dec. 30, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

ALBERT J. BISHOP ... Treble | THOMAS JULL ... 4
CECIE C. BISHOP ... 2 | WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND ... 3 | SGT. G. GILBERT, R.E. ... Tenor
Conducted by SERGT. GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

T. Jull bails from Newington, Sgt. Gilbert, R.E., Aldershot; the rest are of the local band.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*GEORGE STACE ... Treble | WILLIAM HARRIS ... 4
†GEORGE STONE ... 2 | FREDERICK T. CLINKARD ... 5
FRANCES E. TAYLOR ... 3 | WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... Tenor
Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

* First peal in any method and first attempt; elected a member of the Guild previous to starting for the peal, † First peal of Minor.

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

On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Violet, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one each of College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ALBERT HELIWELL ... Treble | JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 5
*J. H. CHARLESWORTH ... 2 | *WILLIAM HARRISON ... 6
*SAMUEL HARRISON ... 3 | *LEONARD SHAW ... 7
ARCHIE BREARLEY ... 4 | †JOHN WILNOT ... Tenor
Conducted by JOHN R. BREARLEY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. Rung with 7-8 covering. John Wilnot was elected a member of both societies before starting for the peal, which was commenced about 9.40 p.m., the peal being rung partly in the old year and partly in the new. John R. Brearley's first peal of Minor as conductor.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Single and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury and Plain Bob.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Treble | REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4
FREDERICK FOREMAN ... 2 | FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 5
JAMES WAGHORN ... 3 | RICHARD HOPE ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. LAMBERT.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to Miss Fletcher, for 20 years school mistress at Horsmonden.

HANDBELL PEALS.

PONDERS END, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Dec. 28, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILBY J. HAZELL ... 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 3-4 | *GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 7-8
Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal on handbells.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Thursday, Dec. 30, 1920, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*J. B. WOOLLEY ... 1-2 | W. H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 3-4 | C. W. WOOLLEY ... 7-8
Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
Witness: M. C. G. HOOTON.

* First peal of Major in hand.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Dec. 30, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. J. NAUNTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.
ALBERT J. NAUNTON ... Treble | EDWARD CHATTEN ... 4
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 2 | NORMAN R. BAILEY ... 5-6
*EDGAR BAILEY ... 3 | †FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 7-8
Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by F. W. NAUNTON.
Witnesses: MRS. A. J. NAUNTON & MRS. N. R. BAILEY.

* First peal on 8 bells and first peal in hand. † First peal double-handed. The finger of the treble is in his 77th year.

SIALFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT MOUNT PLEASANT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.
KATHLEEN JUTSON ... 1-2 | RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4 | GEORGE W. STEERE ... 7-8
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Witnesses: MRS. & MISS STEERE, MRS. PULLING & MISS RICHARDSON.

STBLE HEDINGHAM.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF L. WISEMAN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Bob Minor.

LEWIS WISEMAN ... 1-2 | SIDNEY HALE ... 3-4
OLAVE BROYD ... 5-6

Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.
Witnesses: MRS. L. WISEMAN AND MRS. S. HALE.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Northern District was held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, January 15th. The bells were ready at 3.30, and some very good touches were rung, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Double Norwich. A short service was held, all the members present attending. The address given by the Rev. — Bullock was very much appreciated. The preacher is himself a change ringer. Tea followed in the Church Rooms, kindly provided by the church authorities, which was all the more enjoyable, as it came as a surprise.

At the business meeting held immediately after tea one new member was elected, viz., Mr. W. Bottrill, of Holloway.

The following officers were also elected for the year: Master, Mr. J. Bullock; secretary, Mr. E. Russell; steward, Mr. A. Howell; treasurer, Mr. T. Walker; committee, Mr. A. Riley and Mr. B. Turner.

Heartly votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and room, to the curate for his excellent address, and to the ladies who kindly looked after the ringers at tea.

Songs and pianoforte solos by the members brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

DEATH OF MR. R. W. J. GOLLOP.

We much regret to have to report the death of the above-named ringer, which took place on November 20th, at Andover Cottage Hospital, after an operation, at the early age of 48. He was an old and very apt pupil of Mr. W. W. Gifford in Salisbury thirty years ago, and rang in about 40 peals, both on tower and handbells, most of which were rung in the old Cathedral City, while one peal on handbells was rung at Mr. Gifford's old residence, in Devizes Road, conducted by Mr. J. W. Washbrook. Mr. Gollop also rang in the first peal of Double Norwich in Hants on December 26th, 1892, on the fine ring at the Priory Church, Christchurch, followed by another the same day in the same method at St. Peter's, Bournemouth. Mr. Gollop left Salisbury in 1894, and unfortunately has had little opportunity for peal ringing since. He was on a visit to his brother at Southampton only on November 8th, and rang in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's for morning service on the 9th before returning home. His death came quite as a shock to those who had met him so recently. He will be sadly missed at Andover, where he has been about eleven years. He was a member of the Salisbury and Winchester Diocesan Guilds, also of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

DEATH OF MR. L. ILLINGWORTH.

The death has taken place at Liversedge of Mr. Luke Illingworth, conductor of the local company, who passed away at the age of 62 years. Deceased, who was well known in Yorkshire ringing circles, had won between fifty and sixty first prizes in tower bell and handbell contests. He also had been successful at Belle Vue, Manchester, with the Liversedge Albert Handbell Ringers. In these competitions he helped to secure four first prizes. He had rung a number of peals, including 10,000 Kent Treble Bob Major, and had conducted peals of Cumberland Exercise Major and Violet Major. He was a man of great patience, which made him greatly esteemed when he was teaching young ringers, and he will be sadly missed at Liversedge.

There was a numerous attendance of old friends at the funeral ringers being present from Almondbury, Birstal, Mirfield, Earlsheaton, Tong, Dewsbury, etc., and the bells were rung deeply muffled while the cortege was coming to church, and a course of Grandsire Major was rung at the graveside by the local company.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**JOHNSON COMMEMORATION TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 26th.**

The annual meeting was held on Tuesday, January 11th, at the St. Martin's Hotel, under the chairmanship of the Presiding Master, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A.

The President, the Lord Bishop of Birmingham, all the vice-presidents and the Presiding Ringing Master were unanimously re-elected. Mr. J. E. Groves having intimated his desire to relinquish the office of deputy Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Walker was elected, this being his second term of service in this office.—The trustees and the hon. secretary and treasurer were also unanimously re-elected, while Mr. Thos. H. Reeves was elected as auditor in place of Mr. George Swann, resigned.

The balance sheet for 1920 was adopted, and was regarded as satisfactory, although the assets were about £4 down, this being due to the larger number of peals rung, and the expense of having them written in the book in good style.

It was also unanimously decided to hold the annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner at the Imperial Hotel, in the beautiful Connaught Room, the management having agreed, after much persuasion, to put on a good dinner at the cost of 6s. 6d. per head. Saturday, February 26th, is the date fixed, and there is every indication that the programme will be well up to the high standard attained in previous years.

Several new members were elected, various belfry elections ratified, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Aston, subject, of course, to the Vicar's permission being forthcoming.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Aggett and Sons are now commencing to restore the fine ring of six bells at Botus Fleming (Cornwall) in massive iron frames; also the peal at Landulph St. Budeaux and the bells at Rockbeare.

Surrey ringers will have their first opportunity upon the fine new ring of ten at Epsom Parish Church on the occasion of an association meeting on February 5th. The old eight were recast (after one of them had given way and fallen into the pit) by a former churchwarden (Mr. A. J. Warren) in memory of his wife, and Mrs. Hasten has added two trebles in memory of her late husband. The old tenor was 14 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.; the new tenor is 16 cwt. 0 qr. 2 lbs. in E. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

After having been in office for nearly the whole of his 36 years' membership of the Winchester Guild, Mr. J. J. Jones is resigning the post of secretary of the Guildford District, which he has held for 26 years. The district is one of the largest and most successful of the Guild—largely owing to the energy of Mr. Jones—who feels it is time a younger man shouldered the work. Mr. Jones has over 150 peals to his credit, but his services to the Exercise can be seen in the excellent condition in which he is leaving the district—if the members will let him.

Newton-in-Makerfield, Lancs, has for 21 years boasted of a grand ring of eight bells (tenor 25 cwt.), but it was only on Saturday last that the first peal was rung on them, previous attempts having usually failed owing to the great noise in the ringing chamber.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

In days of old when knights were bold, Ashby, with the dinky name of De la Zouch, was a happy hunting ground for jousting and tournaments. The name suggests Zounds! and Gadszooks! and its ruined castle brings to mind the scenes enacted therein as told by Sir Walter Scott in 'Ivanhoe.' Here on Saturday, January 15th, the above association held its quarterly meeting, when, despite the wintry weather, some forty to fifty ringers put in an appearance. Ringing commenced with Stedman Triples, and during the afternoon various other methods, including Double Norwich and a good course of London Surprise were brought round. The towns represented were Derby, Burton, Nottingham, Loughborough, Hinckley and Leicester. Tea was served at a neighbouring cafe, when Ald. R. B. Chambers, president, and Mrs. Chambers, honoured the company with their presence.

At the subsequent business meeting, the principal items were the question of support for 'The Ringing World,' the Parish Councils Act, and the election of an extraordinary number of honorary members—thanks to the untiring energy of Ald. Chambers.

Regarding 'The Ringing World,' the president asked for the unswerving support by the members, and this was endorsed by the hon. treasurer, who said that if 'The Ringing World' stopped, it was not likely that anyone would attempt another paper—exclusively for ringers.—The motion was carried with acclamation.

The question of the Church Councils authority was next discussed.—Mr. J. Griffin, as a member of the Standing Committee of the Central Council, stated that action was being taken by that committee to ensure, if possible, the ringers being placed in the same position as the choir—exempt.

Mr. W. Willson drew attention to the injustice that may be done to any official under the 'rules of procedure,' pointing out that one-third of the Church Council constitutes a quorum (Rule 5), and that a bare majority of that quorum could legally dismiss organist, steeple-keeper, vergor or anyone else (except the Vicar) under Rule 9.—The Hon. Treasurer emphasised the necessity of safeguarding the livelihood of church officials. As an example, a Council of 21 members could do business if only seven were present, and four of that seven could discharge an official! In his opinion, no dismissal ought to obtain except by (at least) a majority of the whole Council.—It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously that the attention of the Rev. Canon Baker—as the ringers' M.P.—be called to the matter.

The list of new members, compiled by the hon. secretary, Mr. A. C. Wright showed upwards of sixty fresh adherents, including the Marquis of Hartington, the Mayor of Burton-on-Trent, and a well-known merchant of Barbadoes.

Votes of thanks to the local clergy for the use of the bells, to the local committee for their catering—especially to the veteran secretary of Bass Town; and to the president, brought the meeting to a close.

It may be stated that the M.C.A. is going 'great guns' at present, and a bumper annual meeting is looked forward to on Easter Monday at Leicester.

W. W.

RINGERS WEDDED.

A very pretty wedding took place on December 18th at Lyme Regis Parish Church, the contracting parties being Mr. George Whitmore and Miss Eva Hill, both of whom are ringers in the Lyme belfry. The Vicar officiated. The wedding was fully choral, the organist and choir willingly giving their services on such a unique occasion, and out of regard for two most keen and earnest church workers. After the wedding a merry peal was rung in honour of the bride and bridegroom. The ringers presented Mr. & Mrs. Whitmore with a clock as a mark of their regard, and with best wishes for their future welfare.

THE FUTURE OF BELL RINGING. CENTRAL COUNCIL'S PETITION TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In pursuance of Canon Baker's letter, which appeared in your columns on December 10th, the Standing Committee of the Central Council have unanimously agreed to present a petition to the National Assembly. As it may interest your readers, I send you a copy, in case you may like to print it. I am glad to learn that associations are passing resolutions advocating the same principle, namely, that ringers should not be placed under the control of Parish Councils.—Yours very truly,
A. H. F. BOUGHEY.

Cambridge, 24th January, 1921.

[Copy.]

To the President and Members of the National Assembly of the Church of England.

A Petition of the Standing Committee of the Central Council of the Church Bell Ringers of England.

We understand that there is now before the National Assembly a proposal that 'the Council of every parish shall have power, in conjunction with the Incumbent, to appoint and dismiss the organist, parish clerk, bell ringers, and sexton, or any persons performing or assisting to perform the duties thereof, and to determine the salaries and conditions of tenure of their offices.'

As representatives of the church bell ringers of England, we beg leave very respectfully to ask that your Assembly will reconsider this proposal so far as it concerns bell ringers.

We do so because we are convinced that it is far better for the Church and for bell ringing that the control of the bells and of those who ring them should be vested in one responsible person in each parish. This, we believe, to be at present the universal custom and law of the Church of England, the person responsible being the incumbent. There are very many churches which have more than four bells, and are, therefore, suitable for the beautiful and essentially English change ringing: some of these have paid ringers, but a large number (we believe the majority) have bands of voluntary ringers who give their services gratuitously. We are desirous that all ringers should regard themselves, and be regarded by others, as true Church workers, and not merely as servants (paid or unpaid) of a Parish Council. Ringers appear to us to stand on the same footing as choristers, who, we notice, are not included in this proposal of the National Assembly.

On the other hand, ringers are on a footing very different from that of an organist, a parish clerk, or a sexton, with whom they are grouped in the clause we have quoted. Each of these persons is a single official, who may remain unchanged for many years. But every Church which possesses enough bells for change ringing ought to have a considerable body of regular ringers; and ought to be constantly introducing new probationers 'to perform or to assist in performing the duties' required. It is hardly possible for the Parish Council to be summoned every time that an appointment or dismissal of a ringer or probationer has to be considered.

There are several other reasons which lead us to deprecate the proposal before the National Assembly. But we wish specially to emphasise the point that we are anxious for the position and recognition of ringers as forming, like the choir, a definite part of the ministry of the church. We venture, therefore, to express an earnest hope that ringers may continue, as now, to be subject only to the authority of the incumbent of the parish.

Signed on behalf of the Standing Committee.

A. H. F. BOUGHEY, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, President.

C. D. P. DAVIES, M.A., Rector of Deane, Hants, Secretary.
24th January, 1921.

CANON BAKER'S PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am greatly obliged to you for inserting my previous letter on the subject of the provisions of the Parochial Church Councils' Powers Measure, in relation to ringers, and for the assistance you have given me by the articles in your paper, and the letters from your numerous correspondents on the subject.

I am entirely in agreement with those who have pointed out that the clause is not conceived in a spirit hostile to ringers, but a statute is interpreted not by the intentions of those who drew it up, but by what it says, and I still think that without some amendment, it might be possible for harm to accrue to the Exercise. The amendment suggested by Mr. Pritchett seems to me to be more likely to win acceptance than a proposal to omit any reference to ringers. It formulates admirably what was shaping itself in my own mind, as the best line of action, and I propose, therefore, to put down an amendment in that sense.—Yours obediently,
Dunstable.

W. W. C. BAKER.

WELLS.—On Sunday, Dec. 26th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: G. Radford (first quarter) 1, W. J. Mills 2, F. Loxton 3, E. Lush 4, S. Carter 5, A. E. Mills 6, W. Farley (conductor) 7, H. Farley 8. Longest length on the bells since 1914, the tower having been under repair.

'FORTY YEARS ON.'

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD'S BIRTHDAY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Oxford Diocesan Guild is now just forty years old. I think that to many of your readers the following may be of interest. It is an extract of some Press cuttings, which form part of the ringing diary of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the ever-honoured founder and first Master of the Guild. I hope you may find room for it in your columns.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,

Master, Oxford Diocesan Guild.

The preliminary meeting for the formation of this new Diocesan Guild was held at Reading on the 13th inst., November, 1880. The eight bells of St. Mary's and the six bells of St. Giles' were kindly placed at the disposal of the meeting by their respective Vicars. Ringing commenced at 2 p.m. by a touch of 500 Grandsire Triples. The names of those who handled the bells will be a sufficient guarantee for the excellence of the ringing which afforded a treat to the ringers of the neighbourhood such as they have seldom, if ever, enjoyed before: J. E. A. Troyte 1, J. R. Haworth 2, B. Barrett 3, G. Marsh 4, F. White 5, Rev. F. E. Robinson 6, E. Horrex 7, T. Bennett 8.

The bells of St. Giles' were rung with great spirit by several bands made up of the ringers of the neighbourhood. It was particularly gratifying to hear a well-struck six score of Grandsire Doubles rung by five members of the Oxford University Society.

At 4 p.m. above seventy sat down to tea. About a dozen clergymen of the neighbourhood were present with their ringers, and by the keen interest which they took in the proceedings showed how ready they were to welcome the formation of a Guild.

A public meeting was then held, Sir John Conroy, Bart. in the chair, when it was unanimously decided to form a Guild, and a representative committee for setting the requisite machinery in motion was chosen as follows: Revs. F. E. Robinson, H. Barter, R. W. Fiske, Dolben Paul, R. H. Hart Davis, H. C. Sturges, H. Drummond, S. F. Marshall, Messrs. F. White, J. E. A. Troyte, C. Hounslow, W. Newell, J. Parker, — Rogers.

It was agreed on all sides that such a successful meeting augured well for the future of the Guild.

A general meeting of the Guild was held on January 17th, 1881, at Oxford, in the rooms of the Oxford Churchmen's Union in Broad Street, presided over by the Archdeacon of Berks. It was largely attended by the clergy of the neighbourhood and many others, interested in furthering the objects connected with heltry reform which the Guild has in view. The Archdeacon of Bucks attended, and spoke of the necessity of admitting round ringers into the Guild, upon which a lively discussion took place, many feeling that the art of change ringing was the only sure way of raising the tone of ringers, while others were not willing to exclude those whom the Guild wished, above all others, to reach and influence. It was finally decided to admit the round ringer as a probationer, and on payment of 1s. annually to grant him all the privileges enjoyed by a change ringing member. Exception having been taken by the Bishop at the word 'performing member,' which he said savoured too much of a street organ and a monkey, the word 'change ringing member' was substituted. The rules were then formally read and passed.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A quarterly meeting was held at Willenhall on January 15th, and resulted in a good muster of members and friends. A short service was held in church, with an admirable address given by the Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th. (honorary clerical secretary), Vicar of Swindon, near Dudley. The Rev. E. A. Toulouse presided at the organ. A capital tea was provided in the Schoolroom by the churchwardens and members of the local band.

In moving a vote of thanks to the donors, as well as to the ladies in attendance, the Rev. C. H. Barker coupled with it a vote of sympathy to the Rev. T. H. P. Hyatt, M.A. (Vicar), who was unable to be present through serious illness—much to the regret of all.

The Clerical Secretary next laid great stress on the necessity of giving greater support to 'The Ringing World,' pointing out that each one should obtain a copy, not—as he feared was the case in some places—making one copy suffice for the whole company.—Mr. W. R. Small, in supporting the motion, informed his hearers that he possessed a complete set of copies of each of the various ringing papers that had been launched, and had them in book form.

Announcement was made with regard to the Rowland Cartwright Memorial Fund. As previously published, £22 7s. 6d. Added to this: The Rev. C. H. Barker, 10s.; Tettenhall ringers, 10s.; Mr. J. Rowley, Newport, Salop, 5s.; Mr. Wm. Bayliss, 2s. 6d.; collected by small amounts—per Mr. H. Freeth, £1 16s. 6d.; promised on behalf of the ceased's railway colleagues, £10; making a total to date of £35 11s. 6d. It was agreed to obtain designs and estimates, so that the memorial may take shape in the coming spring.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place on April 9th, at Sedgely.

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NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of the 'RINGING WORLD,' to which all communications should be sent, is 63, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—All communications in respect to the above Guild should, after this date, Jan. 28th, be addressed to Mr. Abraham Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., Cathada, 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

SALOP GUILD.—Annual meeting at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Ringing 2.30 p.m.; committee meeting 4; service 5; tea in St. Chad's Room 5.40. Meeting after tea.—Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held on Saturday, Jan. 29th, at St. Peter's, Earlsheaton. The bells at Earlsheaton (8), Dewsbury (8) and Thornhill (6), will be available throughout the day. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head. Divine service at Earlsheaton Church at 4 p.m., preacher Rev. F. Wolde, M.A., Vicar of Dewsbury.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The Annual meeting of the district will be held at Langham on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting following. Election of officers for 1921, etc. Towers of Stratford St. Mary and Higham also available from 2 o'clock. Subscriptions now due, 1/6 per member.—H. T. Pye, Hon. Dis. Sec., 49, Wickham Rd., Colchester.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A District meeting will be held at Watford on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30 in the Institute at a nominal charge.—H. Eden, Hon. Sec., Western Div., 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. with address by the Vicar (Canon L. Savill). Tea to follow in the Church House, provided by the Vicar. Business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1921 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. James', Taunton, on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting at 6 p.m. at Waterloo Restaurant.—P. Merson, Hon. Local Sec., Bishops Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, Jan. 29th, instead of East Malling as previously arranged. Bells available for ringing at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards.—S. Hayzelden, Lower Street, East Farleigh.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Dartmouth, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available from 2 p.m. St. Saviour's (8) St. Clement's (6). Tea, 1/3 per head, followed by meeting in Church School Room at 5 p.m. Subscriptions now due.—W. C. Wakley, Sec., Dawlish.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter District Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Topsham on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea at St. Margaret's Hall 5 p.m. Tickets 1s. each. Bells avail-

able at Topsham, Clyst St. George and Lypstone from 2 p.m.—J. C. Oke, Assist. Hon. Sec., 355, David's Hill, Exeter.

ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon and Isle of Ely district will be held on Saturday, Jan. 29th, at St. Mary's, Ely. Bells afternoon. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Rev. H.*B. Woolley, Hon. Dis. Sec., Long Stanton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea, 29th inst. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting after service. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, Burnham-on-Sea.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Hallow on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Service in church at 4 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bosbury on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service in church 5 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., at the Institute.—Richard Thomas, District Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Jan. 31st, 7 p.m., St. John, Wilton Road, S.W.; Feb. 7th, 7.30 p.m., St. Clement Danes. The annual general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Association service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., at the Parish House, Clare Market. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea will only be provided for those who send in their names before Feb. 5th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before Feb. 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Feb. 1st, at St. Magnus on the 3rd and 17th, *St. Michael's, Cernhill, on the 8th, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Clement's, Hastings, on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Tower open from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Half tea and half rail fares (max. 2/-).—George W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The Annual meeting of this district will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Tower open at 2.30. Service in Church at 5. Tea at the Lime Tree Hotel at 5.45, followed by business meeting. All members intending to attend must notify the Dis. Sec. not later than Tuesday, Feb. 1st.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Burslem on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Please notify me on or before Jan. 30th how many intend to be present from your tower. Charge for tea will be 1s. per head.—J. Johnson and E. Steele, Hon. Secs., 109, George Street, Sandford Hill; Longton, Stoke-on-Trent.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Warminster on Feb. 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.—H. F. Brown, 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—S. and W. District.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at the London Apprentice 6 p.m., by kind invitation of the Vicar, followed by business meeting.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, District Sec., 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Rectory 5 p.m., by kind invitation of the Rector, followed by business meeting. Will members for tea please notify me not later than Feb. 2nd?—F. R. Bacon, Hon. District Secretary, West Hill, Hitchin.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The February meeting will be held at Staveley on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Eight bells open from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m., conducted by Canon Molineaux. Tea in Brook's room at 5 p.m., for which the charge of 1s. 6d. will be made. All those who desire tea are requested to advise Mr. F. E. Parsons, Spen Lea Villas, Lowgates, Staveley, not later than Feb. 2nd.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Glastonbury on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at Taylor's, High Street. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—H. J. Trim, Hon. Local Sec., Garden Terrace, Glastonbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The adjourned general meeting will be held on Feb. 5th at the 'King of Denmark,' Old Bailey, 7.30 p.m., and members are earnestly requested to attend.—J. D. Matthews.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. It is hoped to practise Cambridge and London at this meeting.—A. E. Sharman, District Sec., 199, High Street, North Dunstable.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on Saturday, Feb. 5th (and not Jan. 29th, as previously arranged). Bells will be available from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Cramlington on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (6) will be available afternoon and evening. Committee meeting at 4.15, and tea at 5 o'clock, in the Parish Hall. Members

1s. 6d. and non-members 2s. 6d. per head. Those requiring tea please inform me not later than Thursday, Feb. 3rd.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec., 80, Fern Dene Road, Gateshead.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Epsom on Saturday, Feb. 5th. The bells will be open from 3 o'clock and after the meeting, service at St. Martin's Church at 5.15, tea at Mr. Matten's at 6 o'clock, with business meeting to follow. Will secretaries of towers kindly inform Mr. Percy Cooper, of 26, Church Road, Epsom, not later than Wednesday next the numbers of members attending tea from their towers, as provision can only be made for those notifying?—Charles Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells at 2.30, Tea 5.15. Those members who require tea must advise me not later than Feb. 2nd.—W. T. Tucker, District Sec., 71, Iligh Street, Eastleigh.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The district annual meeting will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m., at City Restaurant. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Feb. 2nd. Cathedral bells available 6.30 to 9.—C. Edwards, Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Service at St. Giles' Church at 5 p.m., tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Rising Sun, Silver Street, at 6 p.m., 2s. 6d. each. 1s. each will be allowed by the branch to all who let me know by Wednesday morning, Feb. 2nd, their intention of being present.—F. W. Hoppood, Hon. Sec. Reading Branch, 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Service at 3.30. Meat tea at 4.15 at Barker's, Broad Street. Bells available all day. Also Fulney and Pinchbeck.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Usual arrangement. Will those requiring tea please write Mr. A. Robinson, Ecton, not later than Jan. 31st? The subscriptions (2s.) for 1921 are now due.—Sidney J. Lawrence, District Sec., 7, Castilian Terrace, Northampton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The next meeting will be held at Haslemere on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Eight bells, available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.30, 9d. to members, 1s. 6d. to visitors. Special business: To elect a new secretary.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., 3, Bridge Street, Guildford.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, Feb. 12th. All ringers are cordially invited to be present. Tower open 4 p.m.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Wormley on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify honorary secretary not later

than Feb. 7th.—P. C. Williams, Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield Church, Gorton, on Saturday, Feb. 12th, as the 5th is not suitable to the church authorities. Bells ready at 4 o'clock, meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 12th, at Todmorden Parish Church. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30.—S. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

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

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Election of Delegates to the Central Council. Rule 13. Nominations must reach me not later than Feb. 28th.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallen, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

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A LARGER PAPER.

After much anxious consideration we have at length come to the conclusion to adopt the suggestion which we put forward some weeks ago to enable 'The Ringing World' to continue to cater for the Exercise, viz., to enlarge the journal in size and to raise the price to three-pence per week. This we believe to be the only satisfactory way out of the present situation. As our readers are aware, various alternative proposals have been made by well-wishers, but all of them have merely touched the fringe of the trouble. Everyone agrees that if interest in ringing is to be maintained, there must be a ringing paper, and without it as a link between ringers in all parts of the country the art would probably cease to flourish. For nearly fifty years, we believe, there has been a journal which has been the medium of information between ringers, and it would be a reflection on the Exercise if, in these days of progress, neglect or apathy, or whatever one cares to term it, left the art without its own paper.

These premises being accepted, two things stand out as essentially important. First, the journal should be worthy of the Exercise, and secondly, the Exercise should do its part to enable the paper to exist. With the return of ringing to something like pre-war conditions a twelve-page paper, such as we are having to content ourselves with at present, is utterly inadequate to the needs of the times. We cannot accommodate anything like the quantity of matter that is sent up to us for publication, and, much as we regret it, a great deal has to go by the board. An enlargement by four pages will enable us to reduce to some extent the disappointment which correspondents must feel when their contributions do not appear, and, in addition, it will enable us to provide some of those features which in former days helped to build up the popularity of 'The Ringing World.' An increase in the size of the paper is the only thing which will enable this to be done, but enlargement is in these days a costly thing. Payment for peals, by itself, would be absolutely inadequate to meet the increased cost, while subsidies from Associations would be productive of no end of difficulties, besides delaying the expansion, even if anything like unanimity among the Associations could be obtained.

The life blood of a newspaper is circulation, and it is that and that only to which 'The Ringing World' must look if any improvement is to be effected. The present period of depression may not seem a good time to increase the charge for the paper, but, as we have said before, if we may take silence as giving consent in the case of those of our readers who have not communicated with us, then we shall lose only a tiny percentage of support when the price

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goes up. The number of new subscribers who have been promised is considerable, but fall very far short of the one thousand we asked for. What we propose to do, however, is to give the 16-page issue a start at the increased price and let it have the practical test of a trial run. If it is supported to the extent that will be required to maintain it as a sound business proposition all will be well. We shall look in the first weeks for rapidly growing sales, and we must leave it to the Exercise to give us its whole-hearted co-operation in this matter. The date when the enlargement will take place will probably be announced next week, and when it is effected our first task must be to wipe off the accumulation of peal reports which limited space and the rapid growth of peal ringing has left round our necks.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 38½ cwt.

GEORGE RADLEY Treble	WILLIAM PYE 7
CHARLES T. COLES 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 8
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 9
WILLIAM J. KEMP 4	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 10
JOHN ARMSTRONG... .. 5	ALBERT W. COLES 11
HAROLD W. CLARK 6	REUBEN SANDERS... .. Tenor

Composed by the late H. JOHNSON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 13, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... Treble	ISAAC J. ATTWATER 6
HORATIO J. GUMMER 2	CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 7
WALTER G. MATTHEWS ... 3	GEORGE CARD 8
GLADYS E. BATEMAN 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER 9
ERNEST J. KING 5	GEORGE J. HARMAN, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by J. P. BRADLEY. Conducted by H. J. GUMMER.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

JOHN BULLEN Treble	HARRY PAGE 6
SIDNEY DAWE 2	*ERNEST E. PEACOCK... .. 7
CLARENCE O. HOBBS 3	FREDERICK VILES 8
FRED ATWELL 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
WILLIAM B. BISSON 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal on an inside bell. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. P. Forsdike, one of the churchwardens, to whom the ringers owe a debt of gratitude for his many kindnesses.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES

Tenor 20½ cwt.

THOMAS TALBOT Treble	WALTER SMITH 6
REGINALD BROUGH 2	ISAAC EMERY 7
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT 3	ALFRED J. TRAPPIST 8
JAMES W. TRAPPIST 4	AMOS W. CLARK 9
HERBERT J. SKELT 5	WILLIAM GROVES... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by REGINALD BROUGH.

WALTHAMSTOW, E.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Four Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 7011 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS 6
ALBERT W. COLES 2	*JOHN ARMSTRONG 7
WILLIAM J. KEMP 3	ALBERT A. HUGHES 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	FRED C. MAYNARD 9
GEORGE W. FLETCHER 5	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* 200th peal. Longest length on the bells.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, SNOW HILL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

HARRY R. PASMORE ... Treble	THOMAS LANGDON 6
LOUIS ATTWATER... .. 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW... 3	JOHN W. GOLDING 8
WILLIAM H. PASMORE 4	HERBERT LANGDON 9
HENRY G. MILES... .. 5	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN ... Treble	WILLIAM HALE 6
CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 2	WILLIAM HASTINGS 7
FRANK COLR... .. 3	WALTER FARLEY... .. 8
JOHN W. JONES 4	ALFRED HANNIS 9
ALBERT WRIGHT... .. 5	ROBERT SHARP Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung after meeting one short for Stedman Cinques

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, Dec. 4, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

*FRANK BILL Treble	JOHN PERRY 5
†HERBERT KNIGHT 2	WILLIAM LAWLEY 6
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 3	ALFRED FALLON... .. 7
THOMAS SMITH 4	*ALBERT G. HONT Tenor

Conducted by A. FALLON.

* First peal and first attempt. † 250th peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mrs. S. H. Viggars, wife of the Vicar of the parish.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 41 cwt.

EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS ... Treble	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	ALBERT E. HARCOTTE ... 6
GEORGE GIBLIN 3	JOHN CLARK 7
JOHN AUSTIN... .. 4	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung after meeting short for Caters. The tenor man having failed to put in an appearance, W. H. Williams volunteered to undertake to ring the bell, with C. Edwards remaining in tower to rest him if necessary, but his help was not required, which speaks well for the 'go' of the bells.

WORSLEY.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 7, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

W. GRUNDY Treble	F. GRUNDY 5
J. RIDYARD 2	J. H. RIDYARD 6
W. JONES 3	P. H. DERBYSHIRE 7
S. HARRISON... .. 4	A. BURTON Tenor

Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

The tenor ringer bails from Walkden.

WINEY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

G. CAUDWELL Treble	W. H. J. HOLIFIELD, JUN... 5
H. HOLIFIELD, SEN. 2	J. MONK... .. 6
MRS. A. E. LOCK... .. 3	T. BULL... .. 7
A. E. LOCK 4	G. BROOKS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

ASHTREAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

*FRANK OAKSBOTT ... Treble	JOHN WYATT 5
WILLIAM COOK 2	JOHN HOYLE 6
WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... 3	†GEORGE A. COOK 7
JOHN CRAWFORD 4	DAVID ANSCOMB... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

* First peal in the method. † First in method bob bell. This peal was rung to commemorate the 47th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART, NO. 2 VARIATION.

*STANLEY BRADLEY ... Treble	ALBERT WALLWORK 5
DAVID HINDLEY... .. 2	THOMAS HOWARD... .. 6
THOMAS LINGARD 3	JOHN HOWARD 7
JAMES HINDLEY... .. 4	JOHN EDGE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HOWARD.

* First peal.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

FRANK JELF Treble	CHARLES V. HARE 5
*MRS. JOHN THOMAS 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
JOHN THOMAS 3	*FREDERICK G. SABAN ... 7
GEORGE MAXIM 4	*WILLIAM SABAN... .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

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

LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHDIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Jan. 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*GEORGE WILKINSON ... Treble	FRANK WHITE 5
JOHN RIDER 2	*JOSEPH HARLOW 6
*FREDERIC SPILSBURY ... 3	EDGAR SHARRATT 7
*JOHN NEWALL 4	EDWARD A. RIDGWAY ... Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by E. A. RIDGWAY.

* First peal.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 183 cwt.

*WILLIAM BACON... .. Treble	WILLIAM DUDLEY 5
HENRY T. WILSON 2	*SIDNEY W. CORDEN 6
WILLIAM DOWSETT 3	GEORGE E. WILSON 7
*HARRY M. KEBBY 4	WILLIAM H. JUDD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. E. WILSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. Mr. S. W. Corden was elected a member of the Association before starting for peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Stephen Peagrams, one of the sidesmen of the above church, who was killed on the G.E. Railway on New Year's day, and whose interment took place on the above date.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(EASTERN DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, Jan. 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.
Tenor 35 cwt.

GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... Treble	ALBERT E. SELLERS 5
CHARLES P. BRADLEY... .. 2	HARRY RODMELL... .. 6
JAMES S. CALVERT 3	LEONARD RODMELL 7
THOMAS S. MORTON 4	WILLIAM MIDDLETON Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by G. F. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Edmund Hope, M.A., who was inducted to the living on this date. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

A. HOING Treble	A. G. JAMES 5
JOSEPH EVANS 2	F. BOREHAM 6
E. MARKHAM 3	JOHN EVANS 7
FRED BIGGS 4	*VICTOR EVANS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

* First peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TEYNHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob & Plain Bob.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM SPICE Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
CECIL E. BISHOP... .. 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
SERG. G. GILBERT, R.E.... 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Jan. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES LAYTON Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Jan. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM COOPER Treble	JOHN BASS 4
CHARLES E. PERKINS 2	*JOHN LLOYD 5
WILLIAM SHORT 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Conducted by W. SHORT.

* First peal of Minor and first attempt.

PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.
THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION AND
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR STARMER Treble	HAROLD FORWELL 4
WALTER STARMER 2	J. WILFRED SHARP 5
J. WILLIAM HAYNES 3	*ALFRED H. BIRCH Tenor

Conducted by J. WILFRED SHARP.

* First peal and first attempt.

FILLONGLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF S. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F.

ROLAND O. POLLARD Treble	WALTER J. HORTON 4
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 2	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 3	ABRAHAM WILKERSON... .. Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM WILKERSON.

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HANDBELL PEALS.

SHREWSBURY.
THE SALOP AROHDIACONAL GUILD.
(ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, Dec. 30, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT FERMDALE, 13, CANON STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores each called differently.

REGINALD POLE 1	CHARLES R. LILLEY 3-4
JAMES E. LILLEY... .. 2	GEORGE W. BROWN 5-6

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

Umpire: S. SNELSON.

* First peal by 1, 2 and 5-6. J. E. Lilley is only 12 years of age and youngest ringer in the county of Salop to ring a peal.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Jan. 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MISS A. POLLING,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

KATHLEEN JUTSON 1-2	ROBERT RICHARDSON 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3-4	WALTER AVRE 7-8
GEORGE W. STEERE 9-10	

Composed by E. FRANCIS. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Witnesses: MISSES POLLING, JEPSON, ATTERBURY, CARBIN AND McCOLLEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Pulling.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On the occasion of the unveiling of a war memorial on January 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. with the bells half-muffled; Miss Stella Disney (first quarter-peal) 1, C. H. Briggs 2, E. Chamberlain 3, N. Walker 4, C. Brown 5, C. H. Webb 6, H. Briggs (conductor) 7, W. Jones 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Jan. 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
At the Residence of Miss Pulling.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 17 in A.

GEORGE W. STEERE ... 1-2 | WALTER AYRE ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4 | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: ROBERT RICHARDSON.

Witnesses: MISSES JUTSON and RICHARDSON, MRS. PULLING and
MRS. DOBBIE.

OLAPHAM, S.W.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Jan. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At 63A, OLD TOWN.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in A.

KATHLEEN JUTSON ... 1-2 | ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5-6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 3-4 | ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 7-8
FRANK I. HAIRS ... 9-10

Composed by E. FRANCIS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: W. HEWITT. Witness: MRS. HAIRS.

* First peal of Royal on an inside pair.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Thursday, Jan. 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
In the Belfry of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK SMITH ... 1-2 | †CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 5-6
JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 3-4 | ARTHUR J. NEALE ... 7-8
THOMAS NEWMAN ... 9-10

Composed by H. J. TUGGER. Conducted by J. D. MATTHEWS.

* First handbell peal. † First peal on ten. Rung as a birthday
compliment to ringer of 7-8, and to mark the conductor's 24th
wedding anniversary.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, Jan. 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
In the Cathedral Belfry.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

ALF. PADDON SMITH ... 1-2 | THOMAS RUSSAM ... 7-8
ALBERT WALKER ... 3-4 | J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 9-10
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 5-6 | MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 11-13

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER,
Referee: MR. WILLIAM KENT.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
In the Common Hall at the Abbots Hospital.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

*GEORGE W. STEER ... 1-2 | MAURICE SMITHER ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4 | CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 7-8
SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 9-10

Composed by W. WILSON. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witnesses: P. PALMER (Master of the above Hospital),
MRS. HEATHORN and MRS. BUTLER.

Arranged and rung in honour of the 97th birthday of John Heathorn,
England's oldest bell-ringer. The old gentleman was not well enough
to sit and listen to the ringing, but was very keen to know how the
peal was going on. * First peal of Caters away from 9-10.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Jan. 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At 5, King's Head Street.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGE*

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS,

Witness: GEORGE JORDAN.

Composed by FREDERICK HOLDEN. Conducted by the Performer.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. T. Doble and Son, of Taunton, have recently rehung the heavy six bells of the Parish Church of North Petherton, Somerset, and the 'go' now leaves nothing to be desired.

They are also engaged in the restoration of the ring of five bells at Hinton St. George, Somerset. The case is being well braced with tie bolts and corner plates, and the bells rehung with all new fittings, provision being also made for a new treble, which it is hoped to add in the near future.

It is interesting to note that the beautiful Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, where this year's Johnson Dinner is to be held on February 25th, is panelled all round with cedar from Mount Lebanon, brought specially for the purpose to the order of the (one-time) proprietor.

Would Mr. Leonard Rodwell, ringer of the 7th in the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Hull on December 27th, 1920, kindly correspond with Mr. L. T. Osborne, 17, Dorothy Street, Reading, Berks?

COLLEGE YOUTHS' ROLL OF HONOUR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As you have already heard, a list of members' names who fell in the great war is to be inserted in the Society's Peal Book, and in order that the list may be complete, we beg that you will find room in 'The Ringing World' for this appeal to secretaries of the various Guilds and associations throughout the country to forward any further names to me before February 22nd.

Names already known are: Ernest Atwater, Reginald Blake, Sedley J. Collins, Douglas W. Drewett, Fredk. J. Hardy, Christopher Hughes, William D. James, Frank T. Martin, Mark Melia, James H. Payne, Bertram Prewett, Henry J. Sudej, William H. Taffender, William Truss, Sydney A. Wright.—Yours very truly,
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES MANN.

RINGER WHO SECURED ALDERSHOT'S SOLDIERS' BELLS.

It is with extreme regret that we have to record the death of Mr. James Mann, who died at the age of 57, at Ash, Surrey, on the morning of January 18th, after a short illness, through contracting pneumonia and bronchitis. The interment took place at Ash Cemetery on Friday, the 21st. A military funeral was accorded the deceased, as he was at one time Quartermaster-Sergeant in the Royal Engineers.

There were about 100 present, representing various bodies and organisations, Mr. J. J. Jones representing the Guildford district of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. The bells at Ash were muffled and rung for the funeral.

The sympathy of the Exercise will go out to the widow, who only last Christmas lost her daughter.

Although Mr. Mann had not rung a great number of peals, he had devoted untold energy to benefit ringing and ringers, for to him belongs the credit of keeping a band for service together (all learners) at Aldershot all through the war. Many times he cycled from Ash in the most unfavourable weather, probably to ring only five bells. Everyone knows, when the towers were drained to their uttermost, how difficult this task must have been.

This was not his only single-handed accomplishment, for one remembers that less than twelve months ago the bells at Aldershot were augmented to eight, by the addition of the two 'Soldiers' Bells,' for which, in less than a year, Mr. Mann had raised £147 in subscriptions from the soldiers in Aldershot, no meagre task owing to the unsettled state of the garrison, which was rapidly demobilising its troops at that time. His motto was 'sheer doggedness and determination,' and at the opening ceremony he had the satisfaction of handing the receipt for the money to the Vicar—work done and paid for.

We also remember his suggestion at the above meeting of ringers from all parts, that every tower should order as many copies of 'The Ringing World' as there were bells in the tower. Shortly before his death he expressed a wish that if ever a peal was rung for him, he hoped it would be a peal of Stedman Triples half-muffled, and (to use his words) "called by old Alf. Pulling" on the Aldershot bells which he struggled so hard to get. This wish was carried out to the letter, for Mr. Pulling and his men very generously cancelled their previous engagements at a moment's notice; went to Aldershot and rang the peal.

It almost amounts to tragedy that the first peal on the bells since augmentation to eight should be a half-muffled one for the man who worked so hard and doggedly to place the two extra bells in the tower.
G. G.

FAREWELL TOUCH.

On Sunday evening, January 23rd, at St. Giles' Church, Reading, 1008 changes Double Norwich Major was rung by members of St. Giles' Society as a farewell to Mr. G. R. Goodship, who is leaving Reading for Nottingham: G. R. Goodship 1, L. T. Osborne 2, G. Wiggin 3, R. Bishop 4, A. Balley 5, R. N. Runham 6, H. A. Osborne 7, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 8.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT'S SATISFACTORY POSITION.**

The annual meeting of the N. and E. district of the Middlesex Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Christ Church, Southgate, on January 22nd, when over 70 members attended. The splendid peal of ten bells was made use of from 3 to 5.30, when a service was held, at which the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Peplow) gave an excellent and most helpful address on the subject of 'Fellowship,' which was much appreciated.

Tea was served at 'The Woolpack,' where the business meeting was afterwards held. The chair was taken by the president (Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O.), whilst many well-known members of the Exercise were present, including Messrs. W. and G. R. Pye, R. Sanders, W. H. Oram, J. Armstrong, W. D. Smith, A. A. Hughes, E. H. Lewis, and several ladies.

The balance sheet, showing a credit on the year's working of nearly £3, and assets to the amount of over £90 (including £73 13s. 6d. in War Loan), was adopted subject to audit, and a sum of £10 was voted to the Central Fund to help meet a deficiency incurred prior to the raising of the subscriptions.

Thirteen new members were then elected, and the subsequent business included the re-election of the whole of the retiring officers, with the exception of Mr. J. Waghorn, whose resignation from the Central Committee was accepted with regret and thanks for past services. Mr. W. H. Oram, of Harrow, was elected to fill the vacancy.

An earnest appeal for increased support for 'The Ringing World' was made by the Hon. Secretary, who pointed out that they were being asked to pay very little more than the pre-war price, as 3d. in those days had about the same spending value as a 1l. before the war. For the sake of their associations ringers should see that the paper continued to exist, as their position without such a lift would be a very difficult one. As four extra pages had been promised there was no doubt that the paper would go back to its pre-war standard, when all ringers and all ringing were catered for.—The appeal was supported by the President, who said that he hoped members would take their copies regularly, and an extra copy if possible.—Mr. E. J. Butler (hon. secretary, S.W. District, Essex Association) also supported the appeal, pointing out that association postage expenses would greatly increase without a newspaper.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Cubitt Town on March 5th.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. C. F. Peplow for his address and for the use of the bells, and to Mr. J. E. Miller and the Southgate ringers for the excellent arrangements made. A most successful and pleasant meeting was brought to a close by another visit to the belfry, where, during the day, much ringing was done, from rounds for the learners, who are always so welcome at district meetings, to Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Royal for those who aspired to these methods.

RESTORATION OF A DORSETSHIRE RING.

The six bells of the Parish Church at Frampton, Dorset, have been in an unringable condition for some years, owing to the worn out state of the fittings and a broken tenor. Recently the work of restoration was placed in the hands of Messrs. T. Dohle and Son, of Taunton who sent the tenor to Loughborough, where it has been 'recast in memory of Capt. C. L. Sanctuary, who died of wounds in France, November 15th, 1916.' The deceased officer was the son of the Vicar. The new bell weighs 16 cwt., and is of excellent tone.

The frame has been well braced with long tie bolts and corner plates, and the bells have been rehung with entire new fittings. An Ellacombe chiming apparatus has also been fitted, and the whole of the work has been carried out in a manner which have given complete satisfaction.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of this branch was held at Thornbury, on Saturday, January 22nd, and was well attended. The Rev. Canon Cornwall (Vicar) conducted the service, and presided over the business meeting.—The Branch Secretary, Mr. W. A. Lewis, read a short report of the year's work, which showed that thirteen meetings had been held, with an average attendance of twenty. One life member, one honorary member, and 17 performing members had been elected during the year, bringing the total membership to 90—a record since the branch was formed in 1909. The receipts amounted to £29 9s. 6d., and the expenditure £4 9s. 6d., leaving a balance of £25. The balance sheet was unanimously adopted, and the following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. F. Oakhill; vice-chairman, Mr. A. Burcombe; hon. secretary, Mr. W. A. Lewis. Mr. H. W. Fussell was elected to represent the branch on the General Management Committee. Mr. R. Pools was elected as a performing member.—Cam was selected for the next meeting, fixed for February 19th.

Mr. F. R. Howell (hon. treasurer) spoke on several matters of importance, including the registration of all members of the association.

Mr. W. A. Lewis proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Cornwall for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for presiding over the meeting; also thanking Mr. F. H. Burchell for his support to the branch and the interest he takes in the association by so kindly auditing the accounts.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**PROGRESS IN THE WIMBORNE BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Branch took place at Wimborne. It was marked by several things; the first was the breezy welcome and personality and address of the new Vicar, the Rev. A. L. Keith; another was the playing on the Minster organ by the Master, Major Hughes D'Aeth, who rendered every part of the service in which we offer up 'our craftsman art and music's measure,' as only a ringer could do it; a third was the progress and keenness of the local company, including the older members, who after so many years of ringing in the old style, are joining heartily in the new effort, and setting a splendid example to the older generation who would keep the youngsters to call changes. Mr. Keith could welcome us as a brother ringer; Haslemere made him so; though not himself an expert, he could appreciate the difficulties and essentials of the art; he was proud of the position which the grand old Minster had been steadily taking in the ringing life of the Diocese since that memorable day of June 14th, 1911, when, through the beneficence of Mr. Chessil, the two trebles had been added, and had given to the Diocese its one and only ten bell peal. He looked forward keenly to the day in the near future, when the local company should be second to none in the neighbourhood in the art itself; and in concluding he could make the old text, Exod. xxviii. 34, vibrate with a message that was fresh and clear and straight: 'the man must be greater than the artisan'; the greatest expert could render to God and the Church and his fellow men a still higher service, that of a life that rang true—that sends out its golden sound, as he moves about in the ordinary day's doings.

After the service, an ample tea was provided at the Church House, and the business meeting followed. Among those present, then or earlier, besides the Vicar and the Master, were the Chairman of the Branch (the Rev. H. L. Phillips, Rector of Poole); the Secretary of the Guild (the Rev. F. L. Edwards); Revs. A. D. Allan, C. Carew Cox, R. H. Gundry, H. F. Whitford, C. A. Phillips (Branch Secretary), Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart (Past Master), Mr. C. H. Jennings (Secretary, Dorchester Branch), and members from Bournemouth St. Peter, Bournemouth St. John, Lytchett Minster, Poole Stanbridge, Sturminster Marshall and Wimborne. The report of the past year showed among its activities that the Master practises what he preaches, and recorded useful six bell practices, held under his auspices at Sturminster Marshall, Bryanston, Canford St. Giles. The first new bell in the district since the Armistice had been added to the five at Shroton by Messrs. Mears and Stanbank, and bore the following inscription:—

'I was given by John Crouch in memory of his wife, Sarah Ann Crouch, 1920.

My gentle note shall lead the merry sound.

Peace to the Parish—may goodwill abound.

R. Hugh Gundry, Rector; J. Crouch, J. W. Harvey, Churchwardens.'

The officers of the branch were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. Goodenough, as representative on the Guild Committee; he has found that he is unable to attend the meetings, and his place is taken by the Rev. A. D. Allan. Mr. Goodenough has given through the past 20 years more valuable, continuous and devoted help to change ringing in this district than any other single member, and it is much regretted that he will no longer appear among the branch officials.

After the meeting most of the company returned to the tower. The quality and variety of the ringing was not quite up to the standard of the war-time annals, when Q.-M. Serret, Cave and some of his friends from the camp at 'Jumpers,' helped the members to those splendid touches of Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal, but there were some useful courses of Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Grandsire Caters, and some of the younger members gained fresh experience in a new method, on a greater number of bells, or in handling heavier metal.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**CENTRAL DIVISION.**

The quarterly meeting of the Central Division was held at Seaford. The Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Phillips) conducted service, and afterwards about 35 sat down to a sumptuous 'knife and fork' tea, the Vicar presiding, supported by the churchwardens and several ladies, the Master of the Association (Mr. J. T. Rickman), and the Rev. Cecil H. Clarke (Vicar of Chiddingly). At the business meeting which followed, five new members were elected, viz.: Mr. Frank Bowral, Miss N. Packham and Miss E. Packham (Seaford), Mr. G. Gasson, and Mr. W. Lovel (Burgess Hill).

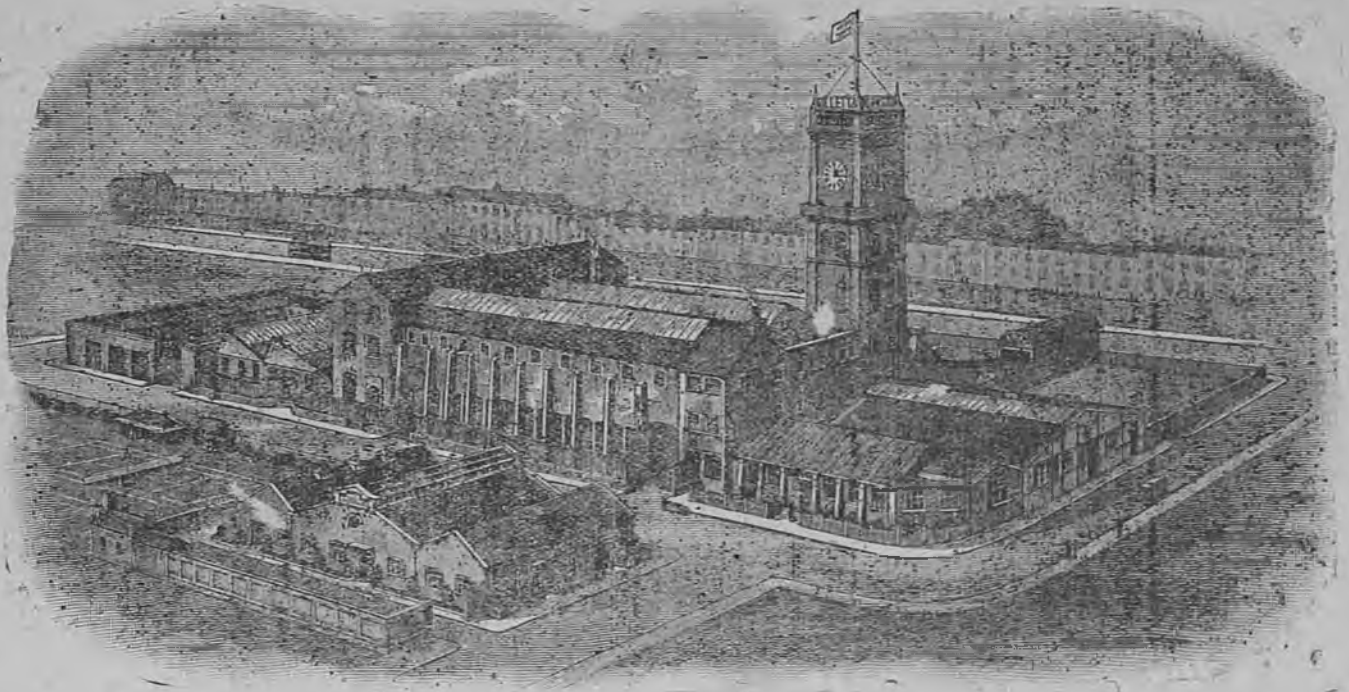
At the conclusion, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and churchwardens for their hospitality and kindly welcome, and also to the organist.

The tower was visited both in the afternoon and evening, and touches varying from Grandsire Triples to London and Bristol Surprise were rung.

The offertory at the service, for the Association's Benevolent Fund, amounted to one guinea.

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**THE CROYDON
BELL FOUNDRY
1920.**

The records of any peals rung during the year 1920 which have not yet been published should be sent in at once in order that they may appear in time for inclusion in the Central Council's Analysis.

NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of the 'RINGING WORLD,' to which all communications should be sent, is 63, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before Feb. 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 3rd and 17th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 8th, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Clement's, Hastings, on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Tower open from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Half tea and half rail fares (max. 2/-).—George W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The Annual meeting of this district will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Tower open at 2.30. Service in Church at 5. Tea at the Lime Tree Hotel at 5.45, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Warminster on Feb. 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.—H. F. Brown, 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—S. and W. District.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at the London Apprentice 6 p.m., by kind invitation of the Vicar, followed by business meeting.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, District Sec., 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Rectory 5 p.m., by kind invitation of the Rector, followed by business meeting.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., West Hill, Hitchin.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The February meeting will be held at Staveley on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Eight bells open from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m., conducted by Canon Molineaux. Tea in Brook's room at 5 p.m., for desire tea are requested to advise Mr. F. E. Parsons, Spen Lea Villas, Lowgates, Staveley, not later than Feb. which the charge of 1s. 6d. will be made.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Glastonbury on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at Taylor's, High Street. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—H. J. Trim, Hon. Local Sec., Garden Terrace, Glastonbury.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

—The adjourned general meeting will be held on Feb. 5th at the 'King of Denmark,' Old Bailey, 7.30 p.m., and members are earnestly requested to attend.—J. D. Matthews.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. It is hoped to practise Cambridge and London at this meeting.—A. E. Sharman, District Sec., 199, High Street, North Dunstable.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Cramlington on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (6) will be available afternoon and evening. Committee meeting at 4.15, and tea at 5 o'clock, in the Parish Hall. Members 1s. 6d. and non-members 2s. 6d. per head.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec., 80, Fern Dene Road, Gateshead.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Epsom on Saturday, Feb. 5th. The bells will be open from 3 o'clock and after the meeting, service at St. Martin's Church at 5.15, tea at Mr. Matten's at 6 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Charles Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The district annual meeting will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m., at City Restaurant. Cathedral bells available 6.30 to 9.—C. Edwards, Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Service at St. Giles' Church at 5 p.m., tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Rising Sun, Silver Street, at 6 p.m., 2s. 6d. each.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Sec. Reading Branch, 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Service at 3.30. Meat tea at 4.15 at Baker's, Broad Street. Bells available all day. Also Fulney and Pinchbeck.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Usual arrangement. The subscriptions (2s.) for 1921 are now due.—Sidney J. Lawrence, District Sec., 7, Castilian Terrace, Northampton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A Quarterly meeting is to be held at Sturminster Newton on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15, address by Ven. Archdeacon Ward, R.D. Tea at White Hart Hotel at 5 o'clock.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices Feb. 7th, 7.30 p.m., St. Clement Danes. The annual general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Association service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., at the Parish House, Clare Market. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea will only be pro-

vided for those who send in their names before Feb. 5th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The next meeting will be held at Haslemere on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Eight bells, available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.30, 9d. to members, 1s. 6d. to visitors. Special business: To elect a new secretary.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., 3, Bridge Street, Guildford.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, Feb. 12th. All ringers are cordially invited to be present. Tower open 4 p.m.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Warmley on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify honorary secretary not later than Feb. 7th.—P. C. Williams, Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield Church, Gorton, on Saturday, Feb. 12th, as the 5th is not suitable to the church authorities. Bells ready at 4 o'clock, meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 12th, at Todmorden Parish Church. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30.—S. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Strewsbury Place, Garston.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Stone-in-Oxney on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m.—H. Balcombe, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walton-le-Dale on Feb. 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Association service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at the Parish House, Clare Market. Business meeting 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at the two 6-bell towers of Wheathampstead and Sandridge on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Meet at Wheathampstead 3 p.m., Sandridge 6 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea can be provided for all those requiring same if they notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 15th. Members' subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business: To discuss the advisability of reverting to pre-war annual report.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Kelvedon on Feb. 19th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Service with address 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at the Infants' School Room. All intending to be present please notify Mr. Wm. Elliott, Brunswick House, Kelvedon, not later than Feb. 16th. Subscriptions to the amount of 1/6 per member are now due.—B. Redgewell, Dis. Sec., Rayne, near Braintree.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Estab 1755).—The 33rd Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, will be held at The Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham (in the beautiful Connaught Room), Saturday, Feb. 26th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon E. Grose Hodge, M.A., Rector of Birmingham. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s. to meet the increased cost of the dinner, to other members and friends, 6s. 6d. each. It is necessary for every full member to be clear on the books not later than Saturday, Feb. 19th. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 5.15.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Election of Delegates to the Central Council. Rule 13. Nominations must reach me not later than Feb. 28th.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallen, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Arthur Mason has removed to 126, Whitehorse Road, West Croydon.

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GRIMSBY.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, December 26th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples and 238 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Seamer (conductor) 1, F. Overton 2, R. S. Long 3, T. Fitzjohn (Thetford) 4, A. W. Long 5, C. Taylor 6, S. Bromfield 7, W. E. Meffen 8. For evening service, 1280 Grandsire Triples: D. Seamer 1, F. Overton 2, T. Fitzjohn 3, J. W. Seamer (conductor) 4, A. W. Long 5, C. Taylor 6, S. Bromfield 7, F. Brown 8.

WRITTLE.—Essex Association.—On Dec. 28th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: T. Lincoln, F. W. Edwards, H. W. Kirton, G. W. Sorrell, H. Head, A. Head, W. Lincoln (conductor), W. E. Emery. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. Ernest Grover, Vicar of the parish, who was buried on the above date in Writtle Churchyard.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD.—On Thursday, January 6th in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: S. Thomas (conductor) 1, *J. Oguthorpe 2, *Rev. J. R. Leo Nicholls 3, J. E. L. Cockey 4, W. Noble 5, J. Brinson 6, W. S. Plant 7, C. Haynes 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman. First touch of Stedman for 17 years by the ringer of the 5th.

LADIES' GUILD.

A largely attended and very successful meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Midland Section) was held at St. Martin's Church, Tipton, in the heart of the Black Country, on Saturday, January 30th. About 40 members and friends were present from Erdington, Solihull, Smethwick, Handsworth, Coaley, Wolverhampton, Dudley and Tipton. The ringers and others were welcomed by the veteran, Mr. W. Rock Small, and his band, who had the bells already for the visitors. The bells, a sweet light peal of eight, were first rung by the ladies, and afterwards by mixed bands in various touches. The company then attended service, which was conducted by the Rev. Walter T. de Vine M.A., R.D., at which the Guild's form was used. The service was fully choral, and was entered into most heartily, ably led by the organist, the Vicar, in a most interesting and encouraging address, giving a hearty welcome to the members, urging the ringers to keep together, for the work they were doing was one that God had called them to. He also reminded his hearers that the bells when rung brought great joy to some people and sorrow to others, yet he rejoiced to have them rung at all times, especially to call people to prayer.—The Benediction having been said, the visitors, together with the Vicar, wardens and local band, returned to the tower, where a solemn little ceremony took place.—Mr. Rock Small said they had met together that afternoon to unveil a peal board to the memory of one of their ringers, Mr. Rowley, a young man of 19 years, who went forth to do duty for King and country, and had paid the great supreme sacrifice. He trusted that no other ringer would have to go on a similar call, and he expressed the sympathy of all with the mother who was present.—The Vicar offered prayer, and then asked Mrs. Rowley to unveil the tablet.—This having been done, a beautiful piece of work was exposed, the tablet bearing the royal coat of arms in colours, and being lettered in gold.—The Vicar having addressed the company, this part of the proceedings terminated. An adjournment was then made to the Schools clog by, where a substantial tea, kindly provided by the Vicar and wardens, was served.—Mrs. Groves moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his inspiring address, and to the wardens, organist, Mr. Small and all who had helped to make the meeting a success.—This was seconded by Mrs. Preston, and carried unanimously.—The Vicar, in responding, said it gave him much pleasure to welcome the Guild to Tipton, and wish it every success.

The ladies then held their business meeting, Miss Sarah Pigott, Smethwick (president of the Guild), being in the chair.—The members were elected, and the place of the next meeting was left to the secretary to fix.

The President then called the attention of the members to the Editor of 'The Ringing World's' appeal, and advised them to send a postcard giving their view.—After a short discussion it was decided to support the paper at increased rate.

A vote of thanks to the President brought the meeting to a close, when another short visit was paid to the tower for ringing.

E. W. S.

RETTENDON.—Essex Association.—On Friday, Dec. 31st, 1920, in 1 hour 5 minutes, at All Saints' Church, a date touch of 1920 changes in the following methods: 120 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Plain Bob, 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: F. P. Jay 1, W. Jay 2, W. May 3, F. May 4, S. F. Jay 5, C. Jay (conductor) 6.

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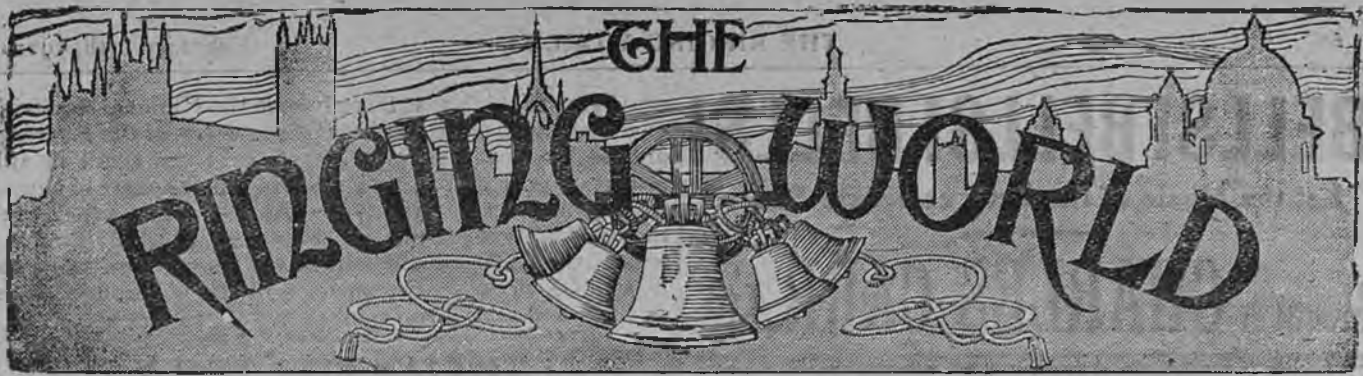
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The National Assembly last week eliminated bell ringers from the terms of Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure, and ringers will remain for the future, as they have done in the past, subject to the control of the incumbent. Both 'organist' and 'bell ringers' were omitted from Clause 6, which proposed to place their appointment and dismissal and the terms of the tenure of their office under the Parochial Councils, and the mover of the amendment in both cases was no less an authority than Lord Phillimore, who is recognised as one of the greatest of the Law Lords of this country. After the legal arguments which he put forward, the task of securing the deletion of the words was an easy one, and there was no need for Canon Baker to move the amendment of which he had given notice. Indeed, he merely contented himself with presenting the petition of the Central Council at the opening of the session, and speaking in the debate of the numerous representations he had received from ringing organisations all over the country. The ringers also found a champion in the Dean of Lincoln, who seconded Lord Phillimore's proposal, and had there been more time available, other speakers were ready to support the amendment of the clause. But there was no necessity and the omission of both ringers and organist from the section was carried by a large majority.

As has been pointed out, the danger in the clause was not the intention of the draughtsman, but the construction that might be put upon the words once they had been enacted, and it is most satisfactory to know that the Assembly have seen fit to exclude ringers from the operation of the clause. Lord Phillimore's argument was convincing. Whatever power of appointment or dismissal of organist or ringers was given to the Parochial Councils, the organ could not be played or the bells rung without the consent of the incumbent. That, in effect, was the legal view he put forward, and, after that, there was little to be said by anyone who sought to retain the powers.

To the Exercise, of course, the amendment which actually secured the elimination of ringers came from an unexpected source, but ringers will be no less grateful to Canon Baker for all the trouble he took in connection with the matter. It was through him that the Exercise received its first warning of the possible danger, and it was upon him that we should have depended had there been no action by such a welcome protagonist as Lord Phillimore. At our request Canon Baker has kindly written a short resume of the proceedings, and his report of what happened at the Assembly will be read with great interest. It is most

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gratifying to think that there is upon the National Assembly one who has so closely at heart the interests of the Exercise, and so long as he remains a member, ringers will be able to rest content that nothing affecting their sphere of church work will escape attention. At the same time, even though purely legal motives prompted Lord Phillimore's action, the Exercise will appreciate his services, while the Dean of Lincoln's championship of the voluntary ringers' cause will also give rise to a feeling of gratification.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES; -

Tenor 53 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	ARTHUR MASON 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ALBERT W. COLES 8
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	CORNELIUS CHARGE 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	REUBEN SANDERS 10
HAROLD W. CLARK 5	WILLIAM PYE 11
JOHN ARMSTRONG 6	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Tenor

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Jan. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	WILLIAM H. PICKETT 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	*ERNEST BREIT 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	*ISAAC J. ATTWATER 9
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	GEORGE CARD 10
*ERNEST J. KING 5	ARTHUR D. BARKER 11
EDWARD WALLAGE 6	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.
* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.)

On Saturday, Jan. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	*CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 6
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 3	*WILLIAM BURGESS 8
ARTHUR S. BOAR 4	*GEORGE E. SYMONDS 9
*JAMES ROSE 5	*FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. It was rung as a welcome home and also as a compliment to A. S. Boar, who has recently been successful in passing the qualifying examination for registration as a chemist and druggist of Great Britain.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

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On Monday, Jan. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

ROBERT RICHARDSON Treble	SYDNEY G. FLOWERS 6
JOSEPH W. FLOWERS 2	*ERNEST FLOWERS 7
JOHN W. WOOD 3	*JOHN CURRY 8
GEORGE LADD 4	*WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 9
ARTHUR FARR 5	REV. H. LAW JAMES ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.
* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
JOHN HARRISON 2	DAN RENSHAW 6
*FRANK BERRY 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
JAMES JACQUES 4	TOM WELLENS Tenor

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On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Treble	WILLIAM BURGESS 5
*JAMES ROSE 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 6
†GEORGE BENNETT 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 4	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Triples. † First attempt for peal of Stedman.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

†H. J. HAZELL Treble	*R. SHARPE 5
§MISS V. SHORTER 2	P. FORDHAM 6
F. POULSON 3	W. STANNARD 7
†E. G. HIBBINS 4	R. LATHEURY Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by R. LATHEURY.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

CHARLES H. BRIGGS ... Treble	*JOHN OLDHAM 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 2	THOMAS H. VALLENCE ... 6
ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 3	D. HAROLD ARGYLE 7
HARRY BROUGHTON 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells muffled after the dedication, by Archdeacon Macnutt, of St. Martin's, Leicester, of the memorial erected in the churchyard to the memory of 43 men of the village who made the supreme sacrifice during the recent great war.

CUBITT TOWN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
WILLIAM PYE 2	ARTHUR MASON 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	HAROLD W. CLARK 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	DALBY HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble and tenor.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

†GEORGE POUND Treble	THOMAS MANNERING
THOMAS E. SONE 2	CHARLES H. SONE
†LEONARD MANNERING ... 3	LEWIS HEAD
*AUGUSTINE V. GOOD 4	*CHARLES SMITH Tenor

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. This peal was rung as a quarterly district peal and was the first peal of Triples on the bells.

PICKERING, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*MISS A. L. HENDERSON ... Treble	MISS IRENE HORNER 5
†GEORGE FINCH 2	THOMAS W. ROBBINS 6
*MISS PHYLLIS GIBSON ... 3	JOHN R. BARTON 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	*EDWARD J. SUNLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. The ringers of 1st, 3rd and 5th are the first Pickering ringers to ring a peal. Ringers of 2nd, 6th and 8th are from Helmsley, 7th from Scarborough and 4th from Edmonton.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Jan. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM PRIOR Treble	THOMAS J. WAITS 5
GEORGE JORDAN 2	ALFRED E. PITSTOW 6
THOMAS JORDAN 3	FREDERICK DENCH 7
FREDERICK J. PITSTOW ... 4	*JOHN PRIOR Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the 50th birthday of Thomas Jordan. The ringer of the treble hails from Bishop's Stortford, 4, 6 and 7 from Saffron Walden, the rest being local men.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

*WILFRED RAYNER ... Treble	THOMAS JULL 5
FRED RICHARDSON 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 3	CHARLES E. NORRIS 7
FRANK BELSEY 4	SGT. GEORGE GILBERT, R.E. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by SGT. G. GILBERT, R.E.

* First peal. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Jan. 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*STEPHEN MADDISON ... Treble	JOHN G. AMES 5
GEORGE LADD 2	RICHARD SMITH 6
JOHN T. BROWN 3	JOHN CURRY 7
ARTHUR J. FARR 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.

* First peal.

The records of any peals rung during the year 1920 which have not yet been published should be sent in at once in order that they may appear in time for inclusion in the Central Council's Analysis.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Jan. 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN H. BOWER... .. Treble	C. HAYDN THORPE 5
TOM O'HARA 2	GEORGE LEWIS 6
JOHN THORPE 3	COLIN HARRISON 7
*WILLIAM CROWN 4	ROBERT HARRISON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

* First peal in the method. Believed to be the first peal of Bob Major on the bells.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM BANKS Treble	GEORGE EDWARDS 5
*MICHAEL LAMBERT 2	HARRY SEAL 6
JAMES MAYNARD 3	PERCY DENTON 7
*ARTHUR READER 4	*CHARLES BAKER... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

* First peal. James Maynard belongs to the local band, the rest of the band hail from Penshurst.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Monday, Jan. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores each of Oxford Singles, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and 12 six-scores of Grandsire, with 10 different callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*WALTER F. SERMONS Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD 3
HARRY HOWARD... .. 2	ROBERT HOWARD... .. 4
†ALBERT HOWARD Tenor	

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal. † First in 4 methods.

TUNSTALL.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Jan. 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN HARRIS Treble	WILLIAM SPICE 4
SERG. G. GILBERT, R.E.... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
EDWARD H. SPICE 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW'S, NORFOLK.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(MARSHLANDS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt.

*ARTHUR ODLING Treble	*JOHN CLAYTON 4
†LEE FEATHERBY... .. 2	*GEORGE W. NEWTON 5
‡TONY PRICE... .. 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal. ‡ First peal with a bob bell.

BIRKENHEAD, OXFESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, ROCK FERRY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JANUS R. GRIFFIN Treble	THOS. GILMOUR 4
*WALTER BATTLE 2	TOM RODGERS 5
*JOHN COOKE 3	HERBERT LUDKIN Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal of Minor with an inside bell. First peal on the bells. The band wish to tender their thanks to the Vicar for kindly allowing the use of the bells.

MALDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM J. BRINKLEY Treble	JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM 4
JOSEPH H. WALDOCK 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD 5
ALFRED J. H. PRAKE 3	FRED CHALK... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. J. MANSFIELD.

THE ENLARGED 'RINGING WORLD.'

The first issue of 'The Ringing World' enlarged to 16 pages at the increased price of 3d. will be made NEXT FRIDAY, February 18th.

As we announced last week, our intention is, in the first place, to bring the publication of the peal reports up-to-date. As soon as that has been done we intend to introduce as a regular feature a Sunday Service Ringers' page and a series of articles for young ringers, while articles of special interest will also appear from time to time.

May we ask all our friends to assist us by continuing their efforts to extend the circulation of the paper, as it is only by this means that we shall be able to maintain the size of the paper?

Next Friday 'The Ringing World' will be 3d. and will contain 16 pages.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Jan. 13, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Delight, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and College Single.

*FREDERICK ADAMS Treble	FRANK W. CROFT 4
FREDERICK C. WEBB... .. 2	*RALPH E. CROFT 5
ALFRED W. LINDSAY 3	GEORGE T. CROFT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE T. CROFT.

* First peal.

WORLESDON, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Jan. 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*CLAUDE HEATHER Treble	*GEORGE CHANDLER 4
*CHARLES SLYFIELD 2	SAMUEL PETER... .. 5
*MISS KATHLEEN AVENELL 3	HENRY A. BLACKMAN Tenor

Conducted by S. PETER.

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

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESEAN ASSOCIATION—
On Monday, Jan. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Twelve and a Half Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

†JOHN B. WOOLLEY ... 1—2 | WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY... 3—4 | †CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7—8
Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
† First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, Jan. 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM ... 1—2 | J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 7—8
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 3—4 | WILLIAM KENT ... 9—10
ALBERT WALKER ... 5—6 | MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 11—12

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.
Referee: ALBERT T. SCRIVENS.

First peal on the bells, which are a fine peal of twelve presented to
the Guild by Mr. A. A. Hughes of Whitechapel Foundry.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trin.) 1—2 | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 5—6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 3—4 | †M. C. G. HOOTON (Queen's) 7—8
Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
† First peal.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Sixteen and a Half Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE.

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

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trin.) 1—2 | E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 5—6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 3—4 | †W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 7—8
Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
Umpire: M. C. G. HOOTON.

† First peal in the method in hand.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF PLAIN AND MEDIUM BOB ROYAL, 5152 CHANGES;

W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 1—2 | E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trin.) 3—4 | REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 7—8
B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) ... 9—10

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
Umpire: M. C. G. HOOTON.

First peal of Royal ever rung on this plan. In Medium Bob the
treble makes sixth's place and returns to the lead. By employing
this in the above peal whenever the treble followed the seventh up,
the four tenors were never parted.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, Jan. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

CONVILLE VARIATION.

W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 1—2 | E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trin.) 3—4 | REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 7—8
Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
Umpires: H. G. BENSON and M. C. G. HOOTON.

First peal ever rung on this plan.

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THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND BELL RINGERS.

CANON BAKER'S RESUME OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

At the session of the National Assembly last week, 'bell ringers' was deleted from Clause 6 of the Parochial Church Councils' (Powers) Measure. Canon Baker supplies us with the following account of the proceedings:—

The Exercise can congratulate itself that the difficulties foreseen if Clause 6 of the Parochial Church Councils' Powers Measure should be passed in its original form have been entirely removed. By a large majority it was resolved on Wednesday, Feb. 2nd, to omit both 'organist' and 'bell ringers' from the sub-section.

In each case the omission was proposed by Lord Phillimore, and the question was really settled when he showed, with a wealth of legal knowledge, that whether or not the Council appointed an 'organist,' he could not play the organ without the consent of the incumbent. The same argument held good, he said, for the bells, and it was soon clear that the most ardent supporters of the powers of Parochial Councils had no desire for the empty privilege of appointing and paying organists and ringers, if they could neither play the organ nor ring the bells.

In the case of 'bell ringers,' Lord Phillimore's motion was seconded by the Dean of Lincoln, speaking as the President of his Association. He laid stress on the voluntary character of the services of most ringers, and pleaded for their exemption from the clause. Though he did make some of us smile by talking of 'triple bobs,' we owe him a debt of gratitude for his strong championship of our cause.

The Assembly was impatient to get on to other business, so I contented myself with speaking of the numerous representations I had received from all parts of the country, and the division took place with the result that I have stated.

It was noteworthy that other speakers in the same sense were crowded out, and that no one spoke in favour of retaining the word in the clause.

So all's well that ends well.

I should add that, in accordance with the rules of the Assembly, I presented the petition of the Standing Committee of the Central Council at the opening of the session, but could not read it, or make a speech on it at that time.

W. W. C. BAKER.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

In fine weather, the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held on Saturday, January 31st, at St. Peter's, Earlsheaton, some 250 ringers taking advantage of the invitation of the local company to visit Earlsheaton. Divine service was held in St. Peter's Church, the preacher being the Rev. Frank Wolde, M.A., Vicar of the neighbouring parish of Dewsbury. A most interesting sermon was preached from the Book of Wisdom viii. 1, 'Wisdom reacheth from one end to another mightily, and sweetly doth she order all things.' The preacher stated that the ringers' function was not merely calling to prayer. The law and order that had to be observed in the art of change ringing was a great lesson to the lawlessness of the modern world. What is not law and order is not the will of God, and ringers were on a level with the great musicians of the church, in proclaiming the call of the Master, that the message of the church was to bring method and order into all things.

A bountiful tea was provided in the neighbouring schoolroom, this being followed by the business meeting, the President (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) being in the chair, supported by the Vicar of Earlsheaton (the Rev. R. S. Davies, M.A.) and the principal officers of the association.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. F. Palframan, and seconded by Mr. F. Cryer, to hold a meeting of the association at Scarborough on Easter Monday next.—The balance sheet, which showed a deficit of some £46, owing to heavy cost of printing the annual report, was passed on the motion of the auditors, Messrs. J. W. Dews and W. Idle.

A vote of thanks to the Vicars and local authorities for the use of the fine peals of eight at Earlsheaton and Dewsbury and six at Thornhill, was responded to by the venerable Vicar (the Rev. R. S. Davies), who once more added to the great debt of kindness which ringers owe to the local clergy, by offering a hearty welcome to the association, and regretting that advancing years would in all probability prevent him from welcoming the association to Earlsheaton.

So ended a most pleasant day to the visitors, who carried away memories of a splendid meeting, a kindly welcome, and leaving them with a hearty desire to come to such pleasant quarters again.

P. J. J.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

The quarterly meeting was held on Saturday, January 29th, at the Church of St. Thomas, Pendleton, under the chairmanship of the President, Mr. S. Booth. During the afternoon some very good touches were rung, including Grandfira Triples, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Major.—At the business meeting a resolution was passed that the secretary send a letter to the Rev. Canon Baker, supporting his proposition to exclude ringers from the Parochial Council's Bill.—A vote of thanks to the church officials for the use of the bells brought the meeting to a close.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION WAR MEMORIAL.**DEDICATION AT CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL.**

To the memory of the members of the Essex Association of Change Ringers who fell in the Great War, 1914-1918.

C. Buggs, G. F. Brace, J. A. Blake, A. Bullock, G. Barnard, A. Cottee, F. Camp, H. J. Cooper, E. C. Cook, E. H. Emery, A. Eves, R. C. Finch, G. Francis, A. Fiddes, A. Gyppe, A. Gozzetti, A. Harrod, W. E. Jay, T. E. D. Loosenore, F. Letch, R. Law, W. Nice, T. Matthams, E. Newman, F. A. Ottley, W. Ottley, J. Poole, G. J. Playle, T. Pettit, E. Ridgwell, H. Rogers, H. J. Sudell, S. Souther, A. Smith, A. P. Saffell, S. C. Searle, J. Smith, A. J. Sivell, H. Saunders, P. Taylor, J. Tippius, W. Truss, H. Wright, G. B. Ward. Their brother ringers dedicate this record.

A.D. 1920.

Bearing the above inscription, a tablet of Portland stone in the Cathedral Church at Chelmsford stands for all time as a record of those members of the Essex Association who laid down their lives in the war. One more name has yet to be added, W. Wallace, of Waltham, but the tablet has been dedicated by the Bishop of Chelmsford at an impressive service, which was attended by a large congregation, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Chelmsford, relatives of the deceased, and ringers of the county. The service was fully choral, and comprised the hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' and the opening sentences of the Order for the Burial of the Dead, beautifully rendered by the choir, with Mr. F. R. Frye, Mus.Bac., F.R.C.O., at the organ. There followed the Psalm, 'The Lord is my Shepherd,' and then the lesson, Wisdom.iii. 1-9, read by Mr. C. H. Howard, of Braintree, the Master of the Association.

At the close of the lesson there was a procession to the west end for the purpose of dedicating the memorial, including the Bishop and clergy, the relatives of the fallen and the officers of the Association, Mr. C. H. Howard (Master), pulled the cord of a Union Jack covering the tablet, and as the flag fell the Bishop recited:

'To the Honour and Glory of Almighty God and in grateful remembrance of our comrades who fell in the war, we unveil this tablet. May God accept this gift at our hands. May it grant that those who look at it may lift their eyes from the shadows of this world to the unseen and eternal glories of the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

The procession then returned while the hymn, 'God of the living,' was sung.

The Bishop of Chelmsford preached from Zechariah xiv. 20. 'In that day shall be upon the bells, Holiness unto the Lord.'

After the address the congregation stood while the Bishop commended to the mercy of God the souls of the departed; and read each name. Then prayers for comfort were recited, and the Lord's Prayer, followed by the hymn, 'For all the Saints,' the concluding prayer being for those who rang the bells of God's House of Prayer. The Bishop pronounced the Blessing, the Last Post was sounded on the bugles, and the National Anthem concluded the service. As the congregation left the Cathedral the 'whole pull and stand' was rung forty-four times, representing the number of the fallen members.

Subsequently the gathering took tea with the Bishop and clergy in the Corn Exchange, the Mayor and Mayoress of Chelmsford (Ald. and Mrs. J. O. Thompson) being also present.

Mr. Howard, who presided, thanked Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Straight and their helpers for kindly providing the tea, and then tendered his thanks to the choir and organist for the beautiful service, and to the Bishop for his address. His Lordship had referred to prayers in the belfry, and he was glad to say that in their book of rules they had a little office by Canon Papillon which was much used.

The Bishop replied, and the Master then referred to the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress, and spoke of the growth of the association. He said its numbers were as high as ever, and interest in it was never greater.—The Mayor offered his congratulations, and the Master further expressed the association's indebtedness to the Rector of Chelmsford, the Rev. Canon Lake, for all that he did for them on that and every occasion (hear, hear). He hoped the proposal that the Parochial Church Council should have the power of appointing and dismissing bell ringers would not be carried, for they would rather be under the incumbent (hear, hear). They were very well satisfied with their position with the clergy. They would rather work under Canon Lake in Chelmsford than anywhere else (hear, hear).

The Canon replied that they had spent a very happy day, the result of which would be the promotion of their work for God.

Before the service, a touch of 701 Grandshire Caters was rung, with the bells half-muffled, by: A. Edwards, Boreham 1; S. Roper, Cropton, 2; H. Edwards, Boreham, 3; T. Lincoln, Writtle, 4; A. Head, Writtle, 5; H. Head, Writtle, 6; P. Timson, Chelmsford, 7; J. Wood, Chelmsford, 8; W. Lincoln, Writtle (conductor), 9; W. Pease, Chelmsford, 10. At the close of the service the same band rang the 'whole pull and stand.' After tea, with the bells open, Grandshire Caters and Cinques, Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal were rung by various members of the association. The Mayor and Mayoress visited the belfry, and the Mayor expressed a wish to become an honorary member of the association.

VARIATIONS OF KENT TREBLE BOB.

By the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES.

Who has not heard of the curate's egg? He was staying at the palace, and at breakfast-time the Bishop noticed that the egg was a little off colour. On being asked if that were not the case, the curate, not wishing to disparage his host's provender, stammered out, 'Parts of it are excellent, my Lord.'

Now, I have always held that sentiment with regard to Kent Treble Bob. Parts of it are excellent. But when the tenors get in the slow — * * * — !!

It was in the hope of removing that blot that Worcester Treble Bob was produced, and it effectually served its purpose: but it went too far. By the omission of all bobs, the method became monotonous.

On Monday, January 17th, I discovered a variation of Kent which effected the same object, without departing so far from the method. If you allow the treble to make second's place after dodging in 1-2 up, and let her continue by dodging in 1-2 down, the next lead end is brought up in eight changes.

The following two cuts in the plain course prevent the tenor and seventh from ever going on the slow:—

18674523	17856342
81675432	17853624
18764523	17586342
81765432	17583624
18674523	17856342
81764523	17586342
18765432	17583624
17856342	15738264

By introducing these cuts into Mr. Harrison's 6080, and shortening every course, we produced a peal of 5120, in which the tenor's never go in slow; and we rang the peal the same night. This variation we named 'The Gonville variation' of Kent Treble Bob. It does not depart on the whole from the spirit of the method, as the three-pull dodges are analogous to those which are made at a Bob.

But on the following morning (Tuesday) I discovered another variation, which we called the 'Granta variation,' which keeps much closer to the regular method. By the simple device of allowing the treble to go into the slow when the heavy bells offer themselves, the same effect is produced without disturbing the even flow of the treble bob work up behind, as follows:—

GRANTA VARIATION.

Major.

18674523
81765432
81674523
18765432
17856342
17583624
17856342
17583624
15738264

By this plan the course of Major is reduced to 168, Royal to 216 and Maximus to 264; and all the objectionable changes are cut out, while no work foreign to the spirit of the method is introduced.

[Note.—The ten and twelve bell figures will be published later.—Ed.]

PROPAGANDA WORK AT ST. ALBANS.

On Tuesday, January 25th, Mr. G. W. Cartmel, hon. secretary of the Hertford County Association, gave a lantern lecture in the Christ Church Parish Hall, on 'Bells and Bell Ringing,' to a large and enthusiastic audience. The lecturer treated of the history of bells, old and present-day founders, bell casting, old ringing societies, and change ringing, the audience being somewhat amused and mystified with the various methods thrown upon the screen. Members of the Cathedral Society demonstrated on eight and ten handbells, which was greatly enjoyed. Grateful acknowledgment is extended to Messrs. J. W. Taylor and Gillett and Johnston for the gift and loan of various photographs with which to make the lantern slides.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

A general meeting of the Exeter District of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers took place at Topsham. It was attended by representatives of Topsham, Clyst St. George, Sowton, Withycombe Raleigh, Littleham, Alington, Heavitree, St. David's and St. Sidwell's (Exeter). Ringing was done at Topsham, Clyst St. George, and Lympstone. Tea at Topsham was followed by a business meeting, when over 50 assembled. Those present included the Revs. Canon McLaren, G. Halliday, Weber, H. B. Clarke, and J. B. Ball. Withycombe was chosen for the next district meeting, and the date fixed April 9th. Christow became affiliated as a band.

An appeal was made for subscribers to 'The Ringing World.'

Votes of thanks were passed to the clergy for use of bells, and to the Rev. G. Halliday for arranging a room for the tea and meeting. The latter, in returning thanks, said ringers did a valuable amount of work in a quiet and unadvertised way.

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**THE CROYDON
BELL FOUNDRY
1921.**

DEATH OF TWO LIVERPOOL RINGERS.**FATAL ACCIDENT TO MR. GEORGE WOODHALL.**

By the death of Mr. John Turner and Mr. George Woodhall, the ringers of Liverpool and district have sustained a severe loss. Mr. Turner, who was unmarried, and aged 47, died from an internal complaint, and was buried at Garston Churchyard on January 15th, in the presence of a large gathering of his fellow-workmen, and ringers from various Liverpool churches.—The Vicar of Garston, the Rev. T. Parnell Rowe, gave a short and impressive address, in which he alluded to the high character and faithful service of the deceased, who had served faithfully and well for 30 years with the London and North Western Railway Company, and for a period of 20 years was a regular ringer at St. Mary's, Grassendale.

The deceased was a good and safe ringer, and had taken part in about 40 peals in the Standard Methods and Double Norwich.

Mr. George Woodhall, who leaves a widow and several grown-up children, was aged 63, and met his end in a sad and tragic manner. While engaged at his work at Cobling Dock, he fell from a height of 50 feet, and fractured his skull, dying shortly afterwards.

He was buried at Anfield Cemetery on January 19th, prior to which a service was held at St. Dunstan's Church, at which the Rev. C. A. Clements, Vicar of Hale, and the Rev. Hunter Rodwell, Vicar of the parish, officiated. The Rev. C. A. Clements pronounced the committal sentences at the graveside, in the presence of a large and representative gathering of relatives and ringers of the district. The remains were borne to their last resting-place by four fellow ringers, Messrs. W. Hughes, E. Breese, E. Counce and A. Lintott, and afterwards a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by: W. Hughes, T. Hammond, A. Lintott and J. Martin.

George Woodhall was well-known and respected in many parts of the country, and, as far as the writer has been able to ascertain, rang about 50 peals in the Standard Methods.

Much sympathy is extended to his widow and family in their tragic loss.

The following ringing has been done with the bells half-muffled in memory of the two ringers, and as a last tribute of respect:—

On Saturday, January 15th, an attempt for a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was lost, after 2 hours and 35 minutes' ringing, at St. Michael's, Garston.

On Monday, January 17th, at St. Mary, Grassendale, a peal of Minor was lost in the fourth 7: through a rope breaking.

On Tuesday, January 18th, a quarter-peal (1359 changes) of Stedman Caters was rung on the front ten at St. Nicholas Church: W. Fisher 1, E. Counce 2, R. O. Street 3, W. Booth 4, W. T. Robson 5, T. Gilmour 6, J. Martin 7, A. Lintott 8, W. Davies (conductor) 9, C. Davies 10. Also 238 Grandsire Caters: E. Bounphrey 1, W. Fisher 2, A. Lintott 3, E. Counce 4, G. R. Newton 5, J. Donnelly 6, T. Hammond 7, C. Davies 8, J. Martin 9, W. Lindsay 10.

On January 18th, a peal of Minor at Walton-on-the-Hill was successful; as was also a peal at Garston on the 22nd.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Netherton on Saturday, January 22nd, when nearly every tower in the division was represented, about 50 members being present.

Service was held, and the Vicar (Canon S. J. Marriott) gave an impressive address. Tea was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding. Hartlebury was selected as the place for the next quarterly meeting in June. The quarterly peal is to be attempted at Netherton, with Mr. A. Davies conductor. Five new members were elected, and the sum of £1 3s. 6d. was collected for the memorial window, which will be unveiled and dedicated at Worcester Cathedral on Easter Monday.

A discussion on the proposed increased cost of 'The Ringing World' took place, and it was resolved 'That this meeting pledge itself to support "The Ringing World" at its increased cost.'

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the service and for presiding was carried unanimously. Ringing was indulged in both before and after service and meeting, the methods ranging from Grandsire to Surprise.

ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A united meetings for the Hunts and Isle of Ely districts was held at Ely on January 29th. A short service was held in St. Mary's Church, after which tea was provided at a restaurant close by, to which fourteen sat down, the towers represented being Ely, Cambridge, Fordham, Newmarket, Soham, Theford, Long Stanton, March and Shouldham, with a welcome visitor from Essex, in the person of Mr. W. H. Elliott.

A business meeting was held subsequently, at which the Rev. S. Addleshaw, Vicar of St. Mary's, took the chair, and was supported by the two district secretaries, Mr. R. Lathbury (Isle of Ely) and the Rev. H. B. Woolley (Hunts).—It was decided to hold the next meeting for the Hunts district, subject to convenience, at Hemingford Abbots and Hemingford Grey some time during May.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. S. Addleshaw for his kindness in having the ringers at Ely.—Six new members were elected, three from Great Staughton, two from March and one from Soham. During the afternoon and evening touches of Kent, Stedman, Grandsire and Plain, Bob were rung on St. Mary's bells.

NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of the 'RINGING WORLD,' to which all communications should be sent, is 63, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Association service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., at the Parish House, Clare Market. Business meeting 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The next meeting will be held at Haslemere on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Eight bells, available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.30, 9d. to members, 1s. 6d. to visitors. Special business: To elect a new secretary. — John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., 3, Bridge Street, Guildford.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, Feb. 12th. All ringers are cordially invited to be present. Tower open 4 p.m.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Warmley on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—P. C. Williams, Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield Church, Gorton, on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock, meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 12th, at Todmorden Parish Church. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. — S. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells ready at 4. Members' intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walton-le-Dale on Feb. 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at the two 6-bell towers of Wheathampstead and Sandridge on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Meet at Wheathampstead 3 p.m., Sandridge 6 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, to-morrow, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The monthly meeting will be held at Whitwick on Feb. 19th.—W. Pervin, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before Feb. 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 17th, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea can be provided for all those requiring same if they notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 15th. Members' subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business: To discuss the advisability of reverting to pre-war annual report.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Kelvedon on Feb. 19th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Service with address 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at the Infants' School Room. All intending to be present please notify Mr. Wm. Elliott, Brunswick House, Kelvedon, not later than Feb. 16th. Subscriptions to the amount of 1/6 per member are now due.—B. Redgewell, Dis. Sec., Rayne, near Braintree.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, Feb. 19th. 10 Bells. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—H. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27 Eversfield Road, Reigate.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch. The next meeting will be held at Cam, on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Stockport, on Saturday, Feb. 19th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting of the newly-formed association will be held at Irlingham on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 15th.—C. E. Hepburn, The Pines, Isham, nr. Kettering.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A combined practice will be held at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells available from 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Estab 1755).—The 33rd Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at The Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham (in the beautiful Connaught Room), Saturday, Feb. 26th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon E. Grose Hodge, M.A., Rector of Birmingham. To fully qualified

members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s. to meet the increased cost of the dinner, to other members and friends, 6s. 6d. each. It is necessary for every full member to be clear on the books not later than Saturday, Feb. 19th. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 5.15.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nominations for the election of the following must reach me not later than Feb. 28th, 1921:—President, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, and four Delegates to Central Council.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock, at the old Wine Vaults, East Street. All wishing tea please write, Mr. E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, by Feb. 24th.—Thos. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The Annual Dinner and Concert will be held at The Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, Saturday, March 5th, at 6 o'clock. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, can be obtained from Mr. J. D. Matthews, 130, Clonmore Street, S.W. 18; Mr. F. Smith, 48, Mansfield Road, N.W.; Mr. A. Hardy, 37, Hubert Grove, S.W. 9; Mr. B. Foskett, 1, Olive Road, N.W. 2; Mr. R. Warner, Spitalfields Bell Foundry, E. 1, and the Hon. Sec. The bells of St. Bride's will be available from 4 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N. 7.

LADIES' GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Western District) will be held at Portishead, on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please send me a card not later than March 1st.—Edith Smith, 12, Auburn Road, Redland, Bristol.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

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PUBLICATION.

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The pleasant old-time custom of entertaining the Reigate (Surrey) ringers by interested church folk was revived this year, when a happy reunion took place at 'Normanton,' by courtesy of Mrs. Barnes, and by invitation of that lady and Mrs. W. L. Smitheman-Lorkin. The chair was occupied by Mr. Temple Newell (churchwarden of Reigate Parish Church), and among those present were Messrs. Smitheman-Lorkin, Staff, G. Hoad (leader of the ringers), H. Ewins (secretary), H. Hoad, A. Lorkin (a campanologist of 53 years' standing), F. Rice, H. Atkins, A. Bashford, H. Jordan, W. Pooley, W. Claydon, F. Morse, W. Sudd, A. Holden, and H. Linter. An admirable repast was provided, to which the guests of the evening did full justice.

The toast of 'The King' having been duly honoured, Mr. Temple Newell proposed 'The Reigate Bell Ringers.' He voiced the interest he took in the belfry, and expressed a wish that more interest would be shown in it by residents of the borough. He thought they should be thankful to Mr. Lorkin for the interest he took in campanology, and hoped that when the Church Council came on more interest would be taken, and a little money given towards the belfry fund (hear, hear).—Mr. Hoad responded in a happy speech, and said that since 1821 members of his family had been campanologists, and he hoped the tradition would be carried on.

In proposing the toast of 'The Hostesses,' Mr. Arthur Lorein said it appeared that the good old custom of annually holding a bell ringers' supper died out some years ago in Reigate, and the ringers were apparently forgotten by most of the parishioners. Owing to so many ringers having laid down their lives in the great war bellfries were very hard hit, but he was glad to say a good many of the young men and ladies came to the rescue. In the last twelve months he had had the pleasure of ringing with several lady bell ringers in different churches within a radius of ten miles from there, and he trusted that the day was not far distant when some of the younger residents of the borough would take to the art. In thanking their hostesses for having so kindly entertained them that night, he was sure he was expressing the wishes of all present in hoping that that gathering might be the resurrection of an old custom, and that the grand evening which they had spent might not be forgotten (applause).

The toast was drunk with musical honours.—Mrs. Smitheman-Lorkin said Mrs. Barnes and herself were happy when making others happy, therefore, the enjoyment of those present on that occasion was also theirs. She hoped that some other parishioners would step forward to encourage and acknowledge the work done in the belfry (hear, hear).

The toast of 'The Chairman' was proposed by Mr. H. Ewins (secretary of the Southern Branch of the Surrey Association), and appropriately responded to by Mr. Temple Newell.

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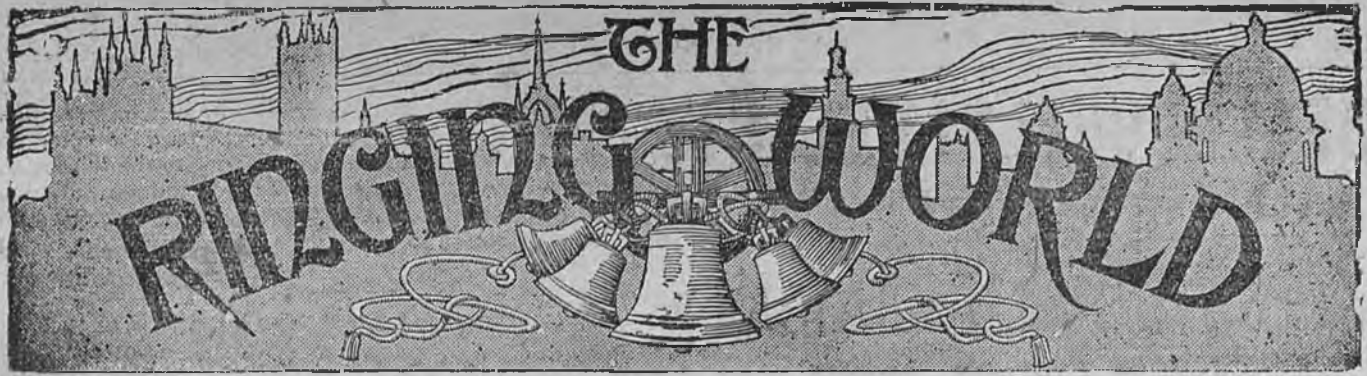


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THE NEW STEP.

Having with this number made the change in the size and price of "The Ringing World" which we announced a fortnight ago, we would like to take the opportunity of thanking those readers who, in responding to our request to advise us of their continued support, have sent us many cheery words of encouragement. Also we desire to express our deep appreciation of the help of those who, at association meetings throughout the country, have been doing their level best to extend the support given to the journal. The hundreds of letters which we received with personal promises to assist in promoting the circulation of the paper, and good wishes for success, were indeed a tonic and have given us much heart to go forward with the new responsibilities.

But what has struck us as equally important for the future is the fact that the continuation of "The Ringing World" has been made the subject of discussion and appeal at a large number of association meetings, showing that the importance of a journal to the Exercise is fully realised. If this view of the existence of a ringing paper is kept before members, there is greater likelihood of a wider support. The difficulty in this, as in all similar matters, is to get the lukewarm folk sufficiently interested. We are fully aware that under the restricted size of the paper with which we have too long had to be content, there was little that could be done to help arouse new interests. But the limitations made it absolutely impossible to do anything more than mark time. In this, therefore, the one has reacted upon the other. On one hand it has been out of the question, for want of space, to provide material to encourage the support of the indifferent; on the other hand the absence of this support was a handicap in improving the paper.

The step which we have now taken is, we think the majority of our readers will agree, the only one that can take us out of the difficulty with which we have been confronted. It is an experiment, but we have every ground for hoping that it will succeed. It will take a week or two to wipe off arrears which have overtaken us and we hope our readers will bear with us while we bring things up-to-date. New features are being prepared, which we believe will make the paper acceptable to a much larger circle of ringers, and we ask that the efforts that have been made by the associations during recent weeks, when the position of the only ringers' journal was fully realised, will be continued in the future. We are still some distance off the one thousand new subscribers that were asked for to make the new proposition an assured success, and it is not until they have been secured that the labour and responsibility

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FRED ABBOT... .. Treble	PETER CROOK 5
GEORGE PINCOIT... .. 2	JOHN STUBBS 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON 7
BERTRAM F. SHEPPARD 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

REDHILL, SURREY
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

FREDERICK W. RICE Treble	WALTER CLAYDON 5
GEORGE MARRINER 2	JOHN WHITE... .. 6
ALBERT HARMAN... .. 3	ALFRED H. WINCH 7
HENRY F. EWINS... .. 4	GEORGE F. HOAD... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by G. F. HOAD.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN Treble	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 5
ALFRED H. WATSON 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
DAVID COLLINS 3	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 7
ERNEST CURTIS 4	HARRY HALL... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal by E. Curtis who hails from Bedford. This composition, now rung for the first time, is the author's No. 157.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.	
GILBERT H. HARDING Treble	THOMAS P. KING... .. 5
GEORGE TEMPLE 2	CHARLES W. BELL 6
*SYDNEY CARTER 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 7
*RICHARD J. COUSINS... .. 4	THOMAS HOGSFLESH Tenor

Conducted by W. J. PRESCOTT.

Rung as a compliment to the new Vicar (Rev. B. W. Shephard-Walwyn) after the institution and induction service. * First peal in the method.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, Jan. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF CLEAL'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. TENOR 16 cwt. in F sharp.	
FREDERICK J. JUDGE Treble	LUTHER HONESS 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS 6
FREDERICK G. BURDEN 3	GEORGE KENWARD 7
CHARLES TRIBE 4	ALFRED BLACKMAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

C. Tribe's 150th peal.

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

On Saturday, Jan. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S. Tenor 15½ cwt.	
FREDERICK S. SANDERS Treble	*FREDERICK DICKENS 5
ARTHUR GARDNER 2	HERBERT C. SPENCER 6
THOMAS H. RERVES 3	WILLIAM J. MEERS 7
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	JONATHAN PRESTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

HEATHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

ALBERT ROUGHT Treble	ROBERT BLAKE 5
MISS A. MAY DURRANT 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN... .. 3	BEN S. THOMPSON 7
GEORGE MAYERS... .. 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich, Mr. Blake kindly taking the vacant rope.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.	
*HENRY J. CHURCHILL Treble	WILLIAM E. WHITE 5
WALTER WHITE 2	ARTHUR MACKEARS 6
REV. C. J. STURTON... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
JOHN J. JACKSON 4	R. HENRY BARTRAM Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Major. Ringers of 1 and 4 hail from Belton, 2 and 5 from Cotgrave, 3 from Orston, 6 from Long Bennington, 7 from Leicester and 8 from Melton Mowbray.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

CHARLES ABLITT Treble	CHARLES E. FISHER 5
*GEORGE A. FLEMING 2	JOSEPH LAST 6
*FRANK L. FISHER 3	*ALBERT A. FLEMING... .. 7
GEORGE R. FINCH 4	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

* First peal in the Oxford vibration.

REDDISH.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BANKS' SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
ALFRED BARNES... .. Treble	WALTER BROWN 5
JOSEPH HALL 2	FRANK STONELEY 6
ERNEST DIBBEN... .. 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
*HARRY GASKELL 4	*JOHN WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by F. STONELEY.

* First peal.

BEESTON, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(BEESTON SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Jan. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.	
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, JUN... .. Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	ARTHUR LOWE 6
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, SEN... .. 3	FRED S. PRICE 7
*WILLIAM JAMES... .. 4	PERCYAL PRICE Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the coming of age of Nellie, eldest daughter of F. S. Price, and the wedding of Harold J. Winfield to Mary Dennis.

GET YOUR RINGING FRIENDS TO SUPPORT	THE RINGING WORLD	BY TAKING A COPY EVERY WEEK.
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EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Jan. 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART.

JESSE BEAMS Treble	JOHN CRAWFORD 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	GEORGE COOK 6
ALFRED MANN 3	ALFRED H. WINCH 7
†FRANK OAKSHOTT 4	WILLIAM ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

† First peal on a bob bell. Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar, Rev. H. A. Bowles, who preached his farewell sermon on above date.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Jan. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM RILEY Treble	FRANK SHAW 5
JONATHAN WHEWELL 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 6
JAMES HOULDSWORTH 3	*WILLIAM BARNES 7
JACK BARNES 4	JAMES SHAW Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

* First peal. J. Shaw has now rung a peal on every bell in the tower.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Jan. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*JAMES WINCHESTER Treble	THOMAS HOAD 5
JOHN H. EDWARDS 2	EDWARD MILLS 6
WILLIAM H. HOAD 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
TRAYTON BOOTH 4	†GEORGE PONT Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal, and elected member of the Association previous to starting. † First peal on eight bells. Messrs. Winchester and Pont are members of the local band, remainder from Salehurst.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR CAUSLEY Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
HERBERT RANN 2	WILLIAM WATTS 6
*ALFRED J. PIERPOINT 3	JAMES A. HART 7
GEORGE ADES 4	ALFRED J. TURNER Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Major.

CHISWICK.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.)

On Thursday, Jan. 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM H. HOLLIER Treble	CORNELIUS CHARGE 5
HORACE BELSEER 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
WILLIAM H. WOOD 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON 7
JAMES W. DRIVER 4	*PERCY E. CLARK Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

This was J. W. Driver's 150th peal. * First peal on eight bells. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich Major.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... Treble	†FRED. BOREHAM 5
†LAWRENCE POULSON 2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 6
*FRED. LEES 3	THOS. W. GARRARD 7
*STANLEY SMITH 4	ARTHUR SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal on tower bells. † First in the method. Rung on the eve of the 63rd birthday of the tenor man.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

HARRY BROUGHTON Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	JOHN OLDHAM 6
ABRAHAM WILKERSON 3	*EPHRAIM W. RANDE 7
WM. H. B. MUNDY 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

* First Surprise peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOWS' VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
HERBERT RANN 2	FRANK ATTWATER 6
WILLIAM WATTS 3	JOHN JAY 7
RICHARD HOLDER 4	ALFRED TOMSETT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS BENT Treble	ARTHUR J. BALLARD 5
ALFRED BALLARD 2	*ALLAN PEACH 6
ROWLAND BARROW 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
†ARTHUR CATTELL 4	*HARRY PEACH Tenor

Composed by THOMAS THURSTANS. Conducted by E. MORRIS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

PENTRE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

HARRY PAGE Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN 5
CLARENCE O. HOBBS 2	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 6
FREDERICK LASBURY 3	JAMES CROSS 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	WILLIAM PAGE Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by H. PAGE.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

MRS. WOLSTENCROFT ... Treble	CISSIE THORP 5
*ETHEL GRIMSHAW 2	JOHN HALL 6
EMMA TONGE 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
ADA WOLSTENCROFT 4	†ARTHUR PRESTWICK Tenor

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal. Rung to celebrate the freeing of this church.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

CHARLES HAZELDENE ... Treble	ERNEST WEATHERBY ... 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... 2	SGT. C. GILBERT, R.E. ... 6
HENRY HUTTON ... 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... 4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. James Mann, who was instrumental in increasing this peal from six to eight. This was the first peal on the octave.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Jan. 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

†ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN ... Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 5
†FRED CHAMBERS ... 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 6
EMANUEL DUTESON ... 3	*RICHARD STANCLIFFE ... 7
*HARRY ANDERTON ... 4	JOHN WATSON ... Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Ringers of 3rd, 4th and tenor are from the Parish Church, 1st, 2nd, 5th and 7th from St. Michael's and 6th from Church Kirk.

DABESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	HARRY F. HOLDING ... 5
EDWARD HARRISON ... 2	HARRY OVERTON ... 6
GEORGE R. JONES ... 3	ARTHUR NEWELL ... 7
*FRANK FOX ... 4	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Major with a bob bell. First peal of Major on the bells. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells and Mr. Thos. Houghton for having everything ready.

BIRSTALL, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 22½ cwt.

J. BRITAN ... Treble	WILLIAM B. FRITH ... 5
*ALBERT WALKER ... 2	JAMES E. CARTER ... 6
WILLIAM CLARK ... 3	EDWARD CROWTHER ... 7
WILLIAM RHODES ... 4	HERBERT PEEL ... Tenor

Conducted by J. E. CARTER.

* First peal and was elected a member of the Yorkshire Association before commencing the peal. First peal as conductor. The ringers of the 2nd, 5th and 6th hail from Huddersfield, the remainder are local men

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT LUDKIN ... Treble	ARTHUR LINTOTT ... 5
WALTER J. BATTLE ... 2	WALTER HUGHES ... 6
THOMAS JENNION ... 3	SYDNEY F. BARNES ... 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to John Turner and George Woodhall.

SWINDON, WILTS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ANNIVERSARY PEAL.)

On Saturday, Jan. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED LAWRENCE ... Treble	THOMAS ROBINSON ... 5
THOMAS RICKETTS ... 2	ERNEST BISHOP ... 6
JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 7
CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 4	A. E. W. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by REV. C. W. O. JENKYN (Master of the Guild).

This peal, rung to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the foundation of the Guild on January 17th, 1881, was originally arranged for Buckland, Berks, but transferred to Swindon at the last moment in consequence of a serious case of illness near the former church.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 15, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Bob Minor. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... Treble	FREDERICK W. WATLING ... 4
JAMES M. BAILEY ... 2	HENRY PHILLIPS ... 5
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 3	GEORGE HARDY ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. WATLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Jan. 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble B and three 720's of Plain Bob.

ANNIE DALE ... Treble	ELSIE BRANDON ... 4
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 2	WILLIAM WALDRON ... 5
FRANK ROWLINSON ... 3	JOHN J. JUTSON ... Tenor

Conducted by KATHLEEN A. JUTSON.

* First peal as conductor.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL, LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Jan. 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, York, Durham, Beverley, Chester, Carlisle and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

HENRY HARRISON ... Treble	JOHN WILKINSON ... 4
*GEORGE LUNT ... 2	HERBERT H. BARKER ... 5
*CHARLES COLES ... 3	HENRY FYLES ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT H. BARKER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Messrs. George Woodhall and John Turner. * First peal of Minor. Mr. Henry Harrison was proposed a member of the Lancashire Association previous to starting.

BIRSTALL, LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Plain Bob and 32 of Grandsire, called differently.

*ALBAN DISNEY ... Treble	ARTHUR J. BALLARD ... 3
ALFRED BALLARD ... 2	ROWLAND BARROW ... 4
ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal, for whom the above was arranged. He is the son of the Vicar of Belgrave-cum-Birstall, and was elected a member of the M.C.A. in the belfry.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE WESTON FAVELL SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six scores, with 10 different callings.

THOMAS LAW Treble	CHARLES HAINES... .. 3
*BERTRAM MURBY 2	ALFRED J. RICHARDSON 4
FRANK ROLLINGS Tenor	

Conducted by FRANK ROLLINGS.

* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells. Thomas Law has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt.

*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... Treble	*LEONARD J. JELFS 4
*MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON ... 2	*JOHN HALL... .. 5
JAMES HEMMING 3	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

* First peal of Minor in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor. Miss Johnson's first peal on tower bells, and great credit is due to her for the way she rang throughout the peal. Rang on the conductor's birthday.

CHURCHKIRK.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Jan. 20, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	FRED BRADLEY 4
ARTHUR INGHAM 2	*LEONARD ROSTRON 5
FRED CHAMBERS 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells. Ringers of 1, 3 and 4 hail from Blackburn, the remainder from Churchkirk.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.
THE STOW AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Jan. 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

EDWARD ROBERTSON... Treble	LEE FEATHERBY 4
*CHARLES NEWMAN 2	*GRAHAM SPRATT 5
TONY PRICE 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

ANNIE M. DALE Treble	ARTHUR J. ABRAMS 4
ELSIE B. BRANDON 2	FRANK ROWLINSOON 5
WILLIAM WALDRON 3	RUFERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by RUFERT RICHARDSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. J. Jutson, of Peterboro', also in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Mr. W. Dale, brother to the ringer of the treble.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Plain Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 lb.

CHARLES JEFFS Treble	RICHARD CHALKLEY 4
HORACE GOODENOUGH ... 2	HARRY HOLLICK 5
JOHN MALYAN 3	EDWARD WHITBREAD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

TOWCESTER, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

J. WILFRED SHARP ... Treble	JOHN T. HENSMAN 4
*WILLIAM R. PARKER... .. 2	WILLIAM FARLEY 5
FRED HOPPER 3	WILLIAM J. ALLEN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ALLEN.

* First peal of Minor inside. First peal of Minor on the bells.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Jan. 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES ABLITT Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 4
ALBERT FLEMING... .. 2	CHARLES E. FISHER 5
GEORGE FLEMING 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Jan. 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of St. Simon's and Grandsire and three 720's of Plain Bob.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble	HARRY DAY 3
VICTOR CORNELL... .. 2	LAWRENCE POULSON 4
JAMES MARTIN Tenor	

Conducted by V. CORNELL.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES NUNN Treble	GEORGE KEMP 4
EDWARD YOUNGS... .. 2	†JAMES BETTS 5
ERNEST F. POPPY 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ... Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

† First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the Right Hon. Lord Henniker's birthday and as a birthday compliment to E. Youngs.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.
THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz., Chester, London, Lichfield, Superlative, Cambridge, Rochester and Coventry Surprise.

†ALICE WHEELDON ... Treble	CHARLES PRESTON 4
†WILLIAM WHEELDON ... 2	†WILLIAM FRADLEY 5
†ALICE PRESTON 3	WILLIAM WHEELDON, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WHEELDON, SEN.

† First peal of Surprise. It is also the first peal of Surprise Minor on the bells or in the Association in which ladies have taken part.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CLAPHAM, S.W.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
At 63A, OLD TOWN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	GEORGE W. STEERE 7-8

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Witness: MRS. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Hairs on the 5th anniversary of their wedding day.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

C. W. WOOLLEY... .. 1-2	J. B. WOOLLEY 3-4
*C. W. COOK 5-6	

Conducted by J. B. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in hand.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, Jan. 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. W. STOKES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Size 13 in F.

FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 1-2	F/SGT F.A. HOLDEN, R.A.F. 5-6
ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	*ARCHIE C. STOKES ... 7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.

* First peal of Major in hand.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Monday, Jan. 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 18 in G.

WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 1-2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	† ERNEST WEATHERBY ... 7-8

Composed by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Witness: MRS. PULLING.

† First peal 'in hand.'

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5019 CHANGES

Tenor size 19 in F.

CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 7-8
GEORGE W. STEERE ... 9-10	

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Witness: MRS. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Pulling's mother.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Jan. 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
At THE NORTH FARM,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JAMES E. GOFTON ... 1-2	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 5-6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... 3-4	R. ALDER GOFTON ... 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by R. ALDER GOFTON.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The eight bells at Horsham, Sussex, are to be restored, the contract having been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. It is interesting to note that the original peal of eight were cast at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1752.

It was at Horsham that those early founders, the Eldridges, carried on their business, and they were tenants under the Horsham Churchwardens of the 'Belle House' from 1592 to 1623, when they removed to Chertsey, Surrey.

There were bells in Horsham steeple at this time. In 1615 the steeple was struck by lightning and set on fire, and this necessitated the recasting of the largest bell. The bells gave trouble at various times after this, and more than one of them was sent to Chertsey.

In 1751 there were six bells in the tower, and at a vestry meeting held on June 8th of that year it was agreed 'That the Great Bell should be immediately taken down and sent to London to be new cast by Thomas Lester, Bellfounder in White Chapple.' The tenor was reputed to weigh 36 cwt.

At a vestry meeting on March 8th, 1752, it was decided 'that the remaining five bells should be taken down and sent away with all convenient speed to Thomas Lester at his foundry in White Chapple, London, in order (with the Tenor which has been sent some time ago) to be cast into 8 bells, according to articles which are to be entered into By the Churchwardens with the said Thomas Lester.'

Horsham ringers made good use of their bells when they were returned to them, and were among the earliest of the provincial peal ringers. They joined the Cumberland Youths, and on April 11th, 1766, rang their first Peal, Grandsire Triples. In 1775 they rang the first peal of Union Triples in Sussex at the neighbouring village of Bolney, and in 1776 were visited by George Gross, Francis and Samuel Wood and Samuel Mugeridge, the Cumberlands long peal men of those days, and scored the first peal of Bob Major in the tower.

So Horsham has a peal ringing as well as a bell founding history, and as the bells (24 cwt.) are nearly the heaviest peal in a county where heavy peals are almost absent, it is good to learn that they are to be restored.

It is something like pre-war times to see Sam Thomas and his friends on the warpath again. Recently a peal of London Surprise, now the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. This latter was rung at Chesterfield at the third attempt.

According to those who have rung the Major of the method, it is more pleasing to ring than Superlative, and the Royal requires more attention than Cambridge. We hope in a week or two to publish the figures of this interesting method (of which Mr. Arthur Craven is the author), for it certainly deserves wider practice than it at present obtains.

Canon and Mrs. Papillon, who have resided for some years at 'Acrise,' St. Albans, have left the Abbey town. Their temporary address is the Albany Hotel, Hastings.

From a notice in another column it will be seen that a meeting in connection with the proposed Wigan Branch of the Lancashire Association is to be held on the 26th inst.

For the information of correspondents we would point out that reports of meetings, peals, etc., can be sent by post for a halfpenny stamp, if nothing in the nature of a letter accompanies the MS. The envelope must be left open; it should be marked 'Matter for Press,' and be addressed to the Editor.

The report of a peal at West Deeping has been sent without date. The Bishop of Worcester, on a visit to St. Mary and All Saints' Church, Kidderminster, on February 5th to dedicate a war memorial and a stained glass window to the memory of the late Vicar (Canon Phillips) also visited the belfry, where he unveiled and dedicated a peal tablet bearing the records of two peals of Grandsire Triples, one rung on December 27th, 1918, to commemorate the cessation of the European War, and the other on September 27th, 1919, to celebrate the signing of Peace.

St. Clement's, Hastings, where the Sussex Association held a meeting the other day, boasts (?) of one of the very few peals of steel bells in this country.

The handbell peal of Bob Royal rung on January 6th in the tower of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, was umpired by Mr. J. W. Cornford.

On Friday, January 28th, Miss Annie Brown, of St. Philip and St. Jacob's, Bristol, a member of the Ladies' Guild, took part in a 'silent' peal at the Church of St. Mary-le-Port, Bristol. Holt's 'Tew Part' was the composition selected, and the bells were successfully brought round without a mistake or hitch of any kind in 2 hours and 50 minutes. Miss Brown is the first lady to take part in a peal of this kind.

At Bucknall, Staffs, two ladies have taken part in a peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods, and it is the first time that they have done so for the Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association. We are asked if two ladies have ever before taken part in such a peal anywhere, and we have no doubt that if the claim of the Bucknall peal to be the first is disputed we shall be quickly informed.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Association was held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday, February 5th, the occasion being marked by the opening of the new peal of bells just installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. P. Bainbridge-Bell), while the address was given by the Rev. Canon A. G. Hunter, who has been an hon. member of the association for many years. Tea was served at 6 o'clock, and the business meeting followed, amongst those present being the Vicar, Mr. Warren (who is responsible for the recasting of the bells), Mr. A. A. Hughes (representing the founders), Mr. C. F. Johnston (hon. treasurer of the association), and Mr. J. D. Drewett (Master), and Mr. C. Dean (hon. secretary).

The Master gave a resume of the work of the association during the year 1920, and made passing reference to the deaths of two members, namely, that of Mr. Barrington, in October last, and of Mr. Acland J. Perkins, who passed away last month.

Several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the annual general meeting in 1921, at Reigate. The following officers were elected: Master, Mr. J. D. Drewett; treasurer, Mr. C. F. Johnston; hon. secretary, Mr. C. Dean; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. Chas. Reading; secretaries of the Southern, Central and Western Districts, Mr. Ewins, Mr. Trappitt and Mr. Shepherd respectively; representatives on the Central Council, Mr. C. F. Johnston and Mr. C. Dean.

It was decided to issue an annual report, and that a charge of 6l. per copy be made to each member requiring same.

A vote of thanks to Canon Hunter for his address, to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the organist and caterers, was passed, and the members then dispersed in order to again visit the tower for ringing.

SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The annual meeting was held at the King of Denmark on Feb. 5th, a fair gathering of members attending, and the Master (Mr. J. D. Matthews) presiding.

The balance sheet showed a credit on the year's working of about £4, and the balance available now amounts to £21 1s. 9d.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews; Senior Steward, Mr. F. Smith; Junior Steward, Mr. A. Hardy; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. B. Foskett; Trustees, Mr. E. Chapman and Mr. H. Warner; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. W. Corston. It was decided to hold the annual dinner and concert at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, on the 5th March, and it is hoped that all members will give their support. Particulars appear among the Notices.

An earnest appeal is made for subscriptions for the roll of honour, to enable the scheme to be put in hand, while names of any members killed in the war should at once be forwarded to the hon. secretary.

A letter was read from Mr. A. H. Gardom, of British Columbia (a ringer in the days of John Cox, etc.), expressing his kind regards to all who were acquainted with him, and wishing the society every success.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Luton District was held at Woburn on Saturday, February 5th, when members were present from Aspley Guise, Bletchley, Bedford, Cranfield, Husborne Crawley, Linslade, Tring, Dunstable, and the local tower. The ringing throughout the meeting was good, and was noteworthy, owing to the number of methods which were rung, viz., Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Superlative, and Cambridge Surprise Major, and a course of London Surprise Minor.

A short business meeting was held in the tower, presided over by Mr. E. Merbert. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Leighton Buzzard on March 5th.

After the usual votes of thanks, further ringing took place, and everybody agreed that this was one of the most successful meetings ever held in the district.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

Members from Winchester, North Stoneham, Titchfield, Fareham, Farnham, Havant, Bishopstoke and Southampton, as well as the local band, attended a meeting of the Winchester District of the Winchester Guild at Alton on February 5th. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major were rung. Tea was provided in the Church Room, and was followed by the meeting, at which the Rev. W. E. Colchester presided, supported by Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Guild), Rev. E. B. James, Mr. W. T. Tucker (hon. secretary), Mr. W. Andrews, etc. The Vicar of Alton, who was unable to be present at tea, but came in afterwards, was accorded a vote of thanks for the use of the bells and room.—The Vicar, in reply, said a hearty welcome would await the Guild if they would come again.

The next meeting is to be held at Sheffield English.

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND BELL RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As Canon Baker says, 'All's well that ends well.' But without the intervention of Lord Phillimore, from the legal point of view, we might not have had such a walk-over. I had written to a clerical member of the Assembly, whom I knew to be acceptable in high Church circles, asking him to support the amendment, and he afterwards wrote, 'I voted as you told me: but I am not sure that the ringers would not have done more wisely to accept the new authority, and then prove their own worth.' He has charge of a celebrated ring of bells, and is a well-wisher to ringers. But not all members of the National Assembly fulfil those conditions; and the danger was by no means imaginary.—Yours,

T. L. PAPILLON.

Hastings.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. THE RINGERS' WAR MEMORIAL.

The pre-Lent meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Cramlington on Feb. 5th, and was most successful, 31 members attending from various centres. The fine peal of six (tenor 20 cwt.) of the parish church were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening.

After the committee meeting, all sat down to a sumptuous meat tea in the Parish Hall, the wants of the inner-man being excellently attended to by the 'better halves' of the local ringers. The Vicar was present at the tea, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his kindness in giving permission for the bells to be rung, and for granting the use of the Parish Hall for the tea and meeting.—He spoke a few kindly words of welcome to those present, and hoped that the association and all ringers would go on and prosper. He was sure that the work of the ringer was a most useful and responsible one. He was most sorry not to be able to stay longer, but he had another engagement as chairman at a performance of 'The Messiah' near by. After a hearty vote of thanks had been passed to the local ringers and their ladies for the most excellent arrangements they had made, the business meeting was held.

The President (Mr. W. Story) intimated that the Chapter of Durham would not allow the memorial to the ringers of that diocese, who fell in the war, to be placed in the Cathedral. They would allow it to be put into the belfry, but as this was not considered a suitable place, from a ringer's point of view, proposals for placing the memorial in some other church would have to be considered.

The authorities at Newcastle had given permission for a similar memorial to the ringers of that diocese to be placed in the Cathedral there, and it was felt that perhaps all the names of the ringers of the two dioceses might be incorporated in this tablet. It was, however, decided to leave the matter for final decision at the Whit-Monday meeting, to be held at Darlington.

'The Ringing World' was next discussed, and all members urged to take a copy every week.—It was decided that all notices of meetings, etc., should in future be given through that paper only, and no circulars sent out.

Regarding the future of ringers, as proposed in the measure before the National Church Assembly, the meeting decided unanimously that a strong protest should be forwarded to the proper quarter, as it was felt most strongly that the ringer should be placed on the same footing as the choir, organist, etc.

Owing to the lamented death of Mr. G. S. Lingley, it was necessary to elect a new secretary for the Southern District, and Mr. Jackson Pallister was unanimously elected to that position.—Several new members were then elected, and the meeting closed.

Afterwards some handbell ringing was indulged in, and some of the Cramlington men gave a display of tune ringing, which was much appreciated.

Further ringing on the tower bells brought an inspiring gathering to a close. B. C. D.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. CIRENCESTER BRANCH MEETING.

The annual meeting was held at Cirencester on Thursday, January 27th, and was attended by between 20 and 30 members and friends from Cirencester, Fairford, Poulton, Down Anupney and Minchin-hampton.

Ringings commenced at Watermoor at three o'clock, and touches were brought round of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Minor. Service was conducted by the Rev. H. A. Griffith, who gave a hearty welcome to the members.

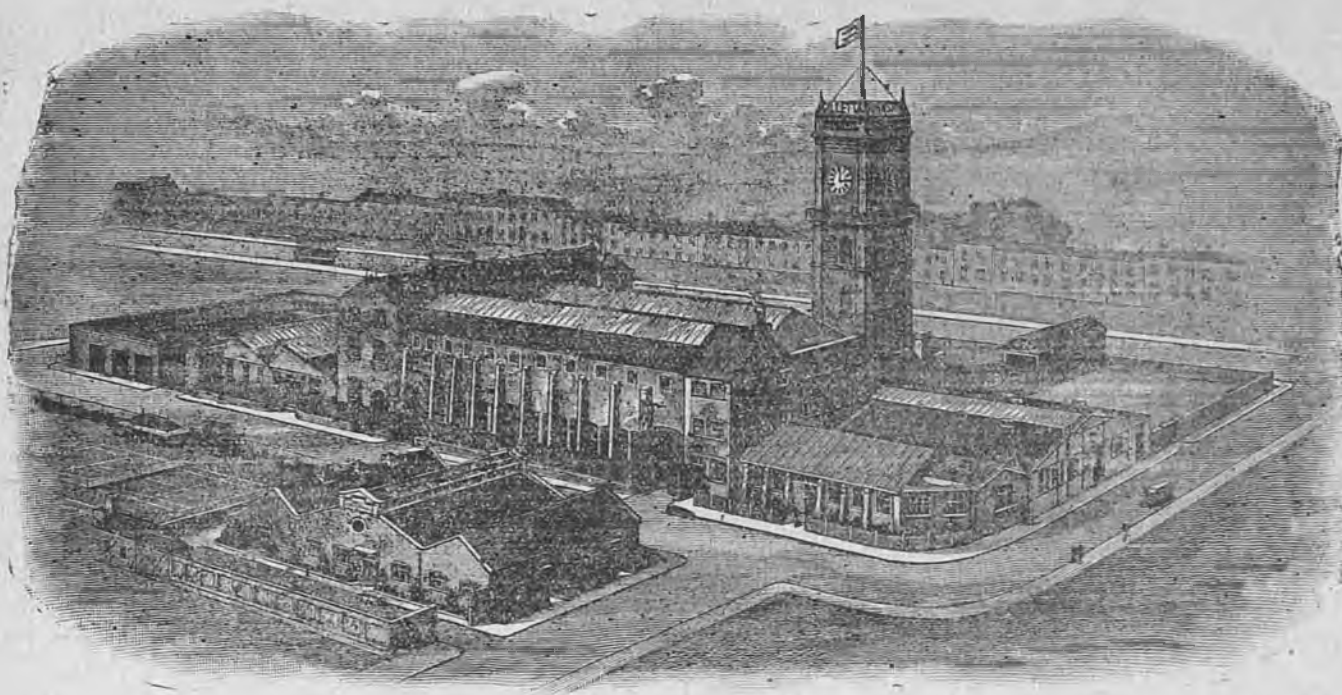
At the business meeting, the old officers were reappointed en bloc, and four new members were elected.—Lechlade was chosen as the place for the next meeting.—The Secretary, Mr. F. J. Lewis, brought forward the claims of 'The Ringing World,' and asked the members to give it increased support.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. H. A. Griffith for conducting the service and for presiding at the meeting, was carried unanimously, and brought the business to an end.

The Parish Church tower, with its 13 bells, was then visited, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques and a course of Bob Major successfully brought round, while good practice was also had in Stedman Caters.

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TREBLE BOB VARIATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Any attempt to break fresh ground is always to be welcomed, and Mr. Bankes James' variations of Treble Bob are quite good. But I do not think he is exactly fair to the original. I think the leads when the tenors are in the slow have a real musical value; not in themselves, but as contrasts to the other part of the course. You appreciate the music with the tenors together far more when you have these leads than you would without them. The practical proof lies in Duffield and *Forward*. These keep the tenors together throughout and the result is monotonous. For the same reason you will hear many ringers say that Cambridge Royal is better music than Treble Ten. It is simply that the broken music, when the big bells are below the treble, doubles the value of the regular Treble Bob music when they are above the treble.

Also, it is surely not correct to say that Worcester is a method without hobs. If you ring a lead end of Oxford in a touch of Kent that is nothing but making a hob, or rather, speaking strictly, it is making two singles which has the same result.—Yours,

J. AEMIGER TROLLOPE.

SPliced KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR.

By H. W. Wilde, Eccleston.

720	720
Kent 23456	Kent 23456
Oxford 32645	Kent 42635
Kent 23564	Kent 64523
Kent 52436	Oxford 46352
Oxford 25643	Kent 64235
Oxford 62354	Oxford 46523
Oxford 36425	Oxford 54362
Kent 63542	Kent 45236
Kent 56234	Oxford 54623
Kent 25463	Kent 45362
Kent 42356	Kent 34256

Each to be twice repeated.

In these 720's there are no Bobs. Oxford places being substituted for Kent, at the lead ends marked Oxford.

They may also be rung the other way about by going off with Oxford, and substituting Kent places at the lead ends marked Oxford, and Oxford places at the lead ends marked Kent, the figures of the lead ends being the same as above.

These 720's were composed on July, 1920, and were rung at Alford, Cheshire, on January 27th and 30th respectively. On January 27th, 720 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor (spliced): W. Sambles 1, J. Dunning 2, A. E. Richards 3, Walter Thomas 4, J. Morgan 5, H. W. Wilde (conductor) 6. On Sunday, January 30th, for evening service in 27 minutes: 720 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: W. Sambles 1, J. Dunning 2, A. E. Richards 3, William Thomas 4, J. Morgan 5, H. W. Wilde (conductor) 6. These are the first 720's of spliced Kent and Oxford by all the band, also first on the bells.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

The annual meeting of the above Guild was held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, when the magnificent peal of twelve bells was made full use of by members from Oswestry, Ellesmere, Market Drayton, Cound, Coalbrookdale, Mains Lee, Ightfield, Hodnet, Aldesbury, Bicton, Cardington, Stanton-on-Line-Heath, St. Chad's and St. Michael's, Shrewsbury. Touches of Grandsire Cinques, Caters and Triples, Stedman Caters and Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung. At the service, held in St. Aiden's Chapel, the lessons were read by the Rev. C. B. Crow (Vicar of Coalbrookdale), and the sermon preached by the Rev. T. de Q. Mears (curate of St. Chad's), there being 50 present. Tea was provided in St. Chad's Parish Room, after which the business meeting was held, the Rev. F. W. T. Greenwood, D.D., Vicar of St. Chad's, presiding, supported by the Rev. A. Faulkner, Rural Dean; the Rev. H. S. Lombard, Vicar of Cound; the Rev. F. Tennison (secretary), Messrs. C. R. Lilley, W. Saunders, Weatherby, Woodbine, F. Mole (assistant secretary). It was decided to hold the next quarterly meetings at Oswestry, Coalbrookdale and Ellesmere, and the February monthly meeting at Bicton.

The Guild this year had the biggest record in peal ringing in its annals, including the first peals of Grandsire Cinques and Kent Maximus and Stedman Caters, to secure which some of the members have had to travel many miles.

There were five lady ringers present at the meeting and the Vicar congratulated the members upon a touch of Stedman Caters rung for the Guild service, the striking having been perfect. There was one other special item in the ringing, a touch of Grandsire Cinques at St. Chad's after the meeting, in which one of the youngest ringers in England took part, J. E. Lilley (aged 13), the son of the Ringing Master. This was a 352 Grandsire Cinques by: A. Short 1, W. H. Hughes 2, G. Jones 3, G. Brown (aged 16) 4, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 5, J. E. Lilley (aged 13) 6, B. Dixon 7, W. Wase 8, E. V. Rodenhurst 9, W. Weatherby 10, W. Saunders 11, A. Bayley 12.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
MID-DEVON BRANCH PROGRESS.

Picturesque Dartmouth was the place chosen for the annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the above Guild, which took place on Saturday, January 29th. Great progress has been made in half-pull ringing in Devonshire during the past twelve months, and there was a very representative gathering, ringers being present from Cockington, Dawlish, Paignton, Plymouth and Torquay, together with the local members. The bells of St. Saviour's and St. Clement's, Town-stall, by the kind permission of the Vicar, were available, and some very creditable touches of Triples and Major were accomplished.

Tea was partaken of at Messrs. Watts' Refreshment Rooms, and upwards of 30 members sat down to an excellent repast.

At the subsequent meeting, the chief business transacted was the election of officers for the ensuing year.—The President (Mr. F. Gover) and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. C. Wakley) having intimated their desire to resign from office owing to pressure of business, Mr. Hy. Wilkes (Dartmouth) and Mr. J. Hole (Paignton) were unanimously elected in their stead.

The next quarterly meeting was provisionally fixed to take place at St. Mary Church on April 9th.

The Rev. E. S. Powell, hon. secretary of the Guild in moving a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, spoke eulogistically of the able way in which they had fulfilled their office, as was shown by the excellent progress made.

Further votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Hy. Wilkes for the excellent arrangements made, brought the meeting to a close.

Everyone agreed that the meeting had been a great success, which proved the newly-organised system of working the Guild to be most satisfactory.

OFF TO AUSTRALIA.

Portsmouth has lost its oldest and one of its most active ringers, in the person of Mr. Matthew Ellsmore, who, by the time this is published, will be on his voyage to Sydney, Australia. This is not his first trip, he having previously journeyed to New Zealand, but his one regret is that he is not being accompanied by three other ringers, so that 'double-handed' ringing can be indulged in. On Saturday, January 22nd, he rang the third in an attempt for Holt's 10-part peal of Grandsire Triples, on the fine-toned peal at St. Thomas', Portsmouth, but after 24 hours' excellent ringing (vouched for by outside listeners) it was brought to a sudden end in the 7th part, by the treble rope breaking. Not discouraged at this reverse, he visited St. Mary's, Portsea, on the following Monday evening, and took a rope in each of the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. His last touch in England and his most memorable one, was a beautifully-struck 224 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. Ellsmore 1, F. A. Burnett 2, E. Reynolds 3, J. D. Harris 4, Capt. Russell, R.E. 5, E. J. Hawling, junr. 6, F. W. Rogers 7, E. J. Harding, senr. (conductor), 8. This was also the first touch in the method in the borough of Portsmouth by resident ringers. Miss E. M. Burnett rang the 2nd to the Treble Bob, her father standing out: the rest of the band being as above.

Mr. Ellsmore is a Cumberland Youth, besides being a member of several provincial associations, and his early ringing career was spent in and around Hertfordshire. He has 82 peals to his credit up to now in all the standard methods, and also Superlative Surprise Major, his last one being at Havant, Hants, in December last. Although he will be greatly missed at both the Portsmouth towers, it is hoped he will carry the art to his Colonial home and benefit the ringers in Sydney. He is in his 71st year. F. W. R.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the N.-E. Division was held at Langham on January 29th, when the bells at Higham and Stratford St. Mary were also available. A short service was held in church, and an excellent address given by the Vicar (the Rev. C. J. Ward). Mrs. Featherstone presided at the organ. Tea was provided at the Gun Inn, Dedham, by Mr. W. Sterry, a local ringer. The Vicar presided over a gathering of 25 members, representing 11 towers.

At the business meeting following, the officers were re-elected, viz.: Mr. W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), Master, and Mr. H. T. Prie (Colchester), secretary. Messrs. C. Green, G. Lilley and S. Featherstone, of Langham, and H. Warno, of Gt. Horkesley, were duly elected ringing members. Considerable discussion then ensued as to the probable position of ringers generally under the proposed scheme now before the National Assembly of the Church of England, and a resolution was carried, that the petition of the Standing Committee of the Central Council of the Church Bell Ringers of England be supported, and that it was desired that ringers should still continue to be under the control of the incumbent. The secretary was instructed to forward the motion to Canon Baker.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. C. J. Ward for his address and for the use of bells; also to Mr. A. J. Smith for assisting in making necessary arrangements.

Mistley was proposed for next meeting, if the bells are available.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EFFORT TO HELP WESTBURY BELLS FUNDS.

The monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Brookfield Church, Gorton, on Feb. 12th, some 20 members being present. Mr. James Shaw, of Hyde, was voted to the chair, and the Branch Secretary read out an appeal for Westbury Bells Restoration Fund. In discussing the matter, it was pointed out by members what they were doing at their own towers, but it was decided that the branch secretary should write to the various towers in the branch to see what they could do in the matter.

Ashton Parish Church was selected for the next meeting on March 5th, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the church authorities, to the local ringers for having the bells ready, and to the chairman for presiding.

The bells were kept going in touches of Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and some of the younger members received good practice in the various methods.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

Thirty-one members were present at the meeting of this Branch, held on Saturday, at Todmorden Parish Church, the towers represented being Todmorden Parish and Unitarian Churches, Milnrow, Newhey, Middleton, Hamer, Balderstone, Crosstones, Heptonstall and Mytholmroyd. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major were rung. The lady ringers from Crosstones were present, and showed great improvement in their ringing. Two of these ladies were made performing members of the association.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. E. Schofield, East Crompton was chosen for the next meeting, on Saturday, March 12th, and it is hoped there will be a good attendance of members.

After Mr. T. Robertshaw (of Heptonstall) had been made a non-resident member of the Association, the Branch Secretary (Mr. T. K. Driver) read an appeal from Westbury, where the ringers are in urgent need of funds for their bells. This was received very favourably, and it was agreed that each member should report to his own tower on the matter.

A resolution was then passed, that the performance of Mr. W. Crabtree in conducting the four standard methods should be put on record, as it is believed this is the first time it has been done by a member of the Rochdale Branch.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the tower and bells, and to the local ringers for having everything in readiness.—A vote of thanks was also accorded to Mr. E. Schofield for presiding.

PRESTON BRANCH PRACTICE MEETING.

A gathering of the Preston Branch was held at Walton-le-Dale on Saturday last, and was very successful. Ringing was started at 3.30, and kept up till 8.30, except during an hour's interval for tea. No business meeting was held, as it is the custom of the branch to hold a practice meeting alternately with a business meeting, the idea being to give more time for ringing. The methods rung during the afternoon were: Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, and, for the first time, London Surprise. It is a great pity that the bells (which are the oldest ring in Lancashire by the Whitechapel Foundry, and date from 1760) are very much out of tune: The church stands on a hill which overlooks the valley of the Ribble for miles in each direction, and the writer has seen no better place for a ring of eight or ten. Perhaps some day it will come.

SIX-BELL METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I was very pleased to see Mr. King's letter in your issue of January 14th with reference to the naming of six-bell methods. I have kept a record of these, and I find there are several names to some of the methods in the Central Council's publication, so I give particulars. Perhaps Mr. King can correct them: No. 24, page 7. This is shown in Stedman's *Campanologia* dated 1677 as 'Nottingham Single,' now known as Single Court. No. 3, page 8. Rung at Bourne, Lines, April 16th, 1910, as Grandsire Treble Bob, known later as Duke of Norfolk. No. 5, page 9. Rochester also London Treble Bob. No. 6, page 9. Morning Star, also Cumberland Exercise. No. 8, page 9. Islington, also College Exercise. No. 15, page 11, has three names: Coventry, January 9th, 1910; Sandiacre, Oct. 20th, 1911, and given out later as Trinity Treble Bob rung at Anston. Fourth's Place Delights, No. 20, page 13, College Bob the 4th. Known as Bocking Treble Bob by A. Huckson, of Baintree. No. 21, page 19, Norwich Delight; Mr. Snowdon gives this as College Bob the 4th.

I think it would be best for the Exercise at large if these names were corrected so that conductors can give them their proper designation when rung in peals.—Yours faithfully,

F. BLOOD.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch was held on February 5th. Excellent touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major, were rung on the bells at St. Giles' Church, and the service which followed was well attended. A splendid address was given by the Master, (the Rev. C. W. O. Jankyn), explanatory of the World's Service Exhibition to be held at Reading, Feb. 11th to Feb. 20th.

Tea was served at the Rising Sun Coffee House, where the business meeting was afterwards held. The chair was taken by Mr. W. Pole-Routh, supported by the Master of the Guild, Canon Coleridge, and the Rev. F. W. Lane. In all, 52 members were present, including several ladies.

The balance sheet and auditors' report, showing a credit of £5 9s. 10d., was adopted unanimously.—The Hon. Secretary's report showed a steady progress at all the towers in union, and gave special praise to St. Giles', Reading, and St. Mary's, Purley.—The Tower Foremen gave a short report, which bore out the secretary's statement that a steady progress was being made.

All the retiring officers were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. A. Osborne, who withdrew from the general committee in favour of Mr. Appleby, of Henley.—At the meeting, the Chairman made an earnest appeal for increased support for 'The Ringing World,' pointing out what a great loss it would be for the Exercise if it ceased publication, and with what pride he himself saw his name in print 50 years ago, as having rung his first peal.

The usual vote of thanks to the clergy for the service, was passed, and a few songs, with Miss D. Hoppood as accompanist, brought one more successful meeting of the Reading Branch to a close.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KETTERING DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

A quarterly meeting of the Kettering District was held at Broughton on a recent Saturday, 58 ringers being present from Burton, Barton, Cransley, Geddington, Isham, Oringsbury, Pytchley, Bothwell, Desborough, Weekley, Warkton, and the local tower. The Rector, the Rev. — Poddmore, conducted the service, the special preacher being the Rector of Cransley, who gave a most excellent address.

The President of the Association, the Rev. E. J. Atkins, presided at the tea and meeting, supported by the clergy named above, and the Rev. Hopper, of Weekley, the treasurer and general secretary.—Rothwell was chosen for the next meeting, early after Easter.—The whole of the Broughton band, and one lady ringer from Weekley joined the association.

The District Secretary gave a summary of the year's doings, which showed that two honorary, four out-county and 27 ringing members had joined, including three new bands, while Weekley, Warkton, Weldon and Stoke Albany rejoined. There were seven honorary and 106 ringing members on the books, which was considered very satisfactory.

Ringers were urged to take more interest in 'The Ringing World,' and so make it a success.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the ladies for providing tea, and to the local ringers.—The Rector, in replying, said how pleased he was to see such a good number present, and was glad that his ringers were joining the association, despite the rather bad go of the bells.—A move was again made to the heltry, where Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held at Bedworth on Saturday, January 15th, members attending from Ailesley, Birmingham, Nuneaton, Stoke-in-Coventry, and Stoke Golding. Touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon. The business meeting was held in the Schools. Apologies were read from the president (Canon Back) and Canon Brans.

At this meeting, the Ringing Master and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. H. White) tendered their resignations: Mr. A. Wilkerson was elected hon. secretary; and the Ringing Master, after some slight persuasion, consented to take office again.

The next meeting was arranged for Stratford-on-Avon; failing there Warwick was chosen.—Three new ringing members were elected.

After a vote of thanks to the retiring secretary, and to the Rector for the use of the bells, the tower was again visited. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob, Duffield, Superlative, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise Major.

BURSLEM CHURCHWARDEN'S DEATH.

On Tuesday, Feb. 8th, at St. John's Church, Burslem Staffs, a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob was rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect and esteem to the late churchwarden, Mr. John Jones, whose interment took place in the Burslem Cemetery on the same day. Although Mr. Jones was not a ringer himself, he always proved himself to be a friend of the ringers at Burslem, and his death will be keenly felt by all at St. John's Church. The ringers taking part in this touch were: J. Walley 1, A. Lees 2, J. Walker 3, J. Hurd 4, T. Hurd (conductor) 5, W. Deane 6.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. LICHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.

A successful meeting of members of the Lichester Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, together with three members of the Taunton Deanery Branch, was held at Ilminster on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Over thirty sat down to a tea prepared by the lady members of the choir. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and a touch of Plain Bob Major were rung before service, which was conducted by the President of the Branch (the Rev. G. W. Saunders), Vicar of Martock, who gave a most interesting address on the history of the Ilminster bells. He also asked the ringers to remember in their prayers the Rev. Preb. James Street, late Vicar of Ilminster, who was lying seriously ill in a nursing home at Weston-super-Mare.—The Vicar-elect, the Rev. J. N. Boughton, was present in the congregation.

The service was followed by a tea in the North Street Schools. At the annual meeting of the branch, the Rev. G. W. Saunders was unanimously elected president for the ensuing year, and Mr. F. Farrant, of Martock, was elected hon. secretary.

It was unanimously resolved to adopt the recommendation of the annual meeting of the association held at Minehead in July last, and appoint a Ringing Master for the branch, whose duty would be to take charge of the ringing at the branch meetings and see that all have an opportunity of ringing, and that no one band of ringers monopolises the bells for an undue length of time.—Mr. D. G. Taylor, who is the hon. secretary of the Crowkerne Deanery Branch, was elected to fill this post for the coming year, as he was the most regular attendant at these meetings.

A vote of thanks to the president for his address, to Mr. G. H. Fowler Sharpe, the organist, for presiding at the organ, and to the ladies for preparing the tea and waiting on the party, closed the meeting.

It was gratifying to find the Vicar-designate present at the service and tea, though he had to leave before the meeting, and the ringers have every confidence in a continuance of that good feeling that has existed for the past twenty-two years between the late Vicar and themselves.

The ringers then adjourned to the tower, where the bells were kept going in further touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and also two touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, in which three of the Ilminster hand took part. Six of the more advanced of this company have been studying Kent Minor, and were pleased at having an opportunity of ringing it with the members from Taunton, including the association secretary (Mr. E. E. Burgess), and Messrs. P. Merson and James Hunt, hon. secretary and Ringing Master respectively, of the Taunton Deanery Branch. The striking in most of the touches was good, and showed the young Ilminster ringers what to aim at.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Shireoaks on Saturday, January 22nd. The tower possesses a nice ring of six bells in good going order, and a commodious ringing chamber. The following towers were represented: Anston, Barlboro', Harthill, West Retford, Ordsall, Worksop and Shireoaks, in addition to members from kindred associations at Chesterfield, Wortley, All Saints', Sheffield and Tuxton. The methods rung were Plain Bob, Violet, Duke of York, Ordsall Delight, Kent and Oxford and London Surprise, the new method, Ordsall Delight, being the first on the bells.

Tea-time brought a brief disappointment. It was the old, old story. Upwards of 35 ringers turned up, but only seven had sent in their names, and Mr. Hargreaves, the tower keeper, had cancelled the order with the caterer. Other arrangements, however, were speedily made by the wives and daughters of the Shireoaks ringers, Messrs. Hargreaves and Hall, and after a little delay the inner man was well supplied, and everything passed off successfully. A debt of gratitude is owing to those good people for the excellent and prompt manner in which they dealt with the situation, and also for having the bells in readiness and in good going order, and their willingness to take a rope with the visitors who arrived with incomplete bands.

In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, Mr. Hargreaves occupied the chair at the business meeting, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells.—The next meeting, the annual, will be held at East Retford in May.

EIGHTY-SIX 720's IN 1920.

The St. John's Society, Leytonstone, with visiting friends, rang 86 complete 720's during 1920, as follows: In Surprise Methods: Lincoln 12, London 11, Cambridge 10, York 8, Ipswich 8, Wells 7, Durham 5, Beverley 4, Norwich 3, Carlisle 3, Chester 3, Newcastle 2, Chelsea 2, Canterbury 1; three methods spliced, viz., Durham, York and Cambridge 1, Whiteley 1, Oxford Treble Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 1, Plain Bob 2. Those who took part were: W. Miller 79, E. Smith 69, W. Theobald 61, W. Richés 57, G. Dawson 51, A. Prior 50, J. Moule 46, G. L. Joyce 26, G. Hayden 20, H. P. Avey 18, W. Doran 12, B. Thompson 8, H. Tarble 5, E. Wightman 4, G. A. Black 3, E. Wigg 3, J. Horwood 2, J. Marks 1, A. L. Bennett 1. The conductors were: W. Miller 84, G. Dawson 8, A. Prior 7, J. Moule 5, E. Wightman 1, G. Hayden 1.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Estab 1755).—The 33rd Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at The Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham (in the beautiful Connaught Room), Saturday, Feb. 26th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon E. Grose Hodge, M.A., Rector of Birmingham. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s. to meet the increased cost of the dinner, to other members and friends, 6s. 6d. each. It is necessary for every full member to be clear on the books not later than Saturday, Feb. 19th. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 5.15.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The monthly meeting will be held at Whitwick on Feb. 19th.—W. Pervin, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before Feb. 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Feb. 22nd at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Members' subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business: To discuss the advisability of reverting to pre-war annual report.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Kelvedon on Feb. 19th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Service with address 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at the Infants' School Room. Subscriptions to the amount of 1/6 per member are now due.—B. Redgewell, Dis. Sec., Rayne, near Braintree.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, Feb. 19th. 10 Bells. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—H. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27 Eversfield Road, Reigate.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch. The next meeting will be held at Cam, on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Stockport, on Saturday, Feb. 19th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting of the newly-formed association will be held at

Irthingborough on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited.—C. E. Hepburn, The Pines, Isham, nr. Kettering.

ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Stapleford (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m. in the White Cross Hotel.—William Gage, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Proposed Wigan Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at St James' Church, Poolstock, Wigan, on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. A good attendance requested.—J. Halsall, Sec. (*pro tem.*), 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A district meeting will be held at Morpeth on Feb. 26th. Tower will be open at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at cost price; all members intending to be present please notify the undermentioned not later than the 22nd.—James E. Gofton, Netherby, Ashbrooke, Monkseaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nominations for the election of the following must reach me not later than Feb. 28th, 1921:—President, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, and four Delegates to Central Council.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Twyford on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Feb. 26th of their intention of being present.—W. Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 5th, at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells ready at 3.15 p.m. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, March 5th, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, on Saturday, March 5th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea should advise me by March 2nd; a charge of 1/3 will be made for same.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.—The annual meeting of this guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who notify me not later than March 1st. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Galleywood on March 5th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at the White Bear. Those requiring

tea please notify me before Wednesday, March 2nd. Subscriptions to the amount of 1/6 per member are now due.—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Helmsshore, on Saturday, March 5th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7. Business very important. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at the Cathedral, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3. Service at 5. Tea at 1/6 per head in the Wolstenholm Hall at 5.45 to those who notify Mr. C. Harrison, 53, Baltic Road, Darnall, Sheffield by Wednesday, March 9th.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock, at the old Wine Vaults, East Street. All wishing tea please write, Mr. E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, by Feb. 24th.—Thos. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The Annual Dinner and Concert will be held at The Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, Saturday, March 5th, at 6 o'clock. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, can be obtained from Mr. J. D. Matthews, 130, Clonmore Street, S.W.18; Mr. F. Smith, 48, Mansfield Road, N.W.; Mr. A. Hardy, 37, Hubert Grove, S.W.9; Mr. B. Foskett, 1, Olive Road, N.W.2; Mr. R. Warner, Spitalfields Bell Foundry, E.1, and the Hon. Sec. The bells of St. Bride's will be available from 4 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

LADIES' GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Western District) will be held at Portishead, on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please send me a card not later than March 1st.—Edith Smith, 12, Auburn Road, Redland, Bristol.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, SOUTHAMPTON, RESTORATION of the very old ring of eight bells (tenor and 7th, 1663) to be rehung. Subscriptions and donations specially needed. £411 wanted, Parish very poor. Donations should be forwarded to

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LYTCHETT MINSTER.—On Sunday, January 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: T. Bullock 1, B. Wills 2, W. Allen 3, P. Wills 4, S. Purchase (conductor) 5, C. Harver 6. This is the first quarter-peal to be rung on the bells by a complete local band, also the first quarter-peal by ringers of the 2nd and 4th.

BLIDGEND.—Llandaff Association.—At St. Iltyd's Church, on Sunday, January 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: J. Evans 1, R. Evans 2, A. J. Stanley 3, R. Gregory 4, C. H. Perry 5, *H. Jenkins 6, †A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, A. W. Wright 8. * First quarter-peal in the method. † First quarter-peal in the method as conductor. This quarter-peal has the 6-7 together in every course.

SELY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, January 30th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): J. Dowler 1, G. Cartwright (1st quarter in the method) 2, P. Luffin 3, W. Cartwright 4, C. Webb 5, S. Grove (conductor) 6, J. Eaton 7, H. Parkes 8.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Sunday, Feb. 6th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins.: T. Luff 1, W. Brockhurst 2, G. Luff 3, Mrs. C. Hazelden 4, T. Attwell 5, C. Hazelden 6, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 7, W. Wheatley 8.

WEST HAM.—Essex Association.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on February 6th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 52 mins.: W. Riches 1, W. Doran 2, A. Prior 3, F. Newman 4, E. Smith 5, W. Theobald 6, H. Flanders 7, G. Hayden (conductor) 8.

READING.—Oxford Diocesan Guild, St. Giles' Society.—On Sunday, February 6th, at St. Giles' Church, Reading, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): Miss E. Holmes (first quarter-peal) 1, L. T. Osborne 2, A. Osborne 3, G. Cook 4, A. Bailey 5, G. Wiggin 6, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 7, W. Simmonds 8.

FOLKESTONE.—On Sunday, Feb. 13th, for Divine service, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: J. Coppins 1, Miss E. Jarvis 2, G. Ellis 3, J. Henley 4, A. Kedwell 5, A. Binfield 6, S. Binfield (conductor) 7, W. Knight 8.

SELBY.—Yorkshire Association.—On Sunday, January 9th, at the Abbey, for evening service, 1061 Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins.: G. Fenton 1, J. W. Hall 2, E. Storr 3, S. Morgan 4, W. A. Hall 5, H. S. Morley (conductor) 6, F. Cryer 7, W. Hinton 8, H. Fairlawn 9, L. Strudwick 10. Rang on the second anniversary of the arrival home of the conductor from Germany, where he was a prisoner of war.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The London County Association, the third of the great Metropolitan societies, is coming much into prominence again, and the past year's work, reviewed at the annual meeting the other day, shows that it is once more taking the place in the campanological world that it occupied in years gone by when societies were not so numerous as they are to-day. Founded originally as a link between the College Youths and the Cumberlands, whose rivalries in the preceding years had led to some big ringing feats, the society has had a career of nearly a century, and has admirably served its purpose. It has always been an unwritten law that a member of either the College Youths or Cumberlands ceases to be a member of the one society as soon as he joins the other. In those early days there were not the numerous neighbouring organisations that there now are, and the consequence was those old pioneers were unable to ring peals together under the auspices of any common society. St. James's Society, formed in 1823, was the outcome of an attempt to surmount this difficulty, and the leading members of the generations of ringers that have since passed through the London bell-fries have met on the common ground which this organisation provided. With the growth of ringing the society expanded its sphere, and, much to the regret of some lovers of old tradition, changed its title.

But the society has most certainly justified its wider territorial name. It has carried its activities into a much larger circle of towers; it has drawn in ringers who are not even members of one of the two older societies, and it has shown its capacity and enterprise by organising upon the lines of the larger modern provincial ringing societies, by decentralising into branches and holding periodical district meetings. All this is a sign of virility, but we are not quite sure that in the process of expansion the Association is not, to some extent, losing its tradition. It is still open to be made the meeting-ground of the College Youths and Cumberlands, but its purpose now goes much beyond this. No one, however, will quarrel with the wider scope which the Association now adopts, and, in the hands of a body of energetic officials, it is more than justifying its existence. Like its progenitors, it has now well established headquarters. St. Clement Danes is the parent church, and the society is exceedingly fortunate to find a Rector so deeply interested in its welfare as the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford. The future of the London County Association is promising. There is a large field of work open to it, and it might well turn its attention to getting regular ringing at more of the churches which lie within the inner London area, and using its influence to get restored some of those rings which at present hang in a state of sad disrepair.

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LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1921, in Four Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH, E.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

\$JOHN D. MATTHEWS 2	...Treble	\$JOHN W. CORNFORD 7
ARTHUR N. HARDY 2		*CECIL J. MATTHEWS... .. 8
\$THOMAS NEWMAN 3		FRED WILFORD 9
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4		†RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... 10
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 5		*FRANK SMITH 11
RICHARD BEVAN... .. 6		†EDGAR WIGHTMAN ... ..Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by J. D. MATTHEWS.
First peal of treble twelve on the bells since the restoration. * First peal on tower bells. † First peal on twelve. ‡ First peal of Maximus. § First peal of treble twelve.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Feb. 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR CAUSLEY 2	...Treble	GEORGE ADES 6
WILLIAM WATTS 2		JAMES A. HART 7
HERBERT RANN 3		ROBERT J. DAWE... .. 8
FRANK BENNETT 4		ALFRED J. TURNER 9
GEORGE PIPER 5		GEORGE RICHARDSON ... ..Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Errey, the secretary of the local band; also to celebrate the 53rd anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Dawe, parents of R. J. Dawe.

CHELMSFORD.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

ARTHUR EDWARDS 2	...Treble	PERCY TIMSON 6
HENRY W. KIRTON 2		EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... 7
CYRIL PEASE 3		HENRY HEAD 8
THOMAS LINCOLN... .. 4		JOHN WOOD 9
WILLIAM LINCOLN 5		ARTHUR HEAD ... ..Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS. Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.
First peal of Royal on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of the 2nd.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Jan. 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS... .. 2	...Treble	WALTER RUFFLES 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 2		ERNEST E. GRIMES 6
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 3		THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 7
ALFRED H. WATSON 4		CLR.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Jan. 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS CHAPPELL 2	...Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
CLR.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT ... 2		GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 6
GEORGE BENNETT 3		WILLIAM C. RUMSEY... .. 7
EDWARD JENKINS... .. 4		THOS. W. LAST ... ..Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.
This and the peal at Worlingworth were arranged for Clr.-Sergt. James Bennett, R.M.

ROCHESTER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

FRANK BELSEY Treble	*THOMAS JULL 5
SGT. G. GILBERT, R.E. ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER... .. 6
Mrs. V. A. JARRETT, R.E. 3	*CHARLES E. NORRIS 7
WILLIAM NYE 4	FRED RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by FRED RICHARDSON.

* First in the method.

TARPORELY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	*REV. H. R. INGHAM... .. 5
HARRY F. HOLDING 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING 6
GEORGE R. JONES 3	ARTHUR NEWELL 7
HARRY OVERTON... .. 4	JAMES V. WRIGHT Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by R. SPERRING.

* First peal. C.C. Collection No. 99.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

RICHARD SMITH Treble	JOHN H. CHEESEMAN 5
ARTHUR H. PALMER 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 6
WILLIAM J. WHEADON 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*MISS M. HOULDSWORTH ... Treble	ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH... 5
†JONATHAN WHEWELL 2	JAMES HOULDSWORTH... .. 6
JAMES SHAW 3	WILLIAM TAYLOR 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

NEWTON-IN-MAKERFIELD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

FRED ABBOTT Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
GEORGE POWNALL 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

First peal on the bells. They are a very fine eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and have been in the tower 21 years. Previous attempts have usually failed owing to the great noise in the ringing chamber. The band thank the Vicar (Rev. James Ryder) for allowing the peal, and for his hospitality on this and previous occasions.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Jan. 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

LEWIS WISEMAN Treble	†BERNARD PETTITT 5
†OLAVE BROYD 2	†ARTHUR WASH 6
HORACE COOPER 3	†SIDNEY HALE 7
†FRED WISEMAN 4	†STANLEY WILDING Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by LEWIS WISEMAN.

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

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Jan. 24, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*THOMAS M. WHITFIELD ... Treble	†R. ALDER GOFTON 5
†WILLIAM L. GOFTON 2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 6
JAMES E. GOFTON 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD... 7
RICHARD A. GOFTON... .. 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by R. ALDER GOFTON.

Rung for the eighth anniversary of the dedication of the eight bells. * First peal of London. † First Surprise peal. ‡ First peal of London as conductor.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr.

W. E. BASON Treble	THOMAS FORD 5
CLEMENT MORE 2	ELLIS HAYWARD 6
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	JOHN SOUTER 7
GEORGE ARCHER 4	HENRY CATTERMOLE Tenor

Conducted by J. SOUTER.

The ringer of the treble hails from Fakenham, 2nd, 4th and tenor from Palgrave, the rest are local men.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Jan. 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

JOHN W. FAITHFUL Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY... .. 5
*OWEN H. GILES... .. 2	D. C. WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O. 6
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
*WALTER G. ROWE 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Double Norwich on a working bell. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. John B. P. Fleming, the son and daughter-in-law of Mr. John E. A. Fleming of North Stoneham Park.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Friday, Jan. 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-le-Port,

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

MISS ANNIE BROWN Treble	FRED G. LEAKER... .. 5
PERCY CAVE... .. 2	EDWIN J. BROWN... .. 6
WILLIAM A. CAVE 3	ALFRED E. REEVES 7
EDGAR GUISE 4	WILLIAM E. ABRAHAMS ... Tenor

Non-Conducted.

Umpire: JOHN A. BURFORD.

This was the first non-conducted peal by all the band and also in Bristol. The ringers were congratulated on the good striking throughout the peal, which was rung strictly on 'non-conducted' rules. The band wish to thank the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells, and Mr. G. Perry, the steeplekeeper, for his kindness.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Jan. 22, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

*REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
GEORGE THOMPSON ... 2	WILLIAM LATTER ... 6
HERBERT MARKWELL ... 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 7
†ALBERT RELFE ... 4	*RICHARD J. RUSH ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL COSLANY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BEN S. THOMPSON ... Treble	ALBERT ROUGHT ... 5
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 2	*CHARLES E. BORRETT ... 6
*GEORGE A. SPARKS ... 3	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 7
JOHN E. BURTON ... 4	*FREDERICK W. CURTIS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

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

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

PRITCHARD'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM MESSAM ... Treble	ARTHUR C. OTWAY ... 5
*WILLIAM E. OTWAY ... 2	ALBERT HARMAN ... 6
GEORGE MARRINER ... 3	EDWARD HULL ... 7
ALFRED H. WINCH ... 4	ARTHUR DEAN ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

* First peal of Major. This is the first peal of Major on these bells by a local band since 1829.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Jan. 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE DURLING ... Treble	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 5
*REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 2	*RICHARD A. J. RICHES ... 6
*JOHN LYDDIARD ... 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
PERCY J. SPICE ... 4	WILLIAM LYDDIARD ... Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal of Stedman. Rang to celebrate the 17th birthday of R. D. Marshall.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

R. KEEN ... Treble	G. CAUDWELL ... 5
†J. HONEY ... 2	J. MONK ... 6
†MRS. A. E. LOCK ... 3	T. BULL ... 7
H. HOLIFIELD ... 4	A. E. LOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

† First peal. † 20th peal.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Two Hours Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES

F. W. TURNER ... Treble	R. HICKION ... 5
R. A. HICKION ... 2	*H. E. GREEN ... 6
J. BAILEY ... 3	E. C. CHASTY ... 7
†C. GEARY ... 4	W. R. DRAGE ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by W. R. DRAGE.

* First peal. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.) (SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST A. REEVE ... Treble	RALPH MACKRILL ... 5
WILLIAM H. WOOD ... 2	*WILLIAM ESSERY ... 6
WILLIAM J. DEAN ... 3	HORACE BELCHER ... 7
HENRY S. ELLIS ... 4	HARRY MANCE ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by H. MANCE.

* First peal of Major and first attempt.

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.) (ST. GILES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*GEORGE WHEELER ... Treble	*ARTHUR BAILEY ... 5
*LEN T. OSBORNE ... 2	RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... 6
*GEORGE WIGGIN ... 3	*HORACE A. OSBORNE ... 7
†ROBERT BISHOP ... 4	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by AMBROSE W. OSBORNE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an inside bell. First peal of Double Norwich as conductor and rung at first attempt. R. N. Runham's 50th peal.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM E. WHITE ... Treble	*WALTER WHITE ... 5
*KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 2	ARTHUR MACKREARS ... 6
REV. C. J. STURTON ... 3	F/S. F. A. HOLDEN, R.A.F. 7
†ALBERT COPPOCK ... 4	RUFERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

* First peal in the method. † Elected a life member at a previous unsuccessful attempt when the same band rang 2½ hours.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

*EDWARD T. HENDLEY ... Treble	*WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 5
†LEONARD G. STONE ... 2	ALBERT BEST ... 6
†HERBERT LAMBERT ... 3	GEORGE PRESTON ... 7
ROY VINCENT ... 4	WILLIAM G. FOWLER ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STONE.

* First peal, and belongs to local band. † First peal as conductor, age 16. † First peal with a bob bell. The rest belong to Christchurch. This was the quarterly peal for the Christchurch District.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT BUCKLEY ... Treble	†CHARLES BENNETT ... 5
GEORGE STAFF ... 2	†JOHN NASH ... 6
JOHN FITTON ... 3	JOHN MASSEY ... 7
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 4	WILLIAM CRABTREE ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by W. CRABTREE.

† First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The ringers of 4, 6 and tenor hail from Todmorden, the rest being local men.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Jan. 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.
WILLIAM T. PRIOR Treble HENRY DEW... .. 5
ALFRED E. PITSTOW 2 THOMAS J. WATTS 6
THOMAS JORDAN 3 FREDERICK DENCH 7
FREDERICK J. PITSTOW 4 GEORGE JORDAN Tenor
Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE JORDAN.
Rung in honour of Mr. G. Jordan's birthday. The ringers of 1 and 5 hail from Bishop's Stortford, 2, 4 and 7 from Saffron Walden, the rest being local men.

CAREWELLY, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's. Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lb.
WILLIAM PIKE Treble ALBERT ADDICOTT 5
PERCY JONES 2 FRANK BOUCHER 6
† DAVID STEPHENS 3 GEORGE COOKE 7
HARRY BROUGHTON 4 † BRINLY ADDICOTT Tenor
Conducted by F. BOUCHER.
† First peal. Rung as a wedding peal for the ringer of the 4th.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CLIFTON ASSOCIATION.)

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Brook's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.
† MRS. ERNEST CANN Treble † GEORGE PRICE 5
† WILLIAM GIST 2 JAMES R. JONES 6
† WALTER J. RAWLINGS 3 RICHARD CLARK 7
WILLIAM H. THOMAS 4 † ERNEST CANN Tenor
Conducted by RICHARD CLARK.
Rung as a wedding peal for the ringers of treble and tenor. † First peal. † First in the method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Dunstan-in-the-East.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.
T. REGINALD DENNIS... .. Treble ALBERT W. COLES 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2 REUBEN SANDERS 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3 JAMES E. DAVIS 7
ARTHUR MASON 4 WILLIAM PYE Tenor
Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of Margaret.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's Twelve-Part. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.
* HUBERT E. HOLGATE Treble ALBERT C. HARDY 5
ROWLAND FENN... .. 2 CALES FENN... .. 6
WILLIAM G. JACKSON 3 GEORGE COTTIS 7
WALTER BEARD... .. 4 HARRY HOLGATE Tenor
Conducted by G. COTTIS.
First peal. First peal as conductor.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.
CHARLES TRIEBE Treble * GEORGE KENWARD 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER... .. 2 WILLIAM WENHAM 6
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 3 CHARLES H. SONE 7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT 4 PHILLIP HODGKIN Tenor
Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by C. H. SONE.
* First peal of Major.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Feb. 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.
JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble WILLIAM SHEPHERD 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK 2 CANON G. F. COLERIDGE 6
HENRY HUTTON 3 CHARLES HAZELDEN 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4 ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor
Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Feb. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.
WILLIAM B. BISS Treble SIDNEY DAWE 5
CLARENCE O. HOBBS 2 * ERNEST E. PEACOCK... .. 6
JOHN W. JONES 3 FRED CHAMBERLAIN 7
* ERNEST T. CARTER 4 SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor
Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.
* First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to Clarence O. Hobbs. First peal of Triples as conductor.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Haley's Variation. Tenor 12½ cwt.
* SIDNEY ANSTEAD Treble SPENCER MARSHALL 5
HERBERT AUDSLEY 2 HENRY GIBBS 6
GEORGE POVEY 3 EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 7
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 4 JOHN S. MORTON Tenor
Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.
* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Audsley.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BAGLAN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 29, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Catherine.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 15½ cwt.
* MISS E. G. BELLINGER Treble C. STITCH 4
B. DEVONALD 2 J. BLOKHAM 5
D. REES 3 A. J. PITMAN Tenor
Conducted by D. REES.
* First peal and first attempt. It is believed that the ringer of the treble is the first lady ringer in South Wales to ring a peal of Bob Minor.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in D.
* CYRIL SINFIELD... .. Treble * ERNEST HERBERT 4
* ALBERT FLEET, JUN... .. 2 HORACE H. SMITH 5
* CYRIL HERBERT... .. 3 CHARLES WM. CLARKE Tenor
Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.

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WOODSTON, PETERBOROUGH.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
On Monday, Jan. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Double Court, two 720's of Double Oxford, two 720's of St. Clement's and one 720 of Plain Bob.

WILLIAM BEETON Treble	PHYLLIS HARE 4
CHARLES HOARE 2	ANNIE PARKINS 5
HERBERT HOARE 3	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

First peal in four methods by all except the conductor.

NEWINGTON NEXT SITTINGBOURNE.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Jan. 6, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Single and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*EARNEY MILLARD Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
*SYDNEY MILLARD 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
†CHARLEY MILLARD 3	SGT. G. GILBERT, R.E. ... Tenor

Conducted by SERGT. G. GILBERT, R.E.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Jan. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Single Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*WALTER MILLER Treble	†PERCY POTTER 4
GEORGE STANNARD 2	†WALTER RUFFLES 5
†ERNEST CURTIS 3	HARRY HALL Tenor

Conducted by H. HALL.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Lichfield, Bristol, Worcester, Cambridge and Killamarsh. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE E. LAWRENCE ... Treble	JOHN E. WHEELDON 4
JOHN WALKER 2	WILLIAM P. DEANE 5
WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ... 3	FREDERICK T. DAWSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. LAWRENCE.

This is the first peal of Surprise by all except J. E. Wheeldon; also the first on Norton bells, and was rung as a birthday compliment to W. P. Deane.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob, three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER Treble	CHARLES BAILEY 4
EDGAR BAILEY 2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 5
*FREDERICK WADE 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the Misses E. L. and F. M. Naunton, sister and daughter of the conductor. * First peal in three methods.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, College Single and Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

CHARLES COCKINGS Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON 4
HERBERT ROBINSON 2	WILLIAM STOCK 5
ALFRED ROBINSON 3	GEORGE THEW Tenor

Conducted by H. W. GAYTON.

First peal on the bells in five methods by a local company.

CHURCHKIRK.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

*WILLIAM HINDLE Treble	JOHN WATSON 4
ARTHUR INGHAM 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 5
*FRED HOLLINS 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON Tenor

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. Ringers of 4 and 6 belong to Blackburn, remainder to Churchkirk. Quickest peal on these bells.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Beverley, London, Wells, Lancashire, Stamford and York. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED PARR Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM 4
HARRY GREAVES 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON 5
T. A. HOWES-SMITH 3	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

TYDD ST. GILES, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(MARSHLANDS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, Feb. 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALFRED BACON Treble	JOHN CLAXTON 4
TONY PRICE 2	WALTER J. BARKER 5
CHARLES W. LARGE 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

The band wish to tender their thanks to the Rector for his kind hospitality after the peal. It is worthy of note that Nicolas Breakspere, only English Pope of Rome, known as Hadrian, was Rector at this church in the time of Henry II.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Feb. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven spiced 720's in the following methods: (1) Braintree, Wragby and College Bob IV., (2) Grove Delight and Neasden, (3) Islington and Norbury, (4) Trowell and Duke of Norfolk, (5) Bocking and Willesden, (6) Poynton and Old Oxford Modernised, (7) Oxford, Sandal, Overton, Kingston and London Scholars. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY Treble	REV. A. T. BEESTON 4
*JOHN P. FIDLER 2	JOHN W. HARTLEY 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 3	*ALLAN S. GORDON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

* First peal in 18 methods. All the above methods will be found in the C.C. Collection of Legitimate Methods, except Overton, Poynton, Trowell and Grove Delight, which are the composition of Mr. E. H. Lewis and are also regular methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Friday, Jan. 7, 1921, in Two Hours and One Minute,
AT 25, FAR FOLD,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GERALD MOORHOUSE 1-2	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE... .. 5-6
OLIVE L. LUMLEY 3-4	MALCOLM MOORHOUSE 7-8

Conducted by MALCOLM MOORHOUSE.

Witness: MR. A. WINDSOR.

First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand' by all. The conductor, aged 15½ years, is believed to be the youngest ringer to have called a peal in the method.

LONG BENNINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sunday, Jan. 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH'S HOUSE.*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

KATBLEEN A. JUTSON... .. 1-2	F/S. F. A. HOLDEN, R.A.F. 5-6
RUFERT RICHARDSON 3-4	*ARTHUR MACEARS 7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.

* First peal 'in hand.'

BIRMINGHAM.

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

*On Thursday, Feb. 3, 1921, in Three Hours,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

*PERCY O. LAFLIN 1-2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 7-8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3-4	ALF. PADDON SMITH... .. 9-10
JAMES E. GROVES 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by PERCY O. LAFLIN.

Referees: THOMAS RUSSAM and ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal of Cinques 'in hand' and as conductor.

LATE NOTICES.

WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's Church, Sketty, on Saturday, March 5th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea at the Church Hall at 6 p.m. Will members notify me by Wednesday, March 2nd, if intending to be present. Annual subscriptions now due, 2/.—Charles Morse, Sec., 2, Dycock Road, Sketty, Swansea.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Woodbridge District.—The monthly practice meeting will be held at Wickham Market on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 to 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—C. E. Fisher, Dis. Sec., High Street, Ufford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A District meeting will be held at Chelham (8) on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Will all those intending to be present kindly inform me not later than Thursday, March 3rd.—E. G. Vuesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A District meeting will be held at Saltburn on Saturday, March 12th. Further particulars next week.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Div. Sec.

The Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, ringers inaugurated and carried out a highly successful whist drive and dance to raise funds for new bell ropes, and the effort resulted in a splendid balance of £13 ls. 6d. The prizes and refreshments were kindly given by the ringers and friends, and the leader, in the absence of the customary 'hobs,' conducted the affairs with the whistle. New ropes have been obtained, and it is whispered that the next move is to 'go' for two new bells to complete the octave.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A most interesting anniversary fell on Wednesday, for it was on February 23rd, 1783, that, according to 'The Clavis,' the first peal of Cambridge Surprise was rung. This was at St. Giles-in-the-Fields by the Ancient Society of College Youths (there were two societies of College Youths at that time), and was 'deemed the greatest performance ever achieved in the Campanistanean Art, as so intricate a method was never practised by any other sett of men whatever.'

'Indeed,' says this ancient record, 'the same people (except one) did ring a peal in this same method and at the same place on Sunday, January 30th, 1780, they being then London Youths, but as this was rung with the tenors together it proved false on the new discoveries which happened about this time, and was the cause of their ringing another peal.'

It may be added that the composition rung in 1753 had the tenors parted in some courses. It was left to Charles Middleton to find a peal of Cambridge Surprise with the tenors together throughout.

Henry Johnson, whose memory will be honoured by the gathering at Birmingham to-morrow, was born on February 23th, 1809, and forty years ago on Monday next his 72nd birthday was celebrated by a record peal of 9,238 Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, which the old gentleman composed and took part in. Mr. John Buffery is the only survivor of that band.

To-morrow is the anniversary of a peal of 10,000 Bob Major rung at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, in the year 1777, and March 1st is the anniversary of two long peals of Grandsire Caters at Painswick; 8,064 in the year 1734, and 10,080 a year later.

The Cambridge University Guild is one of the oldest of the modern ringing associations, and on February 5th the 42nd anniversary of the foundation of the Guild was celebrated by a peal of Bob Major rung on handbells.

Last week the question was asked as to the first peal of Surprise Minor in which two ladies took part. The information now comes to hand that this was achieved by the Misses Steel, of Bedford, who took part in such a peal at Willington, Beds, on February 21st, 1914, when Miss Dorothy Steel rang the treble, and Miss Evelyn Steel the 3rd. On September 18, 1915, at the same church, both rang bob bells to a peal comprising 720 each of Stamford, Lancashire, Durham, York, Wells, London and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Both peals were rung for the Bedfordshire Association.

An ex-service men's peal has been rung at Norbury, Cheshire, and five out of the six ringers were local men. Of the original band at this tower in 1914 (including learners) seven served in H.M. Forces, and one, Herbert Williamson, made the supreme sacrifice. Of those seven, four are now back in their old places, the other two having fallen off. As, however, one other late member of the forces has joined, there are now five ex-service men as regular ringers.

The bells at the Royal Exchange, a peal of 13 cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, were opened on Wednesday of last week by the Lady Mayoress, and the wonderful tones of these new bells, the first in the City of London to be tuned on the Simpson principle, has been widely commented on.

The carillon, with a tenor of two tons, and weighing seven-tons altogether, plays twenty-one different tunes; but some surprise has been expressed that the Chimes Committee have not had included any Welsh airs, those at present on the barrel being English, Scotch and Irish.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have received many congratulations upon the splendid result of their work, the new peal having restored to the City a feature of its daily life, which appears to have been much missed in recent years by those whose occupation takes them to 'the hub of the universe.'

His many friends will learn with much regret of the serious illness of Mr. Raymond J. Wilkins, a member at St. Stephen's, Bristol, at which church also he is a member of the Church Council. The good wishes of the Exercise for his speedy recovery will go out to him. He has been greatly missed in the belfry for the last seven weeks.

The claim to the first peal of Major on the bells at All Saints', Daresbury, Cheshire, made in the footnote to a peal published last week cannot be sustained. The bells were restored by Messrs. John Warner and Sons. They were dedicated at matins on Sunday, Feb. 15th, 1914, and a peal of Bob Major, conducted by Mr. E. H. Lewis, was rung for evensong the same day.

The temporary address of Mr. A. H. Winch (of Leatherhead) is 1. Cliff Street, Whitby, Yorks.

The best ringers sometimes fail, and it is the glorious uncertainty which partly makes peal ringing such an attraction. Last Saturday week, at Southwark, the Kent County Association nearly took its first peal of Cambridge Maximus, but an otherwise splendid performance went wrong in the last lead, and the bells stopped about 20 changes short of a peal after 4 hours 8 mins.

We much regret to record the death of Mr. T. Suart, of Dalton-in-Furness, who passed away on Monday of last week.

OLDEST BELL RINGER DEAD.**THE PASSING OF MR. JOHN HEATHORN.**

At the advanced age of 97 years, Mr. John Heathorn, England's oldest bell ringer, passed away at Abbot's Hospital, Guildford, last week. Born on January 11th, 1824, Mr. Heathorn learnt to ring just 70 years ago, taking his first lessons in handling a bell at St. Mary's Church, Guildford, where there are six bells. At that time (1851) there was very little change ringing in the neighbourhood, but the company got along well with Grandsire Doubles until they broke up in the early '70's. Mr. Heathorn then went to Holy Trinity Church, and was instrumental in getting the bells rung regularly for Sunday service for some years. The bells, however, were sadly in need of the attention of a bell hanger, and when Messrs. Taylor and Co. put in the eight bells at St. Nicolas' Church in 1879, Mr. Heathorn threw in his lot with a band formed there. He was the only change ringer among them, and progress was very slow; indeed it was nearly ten years before they succeeded in ringing their first 168 of Grandsire. This was in January, 1889, and on May 27th in the same year, Mr. Heathorn, at the age of 65, rang his first peal. From that time onward Mr. Heathorn took part in occasional peals, and altogether rang 23, viz., Grandsire Triples 13, Grandsire Caters 1, Union Triples 1, Bob Triples 3, Bob Major 4, Oxford Bob Triples 1. Mr. Heathorn's last peal was on October 1st, 1902, although he made an unsuccessful attempt for another on his 84th birthday. Born in the reign of George IV. Mr. Heathorn rang for the Coronation of George V., and even had a pull after he had passed his 90th birthday. From August, 1897, Mr. Heathorn was an inmate of Abbot's Hospital, Guildford's ancient almshouse, close under the bells of Holy Trinity Church, whose ringing gave him much delight in the evening of his days. Only in January last a handbell peal, in honour of his birthday, was rung at Abbot's Hospital.

TREBLE BOB VARIATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—While thanking Mr. Trollope for his appreciation of my two variations of Treble Bob, I find myself unable to agree with any of his arguments. We all know how pleasant it is to enjoy good health after a severe illness; but surely no one would expose himself willingly to infection with the object of obtaining that pleasure. If Mr. Trollope's suggestion is to be carried to its logical conclusion, the conductor should introduce some crashing discords into every concert, with the object of making his audience appreciate the good music that came between them; but his orchestra would soon be playing to empty benches if he did so.

I grant that Duffield and Forward are horribly monotonous; but the monotony comes from the lack of variety in the work of the method; not from the music. If it were so, then Double Norwich would share their fate.

Cambridge Royal is better music than Treble Ten, simply because it contains nothing like the two leads in which the tenors are in the slow in the latter.

Mr. Trollope seems to have entirely misunderstood my allusion to 'Worcester.' I was not trying to frame definitions for a bob, but only pointing out that the absence of the three-pull dodge that comes at the bob in the ordinary method tended to monotony.

Having had fair experience in both these methods, I venture to say that no one will find them monotonous, but far more interesting than the parent method.—Yours,
E. BANKES JAMES.

MIXTURE WHICH IS A CENTURY OLD.

A Yorkshire ringer writes to us as follows: 'This hybrid Treble Bob, of which so much is being made, was produced by Hudson, of Sheffield, a hundred years ago. He called it "Hudson's New Light," an Oxford Plain lead being used to keep the tenors out of the slow. Tell them quite gently to ring Forward if they want a dodging method with slow work, or send them a lead of London or Cambridge.'

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division was held at St. Clement's, Hastings, on Saturday, Feb. 5th, when members representing the following to wets, were present: Battle, Brighton, Bexhill (St. Peter's), Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Heathfield, Hastings (Christ Church, Blacklands), and Salehurst.

Ringing was indulged in during the afternoon at St. Clement's, followed by tea, which was provided at 'The Restaurant,' High Street.

At the business meeting, Mr. W. Franks, of Battle occupied the chair, and two new members were elected (Mr. E. T. Baber and Mr. Jack Sharp) of St. Saviour's, Eastbourne.

Mr. G. W. Stokes was re-elected hon. secretary, and Messrs. W. Franks, J. Livermore and G. H. Howse were re-elected to serve on the Central Committee.

Bexhill was the place decided upon for the next meeting. The Chairman made an earnest appeal for increased support for 'The Ringing World.' He pointed out that it was the only paper published in the interests of change ringing, and asked the members to support it wholeheartedly, and take their copy each week, it being the only sure way to make the paper a success.—Mr. A. Piper, of Eastbourne, also supported the appeal.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL MEETING.**

Once again the London County Association has to record a most successful annual general meeting held on February 12th at St. Clement Danes, Strand. Owing to the large number of ringers that attended, it was found impossible for all to have a pull on the 'beautiful bells of St. Clement's.' The association's form of service was used, conducted by the hon. Chaplain, the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, M.A., assisted by Canon J. H. Ellison, M.A., Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill; the Rev. E. C. Bedford, M.A., Rector of St. Andrew's, Holborn; the Rev. J. A. Mayo, Rector of St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel; the Rev. R. Mayne Young, M.A., Rector of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, and the Rev. A. G. B. West, M.A., Rector of St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, some 76 members being present. The lessons were read by the Rev. E. C. Bedford and Mr. R. A. Daniell, and an interesting address was given by Canon J. H. Ellison. Commencing with a short account of the meeting of the National Assembly, he urged ringers to make friends with the Parochial Church Councils that they might be recognised as churchworkers by the Councils, which had come to stop. Preaching from I Corinthians xii., xiii. and xiv., the speaker applied the words of St. Paul to the work of ringers. Ringers, he said, were peculiarly gifted, and only one person in three was actually gifted for ringing. Punctuality and method particularly were required, and each worker should, if possible, do only a little, but take infinite pains over that little. Everyone who was doing a good work should work for God, which would make them give their best to the work. Ringing was a work that was being done for the whole of the community, but few understood the higher branches of change ringing. Parochial Church Councils should be used to educate the people in these matters, and ringers should get elected to the Councils in order to carry this out.

Those who aspired to religious work, the preacher added, should be religious. If they had love in their bellfries, everything else would follow: loyalty to their fellow members, and a sense of responsibility that they might do the work with an unselfish and generous spirit.

At the conclusion of the service, a move was made to the Parish House, Clare Market, where a most satisfying meal had been provided by the Hon. Chaplain and his wife, the tastefully decorated tables speaking of the thoughtfulness of Mrs. Pennington Bickford, who personally arranged them.

The business meeting followed, the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender) presiding.—Six new members were elected, including Mrs. Pennington Bickford as an honorary member.

Mr. E. A. Young, as junior auditor, read the balance sheet, which shows an increase in the funds of £11 7s. on the year's working. It was decided to purchase 25 War Savings Certificates.

The Hon. Secretary's report, which was received with approval, showed that 38 new members were elected during 1920, and gave some interesting figures on the past year's peal ringing. Twenty-five peals had been rung, 20 on tower bells, and 5 on handbells, 75 members taking part in them. Eight members had rung their first peal, 26 their first in various methods, two their first with an inside bell, and one his first away from the tenor. It was interesting to note that one member, who was elected in January, 1920, took part in 15 peals, and scored his first of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Cinques, Kent Treble Bob Royal and Cambridge Surprise Major on tower bells, and Stedman Caters on handbells.

The election of officers aroused considerable interest, the following being successful: Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender; hon. general secretary, Mr. A. D. Barker; hon. general treasurer, Mr. W. G. Matthews; senior steward, Mr. W. H. Pickett; junior steward, Mr. F. W. H. Sergison; trustees, Mr. R. A. Daniell and Mr. E. A. Young; Central Council representatives, Mr. T. H. Taffender and Mr. E. A. Young.

The positions of Master, junior steward and Central Council representatives were contested, but to no purpose, the opposition being badly left in the minority.

Touches on handbells concluded a most enjoyable meeting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Liverpool Branch was held on Saturday, Feb. 12th, at St. Mary's, Grassendale, members attending from St. Nicholas' and St. Francis' (Liverpool), Farnworth, Garston, Huyton, and local company. Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Jobling), who presided over the business meeting, at which three new members were elected, and St. Luke's, Liverpool, was chosen for the next place of meetings.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of bells, and also for the tea.—The Vicar, in replying, welcomed the members to the church, and hoped that they would not be long in coming again.—The methods rung during the evening were Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

CUMBERLAND YOUTHS' DINNER.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances it has been found necessary to postpone the annual dinner and concert of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths to April 2nd. The arrangements made for the previous date will stand for the revised date.

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**THE CROYDON
BELL FOUNDRY
1921.**

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**GUILDFORD DISTRICT SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.**

A quarterly meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was held at Haslemere on Saturday, Feb. 12th, 45 members being present. Towers represented were Aldershot, Farnham, Chiddingfold, St. Nicolas' and Holy Trinity, Guildford, Portsmouth, and the local company; the Rev. E. Banks James also being present. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. — Wragge, and an address was given by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter. Tea was followed by the business meeting, at which the chair was taken by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter. One compounding and three new members were elected.

Mr. J. J. Jones then informed the company that, owing to failing eyesight, he was compelled to resign the secretaryship which he has held since the opening of the district, and he gave some interesting accounts of his early days, when the district was started, and the sorrow he felt of having to take the step he was taking.

His resignation was accepted with regret by all, and it was decided to call a representative meeting of the district to consider the situation.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells concluded the meeting.

A SIX-BELL 'STUNT.'

On Saturday afternoon, Feb. 12th, six stalwart men (one of them being a lady) left Reading for a short journey down the Thames Valley. At Goring they were met by Mr. J. Bower, who did the conducting as far as Strouley, where the light peal of six were raised, and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob lost in the last lead through the indisposition (to ring) of one of the band. However, a 720 of Bob Minor was finished by: J. Waine 1, R. T. Hibbert 2, Miss S. Davis 3, J. Smith 4, J. Bower 5, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 6. Then over the river to Goring, where the 720 Oxford Treble Bob was finished: H. Simmonds 1, R. T. Hibbert 2, Miss S. Davis 3, A. Wiggins 4, W. Hibbert 5, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 6. It was on the cards to go right away to South Stoke, but the lady said 'No, it is tea-time,' and rather than hurt her feelings we allowed her to take the place of honour and pour out 'the cup that cheers.' Then to South Stoke, and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in good style: H. Simmonds 1, R. T. Hibbert 2, Miss S. Davis 3, J. Smith 4, A. Wiggins 5, W. Hibbert 6. These are a pleasing peal of six, a treble having been added and the bells rebung in metal frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank as a way memorial; and, needless to say, it is a pleasure to ring there. Several old friends had turned up by this time, and Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Stedman and Grandsire were enjoyed by all and sundry. The writer wishes to thank Mr. J. Bower and other Goring ringers for their kindness and hospitality. H.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**LEWISHAM DISTRICT MEETING.**

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Dartford recently. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise and London Surprise Major were accomplished. Service was well attended, and an address was given by the Rev. Canon L. Savill (Vicar), the prayers being read by the Rev. D. R. A. Williams (curate). Tea followed in the Church Hall, kindly provided by the Vicar, to which about 50 sat down, the Vicar and curate being present; also Messrs. C. H. Steilman and W. L. Parry (churchwardens). A good staff of ringers' wives and friends were present to wait on the company.—At the conclusion of the tea, a vote of thanks, carried by acclamation, was accorded the ladies for their kindness, to which one of them briefly replied.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding.—Mr. R. Brett, of Newdigate, Surrey, was elected a non-resident life member, and six practising members were elected.—Erith (St. John the Baptist) was selected as the place for the meeting in April.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries (district representative) read his report of the Central Committee meeting.—This was adopted, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded to him.

A suggestion was then put forward with regard to making Dartford a ring of ten, and after a little explanation, the Vicar and Mr. L. Parry promised to see what could be done.

Mr. W. Hewett then put forward a suggestion with regard to 'The Ringing World,' and after discussion, the District Secretary informed the meeting that he believed it was settled to raise the price of the paper. On a show of hands it was found that nearly all took the paper.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, his address, and the tea.—This was carried with applause, and in reply the Vicar thanked the meeting, and said it had been a very great pleasure to entertain them.—A hearty vote of thanks was also passed to the churchwardens for their presence, to which Mr. W. L. Parry responded.—This concluded the business, and the members again visited the tower for more ringing.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**STROUD BRANCH'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.**

The annual meeting of the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Painswick on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Thirty members from the towers in the branch, and from Gloucester, Dursley and Witcombe attended. Some good ringing was done during the afternoon with Grandsire Triples, Caters, and Cinques and Bob Royal. A ringers' service was afterwards held, and the association's form was used. The Vicar officiated, and an excellent address on the law of liberty was given by the Rev. A. M. Coode (a brother ringer), which was much appreciated.

After the service, by the kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Verey, all were entertained to tea at the Vicarage. The annual business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided.

The Branch Secretary (Mr. W. Hale) presented the accounts, which showed that the working expenses of the branch for 1920 had been £2 7s. 2d., and the sum of £4 8s. 10d. had been paid to the treasurer of the association. Eleven ringing meetings had been held at different towers, and there were 69 performing and 4 honorary members who had paid their subscriptions. Three new members had been elected, and 11 peals had been rung in the branch during the year, including the record peal of Grandsire Cinques at Painswick of 15,001 changes.

The Rev. W. J. Clay (Vicar of Bisley) was re-elected president, and the retiring officers and branch committee were re-elected en bloc, and heartily thanked for their services.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the local Press and 'The Ringing World' for publishing the reports of the meetings and peals rung in the different towers; also to the clergy, churchwardens and friends at the diocesan churches for the use of the bells and kind help to the Diocesan Association.—A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to the Rev. C. H. and Mrs. Verey for the use of the bells and for their hospitality, also to the Rev. A. M. Coode, for his practical address, and all who had helped to make the meeting so enjoyable.

The tower was again visited, and the bells kept merrily going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Grandsire Caters till 9 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**S. and W. DISTRICT SECRETARY RETIRES.**

The annual meeting of the S. and W. District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 5th. The attendance was very good, about 80 members being present. The bells were kept going during the afternoon, and after the business meeting, to many methods, and some good ringing was heard. The service was conducted by the Vicar, and the organist and choir gave their assistance.

The gathering for tea overtaxed the accommodation of the 'London Apprentices,' and many had to be content with a 'stand up' meal. At the business meeting the chair was taken by Mr. Edgley (churchwarden), who, with the Vicar, had kindly given the tea.

The balance sheet was presented and adopted, subject to audit, and showed a deficit on the year's working of 1s. 8d., which Mr. W. H. Fussell kindly wiped off by a donation.

Many new members were elected, and the officers for 1921 were elected as follows: Master, Mr. C. S. Bird; treasurer, Mr. S. Carter; hon. secretary, Mr. W. H. Hollier; representatives on Central Committee, Messrs. Chandler, Harding and Holloway.

The meeting passed a vote of thanks to the retiring hon. secretary (Mr. W. H. Oram) for his services.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, wardens, organist and choir, and local ringers, for their help in making such a successful meeting.

BEQUEST FOR BELL RINGING.

By the death of Mr. Robert Marslow, J.P., of Ludlow, the Hereford Guild has lost one of its best supporters, who took a particularly keen interest in the Guild almost from its formation. For a number of years he was one of its representatives on the Central Council, had served as one of the managing committee of the Guild for a long time, and at his death he was hon. auditor. Some twenty years or so ago he took a more active part in bell ringing, and on several occasions he entertained the members to tea when the annual festivals were held in his neighbourhood. He had rung one or two peals.

By his will he bequeathed to the Rector and churchwardens of St. Lawrence's, Ludlow, £200, in trust, the income to go to the Ludlow Branch of the Hereford Diocesan Guild to encourage the science of bell ringing.

The annual gathering of the Berks and Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is proposed to take place at Old Windsor, on Easter Monday, March 28th. A good day's programme is being prepared, and several adjoining rings of eight will be available. The Hon. Secretary advises ringers to 'get that new cycle tyre ready and watch "The Ringing World."'

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

Recognising that the first and essential duty of a ringer is service to the Church by utilising his art to call the public to worship, we are taking the earliest opportunity, now that the paper is enlarged, to make special provision for this phase of the work in the belfry.

There are many thousands of ringers whose interest lies almost solely in this Sunday duty, and who only occasionally indulge in a peal. Their performances, therefore, do not often find their way into print, and, especially in the period through which we have just passed, the publication of their touches on account of the limitation in the size of this journal, have been almost eliminated, not through any fault of ours, but by sheer force of circumstances.

These ringers, however, have a claim to greater recognition, and we hope to meet it by making this page a permanent feature, so that

preference to those reports which reach us not later than the Tuesday morning following their performance on the preceding Sunday. We cannot, of course, definitely promise to publish everything that is sent to us, for it may happen that we may be overwhelmed with 'copy' of this kind; but, so far as there is conformity to the above suggestions, we will do our best.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ASHFORD.—Kent County Association and Romney Marsh Guild.—On Sunday, January 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: Miss E. Thomas 1, C. Tribe 2, W. Everett 3, H. Parker (first quarter inside and first attempt) 4, E. Powell 5, G. Billeuness (conductor) 6, E. S. Ruck 7, P. Page 8. This is the first time Miss Thomas has attempted a quarter-peal, and she rang re-

HIGHEST IDEALS IN RINGING.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

It is with great pleasure that I learn that in future the Editor intends to introduce into the 'Ringing World' a special page each week having reference to Sunday ringing for Church services. Such ringing deserves hearty encouragement for many reasons. To employ the music of the bells for the purpose of drawing worshippers to God's House is the highest of the ideals connected with ringing. It shows that ringers do really put first the honour of God, and not their own glorification or the pleasure which they take in their exercise.

It emphasises the fact that ringers are Church-workers, and carry out a real and beautiful ministry entrusted to them. More than that, it presents bell-ringing to the world in general in its most attractive, as well as its most sacred and useful form. I believe that everyone, unless he be a bitter and prejudiced opponent of all religion, loves to hear on Sundays 'the sound of the Church-going bells.' They have a message to the listener even at a distance; they have a call to prayer which he may not obey, but cannot refuse to hear; they have a voice which reaches to inmost heart and soul. By all means, then, let us encourage and promote the best of ringing for Sunday services. And what better can there be than good change-ringing in well-struck touches? everyone joining in harmony with his brother-ringers, and filled with the true spirit of the work in which he is taking a part.

A. H. F. BOUGHHEY

some, at any rate, of the best touches may be placed on record.

But we desire, also, that this page shall provide something more than a mere collection of touches rung, and we shall publish a series of short messages to ringers from their clerical colleagues of the belfry, which we believe will prove an acceptable addition to our 'Sunday Service Ringers' Page.' Several of the well-known ringing clergy have already promised to contribute, and others, we hope, will follow. The first of this series appears to-day, and in it the Rev. A. H. F. Boughhey, President of the Central Council, talks upon the highest ideals in ringing. Next week's message will be by Canon Coleridge.

Another direction in which we hope to make this page useful as well as interesting, is by the publication of touches in various methods of lengths which should prove suitable for service ringing purposes. Many of these touches are being got together from well-known composers, and the aim will be to give what is musical, and, sometimes, something of the beaten track. If these touches cannot be utilised on the Sunday following their publication, conductors may like to keep them for service at some future date.

With regard to the publication of Sunday Service ringing performances, we must ask our readers to use some discrimination in what they send us. The touches which we should prefer to publish would be those which are rung for special occasions, or which mark some interesting advance in the art by the band or some members of it. After these we shall publish quarter-peals on eight bells and 720's on smaller numbers as far as space permits, and we shall give

markedly well throughout. She is the first lady to figure in a quarter in the Ashford tower, and the first lady member of the Romney Marsh Guild to score a quarter.

LONDON.—At St. John's, Wilton Road, for evening service, on Feb. 6th, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: H. Dyas 1, Miss G. E. Bateman 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, C. C. Mayne 4, C. V. Elberston 5, E. C. Phillips 6, J. Bullock 7, A. Howell (first quarter-peal) 8.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—On Sunday, Feb. 13th, for evening service, in 45 mins., 1260 Grandsire Triples (composed by the late A. P. Wakley): E. C. Chivers 1, A. Speed 2, S. Carter 3, I. B. Holmward 4, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 5, J. Hambleton 6, W. Keevill 7, W. Ford 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—Kent County Association.—On Sunday, February 20th, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 28 mins.: J. Avis 1, H. Argent 2, G. Jones 3, G. Ambrose 4, F. Hayes 5, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Hartson, an ardent supporter of the church, and the only lady vice-president of the Ringers' Society, who died on the 18th inst.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—At St. Swithin's Church, on Sunday, February 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 49 mins.: W. Mills 1, G. Tizzard 2, G. Hewitt 3, H. Coombor 4, T. Tullett 5, N. E. Hope 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, H. Pelling (first quarter-peal) 8.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.—For morning service, on Feb. 20th, in 25 mins., 720 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Mills 1, W. Mills 2, S. Cooper 3, H. Cunningham 4, A. Holmes (conductor) 5, A. Sneath 6.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

Here is an old but musical touch of
1064 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.
23456 B H
34526 S —
45236 S —
52346 S —
42356 S
Five times repeated,
with S at H half-way
and end.
From 'Shipway.'

672 STEDMAN TRIPLES.				
	23145	34	5-6	12-13
	34251	x	x	x
	45312	x	x	x
	51423	x	x	x
	32415	x	x	x
	21354	x	x	x
	15243	x	x	x
	54132	x	x	x
	23145	x	x	x

Each course end has 6-7 at home.

976 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR				
	23456	1	4	5 6
	42635	—	—	—
	36245	—	—	—
	62345	—	—	—
	23645	—	—	—
	32546	—	—	—
	25346	—	—	—
	53246	—	—	—
	42356	—	—	—
	23456	—	—	—

J. Hunt.

1008 BOB MAJOR.			
	23456	W	N R
	43652	—	—
	26354	—	—
	32654	—	—
	63254	—	—
	58234	—	—
	35284	—	—
	42356	—	—
	34256	—	—
	23456	—	—

J. A. Trollope.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD. UNVEILING CEREMONY AND DINNER.

An 'Armistice' peal tablet and another commemorating a peace peal, rung at Newcastle Cathedral, were unveiled in the Cathedral belfry on January 27th by Sir Arthur Sutherland, who was Lord Mayor of the City at the time the peals were rung—the first on Nov. 11th, 1918 (Stedman Cinques, the only 12-bell peal rung in the United Kingdom that day), and the second on July 21st, 1919 (Stedman Cinques).

Mr. C. L. Routledge (Ringing Master) welcomed Sir Arthur, who made an interesting speech on bells, and unveiled the oak tablets.

After a dedicatory prayer by Canon Newsom, Mr. W. Story, president of the Northumberland and Durham Association, moved a vote of thanks to Sir Arthur, which was seconded by the Vicar.—Ald. Robinson, in support, recalled the fact that Sir Arthur's father was sheriff when the new peal was installed.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, a short touch was rung, and Mr. George Renwick, M.P., in a few genial words, wished the Cathedral ringers every success.

Subsequently the Guild held their annual dinner in the Collingwood Restaurant. Mr. C. L. Routledge presided, supported by the Vicar of Newcastle (Canon Newsom, M.A.), Alderman Robinson and Mr. E. W. Lidderdale (churchwardens), Rev. E. D. Clark, Mr. W. Story (president of the Durham and Newcastle Association), Mr. E. E. Ferry and Mr. Ben Dixon (joint secretaries of the Diocesan Guild) and Mr. R. Thompson (senior verger of the Cathedral). An excellent repast was served.

After the toast of 'The King' had been honoured, the toast of the Vicar was submitted and replied to by Canon Newsom in a most encouraging speech. He complimented the ringers upon their fine work in the Cathedral belfry, and, referring to Sir Arthur Sutherland's remarks at the unveiling, that in olden days 'the bells were thought to drive evil spirits away,' said that undoubtedly when the merry peal of the Cathedral was ringing it drove away the evil spirits of present-day life—passion, greed, discontent, and all that tended to make people unhappy, and in their place the joyful sounds of the bells helped them to think of all that was good and best in life. The bells had their message to the city, and he knew how Newcastle people loved the old Cathedral, and, not least, its bells.

Alderman Robinson replied for the wardens, and said how deeply they were indebted to the Guild for their services, and how greatly they appreciated the splendid way in which the bells were rung. He supported the Vicar in the promise that they (the Vicar and wardens) should provide the annual dinner of the Guild next year. He had taken a deep interest in the ringing of the bells in his 39 years in office as churchwarden, and he considered the Guild's ringing the finest he had known on the Cathedral bells.

The President of the Durham and Newcastle Association (Mr. W. Story) made a strong appeal on behalf of 'The Ringing World,' and stated that not only should it be in every belfry, but that every ringer should be a reader and interest others. He asked all present to help to that end. It was a great joy to him to look up the old numbers of 'The Ringing World' and see the peals of the past.

Mr. Routledge, Ringing Master, supported Mr. Story in his appeal. The Guild were also complimented on the artistic addition to the belfry in the two peal boards unveiled that evening, commemorating the great historic events of the war, the armistice and the signing of the peace treaty, and the Newcastle belfry bids fair to be one of the finest furnished with the many great and historic peals that have been recorded.

The sympathy of the gathering was extended to Mr. Alfred Dalton, one of the Guild members, in his illness which had prevented his taking part in ringing for some time, and the hope was expressed that he would soon be restored to health again.

The harmony of the evening was contributed to by Alderman Robinson, Messrs. Ben Dixon, E. Ferry, and friends, and members of the Guild rang touches on the handbells. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Prestoign and Leominster District was held at the Priory Church, Leominster, on January 29th, when over 30 members attended and enjoyed ringing on the fine peal of ten. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Gillanders, M.C.), and was followed by tea and business meeting, at which the Vicar presided.

The District Secretary (Mr. A. Talbot) read a short report of the year's work, which showed that the district had a balance in hand of £3 4s. 6d., and a membership of 79.—The balance sheet was passed as very satisfactory.—It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Aymestry on April 30th.—Mr. C. Edwards, who proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and for the use of the bells, congratulated the district on the progress made.

After the meeting members returned to the tower, and touches of Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Calers and Bob Major were rung.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Estab 1755).—The 33rd Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at The Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham (in the beautiful Connaught Room), Saturday, Feb. 26th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon E. Grose Hodge, M.A., Rector of Birmingham. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s. to meet the increased cost of the dinner, to other members and friends, 6s. 6d. each. It is necessary for every full member to be clear on the books not later than Saturday, Feb. 19th. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 5.15.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Proposed Wigan Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at St James' Church, Poolstock, Wigan, on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. A good attendance requested.—J. Halsall, Sec. (*pro tem.*), 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock, at the old Wine Vaults, East Street. All wishing tea please write, Mr. E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, by Feb. 24th.—Thos. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A district meeting will be held at Morpeth on Feb. 26th. Tower will be open at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at cost price.—James E. Gofton, Netherby, Ashbrooke, Monkseaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Twyford on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Feb. 26th of their intention of being present.—W. Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LADIES' GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Western District) will be held at Portishead, on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please send me a card not later than March 1st.—Edith Smith, 12, Auburn Road, Redland, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 5th, at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells ready at 3.15 p.m. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hail, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, March 5th, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, on Saturday, March 5th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea should advise me by March 2nd; a charge of 1/3 will be made

for same.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.—The annual meeting of this guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who notify me not later than March 1st. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Galleywood on March 5th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at the White Bear. Those requiring tea please notify me before Wednesday, March 2nd. Subscriptions to the amount of 1/6 per member are now due.—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Helmshore, on Saturday, March 5th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7. Business very important. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Saturday, March 5th. Eight bells, from 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided if sufficient send in their names to Mr. W. Warburton, Meadow View, Whiston, Rotherham, on or before March 1st.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available all day. Meeting at 4 o'clock.—W. Robinson, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Sharman, District Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, March 1st?—G. Miles, Owlsmoor, Camberley.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION CHANGERINGERS.—A meeting will be held at Sandal, on Saturday, March 12th, at 4 p.m. All ringers cordially invited to be present.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western District will be held at Keighley on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) available 2 to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in West Lane Schools. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. R. W. Jennison, 40, Aireworth Street, Keighley, before March 8th.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 4. Service 5.30. Meeting 6. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—A service will be held to dedicate two new trebles on Saturday, March 12th. Service will be held at 2.30, conducted by Rev. A. H. F.

Boughey, President of the Central Council. A free tea will be provided for ringers in the Assembly Room. All those wishing to be present at tea kindly send in their names on or before March 8th to Charles Patten, Mill Cottages, Fulbourn, Cambs. The two new bells are a gift (an addition to the six) of Mr. Reuben Moore, churchwarden since 1887.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Members and friends of the above branch have received an invitation from the Vicar to take tea at Bray on Saturday, March 12th. Tower bells available from 3. Service at the Parish Church at 5, and social in the Church Room at 6 o'clock. Foremen of towers will please make this meeting known to all members in their district and advise me by March 9th how many are proposing to be present.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at the Cathedral, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3. Service at 5. Tea at 1/6 per head in the Wolstenholme Hall at 5.45 to those who notify Mr. C. Harrison, 53, Baltic Road, Darnall, Sheffield by Wednesday, March 9th.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The Annual Dinner and Concert will be held at The Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, Saturday, April 2nd, at 6 o'clock. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, can be obtained from Mr. J. D. Matthews, 130, Clonmore Street, S.W.18; Mr. F. Smith, 48, Mansfield Road, N.W.; Mr. A. Hardy, 37, Hubert Grove, S.W.9; Mr. B. Foskett, 1, Olive Road, N.W.2; Mr. R. Warner, Spitalfields Bell Foundry, E.1, and the Hon. Sec. The bells of St. Bride's will be available from 4 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 79, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Lydney, Gloucester, on Whit-Monday, May 16th, 1921. The annual meeting of the Management Committee will precede that of the general meeting. Further particulars later. Any motions to be moved should be sent in at the earliest.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Rule 3. Will those concerned kindly note that particulars (with entrance fee) of members elected prior to peal attempts must reach me within one month of such election?—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

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NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

SUFFOLK BRANCH AND THE CHURCH COUNCILS' POWERS

The third general meeting of the Suffolk Branch of the Norwich and Ipswich Association of Change Ringers was held at Leiston. The bells of the Parish Church were open to the members all day, and well-struck touches were rung in a great many methods. The Rev. E. M. Girling presided at the business meeting, and was supported by the Rev. H. Drake (Ufford), Messrs. F. Evans (Branch Secretary), F. C. Lambert, G. Wilson, and C. E. Fisher (District Secretaries). The election of Mr. Wm. Rose as secretary for the Eye district was confirmed, and the Rev. Girling was elected an honorary member of the Association.

The Rev. H. Drake explained Clause 6, Section III. of the Church Council (Powers), and said that no doubt the bell ringers there mentioned were those appointed to toll the bells for special services and funerals. It would be well to have this clearly defined, and suggested that the members present should pass a resolution such as that passed at Diss at the Norfolk Branch meeting.

Mr. E. Evans referred to the pleasant relationship existing under the present system between the clergy and ringers, and as change ringers were, generally speaking, voluntary workers, Canon Baker's letter pointing out the danger of their being 'appointed' came as a surprise to most of them, and he moved that the general secretary's resolution be adopted, viz.: 'That this Association deprecates the inclusion of bell ringers in Clause 6, Section III. of the Church Council (Powers) Bill, and is of opinion that the words "bell ringers" should be omitted from this, as it considers it detrimental to the best interests of bell ringers and the art of change ringing to subject the ringers to any authority other than that of their parish priests.'

Mr. F. C. Lambert seconded, and the motion was carried.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the branch at Ipswich on Easter Monday.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. E. M. Girling for presiding, and for granting the use of the bells.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.
NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT.**

A quarterly meeting was held at Ecton on February 5th, when about 30 members were present from Weston Favell, Cogenhoe, Brafield, Wylby, Northampton, Moulton, and the local tower. Evensong was conducted by the Rector (Canon Jepson), who gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Ecton. After service the Rector called attention to the beautiful photo album containing the photos of all the 88 men of Ecton, who served in the army during the great war. The novelty of this album is that it is bound in oak, which was grown at Ecton. There is also in the belfry a tablet of beaten copper on which are the names of the local ringers (five in number), who made the supreme sacrifice in the great war.

After tea, in the absence of the Rector, Mr. Law presided at the business meeting, and took the opportunity of thanking the members for the presentation they had made him. He also urged the members to support 'The Ringing World.'

Old Duston was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, and Hardingstone for a special meeting on the 9th April.

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The second purpose of the convivial proceedings also deserves to be emphasised. The event draws together ringers from the four corners of England, and the renewal of old acquaintances and the making of new friendships between those whose lives otherwise lay widely apart, are a happy feature of these gatherings and make for an extension of that brotherhood among ringers upon which we as a fraternity so much pride ourselves. Henry Johnson is thus, if we may be permitted to say so, continuing to render a valuable service to the Exercise even though he has gone from us. In commemorating his life, those who are following after him are spreading a fellowship which can have only the happiest results. Anything which tends in this direction deserves the most cordial support, and that the opportunity which St. Martin's Guild annually provides is welcomed by the Exercise is proved by the large number of ringers who every year assemble in the Midland metropolis to participate in the commemoration.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Jan. 15, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.	
JOHN JOYCE... .. Treble	HARRY STOTT 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 2	*THOMAS A. KING 6
HERBERT HAIGH 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7
*ERNEST H. SIMPSON... .. 4	FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Composed by the late CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.
 Conducted by THOMAS B. KENDALL.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. A. Nettleton, who, owing to business, could not join in the peal. This is the 50th peal that the ringer of the 7th has rung in this tower.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Friday, Feb. 4, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.	
*JAMES PERCY SWINDLEY ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 5
FRANK FOX 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
†HARRY LEWIS 3	ARTHUR NEWELL... .. 7
ROBERT SPERRING 4	ARTHUR HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 37 cwt.	
PERCIVAL W. CAVE Treble	EDWIN J. BROWN... .. 5
FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... 2	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 6
SYDNEY M. ABRAHAM... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
WILLIAM G. NIPPER 4	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

Rung half-muffled on the eve of the Dedication of the War Memorial and especially to the memory of Arthur Nipper, William Perry and P. Wheeldon, local ringers, who lost their lives in the war. Rung after meeting short for Caters.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.	
HARRY PAGE... .. Treble	SIDNEY DAVE 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 6
CLARENCE O. HOBBS 3	JAMES CROSS... .. 7
FREDERICK LASBURY 4	WILLIAM PAGE Tenor

Composed by J. E. JENKINSON.

Conducted by H. PAGE.

First peal of Kent on the bells.

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

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15½ cwt.	
THOMAS H. REEVES Treble	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 5
JONATHAN PRESTON 2	GEORGE F. SWANN 6
HERBERT C. SPENCER 3	HARRY DICKEN 7
MORRIS J. MORRIS 4	JOHN E. PYWELL... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. William J. Meers, Ringing Master of the Erdington Parish Church Society, to Mrs. A. E. Martin, which took place at the above church on February 5th, 1921.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 13½ cwt.	
OSWALD J. HUNT... .. Treble	ABRAHAM WILKERSON... .. 5
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 6
HARRY ARGYLE 3	FRANK PERVIN 7
EDWARD H. JOHNSON 4	WILLIAM CLEMENTS Tenor

Conducted by F. PERVIN.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(EXETER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLTS TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.	
EDWARD G. STOCKEY Treble	ROBERT C. MANLEY 5
EDWIN SHEPHERD 2	JOHN R. HAYMAN 6
WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... 3	WILLIAM A. HAYMAN ... 7
FRED DIMOND 4	*GEORGE RENDELL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

* First peal.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.	
EDWARD C. CLARK Treble	WILLIAM J. BROOKS 5
WILLIAM J. PAICE 2	FRANK LUSH... .. 6
NORMAN LAWRENCE 3	HARRY LOVELOCK 7
*GEORGE COLE 4	EDWARD BRANT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

First peal. Rung in honour of the Rector's birthday.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.	
JOHN BAYLISS Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 5
ERNEST GIBBS 2	JAMES R. NEWMAN 6
WILLIAM NIBLETT 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
WILLIAM RANFORD 4	HENRY CHANCE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.	
HENRY LETTS Treble	JOHN C. DICKEN 5
CHARLES E. HART 2	ALBERT H. WARD 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	RICHARD DRAGE 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.	
BERT CHALLEN Treble	RICHARD STEDWICK 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	FREDERICK W. CRIPPS ... 6
ALBERT D. STONE 3	WILLIAM C. HART 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.

POOLE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 19 cwt.	
CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH <i>Treble</i>	...	CHARLES R. FORFITT	... 5
HERBERT JAMES	... 2	PERCY W. WITHAM	... 6
JAMES G. BENNETT	... 3	FREDERICK W. TOWNSEND	... 7
ELI WATERS	... 4	CHARLES LOVELL	... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

WALDRON SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 11 cwt.	
ALFRED PIERPOINT	... <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT HOSDEN	... 5
HERBERT RANN	... 2	WILLIAM JENNER	... 6
CHARLES HUMPHREY	... 3	ALBERT REED	... 7
REV. C. H. CLARKE	... 4	JAMES HART	... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT REED.

First peal on eight bells by the Rev. C. H. Clarke, vicar of Chiddingfold.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS'.		Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.	
ARTHUR H. HIBBERT	... <i>Treble</i>	ISAAC J. ATTWATER	... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	... 2	HARRY MANCE	... 6
ROBERT G. CHAPPEL	... 3	MORATIO J. GUMMER	... 7
ERNEST J. KING	... 4	*WILSON RUSHTON	... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung on the 37th birthday of the ringer of the 7th.

WORSLEY.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Feb. 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART.		Tenor 21½ cwt.	
WILFRED GRUNDY	... <i>Treble</i>	FRED GRUNDY	... 5
JOSEPH RIDYARD	... 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD	... 6
HERBERT ALDRED	... 3	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE	... 7
STANLEY HARRISON	... 4	ARTHUR BURTON	... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

Ringer of the 3rd hails from Tyldesley, of the tenor from Walkden, the rest belong to the local company.

GRIMSBY.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr.	
*HAYDEN HARWICK	... <i>Treble</i>
PERCY H. PIGG	... 2
JOHN E. KENNINGTON	... 3
WILLIAM H. HEYHOE	... 4
CHARLES W. TAYLOR	... 5
CHARLES KENNINGTON	... 6
WILLIAM BOLTON	... 7
FRED T. HOWDEN	... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM BOLTON.

* First peal. All are members of the local company with the exception of the conductor, who is an hon. member.

POOLE, DORSET.—At the Parish Church, on Monday, Feb. 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins.: *B. Young 1, *J. Davis 2, P. James 3, H. Baverstock 4, T. Woolley 5, F. Townsend (conductor) 6, W. Ingham 7. *P. Davis 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

RAWTENSTALL, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Feb. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S (No. 9) FIVE-PART.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
Geo. E. ROLLERSON	... <i>Treble</i>	Geo. H. HARGREAVES	... 5
Thos. COLLINGE	... 2	†A. RIDEOUGH	... 6
*WILLIAM GRAHAM	... 3	Thos. ROLLERSON	... 7
H. H. SHAW	... 4	A. NEWMAN	... Tenor

Conducted by THOS. ROLLERSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with an inside bell.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Feb. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
HARRY LEWIS	... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK FOX	... 5
EDWARD HARRISON	... 2	GEORGE R. JONES	... 6
ROBERT SPERRING	... 3	WALTER THOMAS	... 7
ARTHUR NEWELL	... 4	ARTHUR HARRISON	... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in deepest sympathy for James V. Wright of Christleton.

LOWMOOR, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.		Tenor 15 cwt.	
JOSEPH BROADLEY	... <i>Treble</i>	SIDNEY BARRON	... 5
ARTHUR AINGE	... 2	JOHN PALFRAMAN	... 6
JAMES H. MOUSON	... 3	*FIRTH HOPWOOD	... 7
ARTHUR GILL	... 4	WILLIAM WALAND	... Tenor

Conducted by FIRTH HOPWOOD.

First peal of Grandsire rung in this tower. First peal on the bells since being re-hung by Messrs. Taylor, engineers of Lowmoor. * First peal as conductor.

HELMESHORE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Feb. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*JOHN H. HAYDOCK	... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS ROLLERSON	... 5
GEORGE BROWN	... 2	THOMAS T. BRANDWOOD	... 6
*TOM FOSTER	... 3	ALEX RIDEOUGH	... 7
THOMAS WALLWORK	... 4	JAMES H. BANKS	... Tenor

Composed by WM. HARRISON. Conducted by JAMES H. BANKS.

* First peal in the method. Messrs. Rollerson and Rideough hail from Rawtenstall, J. H. Haydock from Ramsbottom and G. Brown from Bacup; the rest belong to the local band.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Feb. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART		Tenor 10 cwt.	
WILLIAM ASTLE	... <i>Treble</i>	†WILLIAM GRIFFITHS	... 5
ROBERT SPERRING	... 2	WILLIAM MAYERS	... 6
AUSTIN GREGORY	... 3	WALTER THOMAS	... 7
JOHN ROBERTS	... 4	*THOMAS GRIFFITHS	... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled in deepest sympathy for the tower-keeper and conductor, James V. Wright.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*GEORGE R. HOLMES... .. Treble	*JOSEPH W. PARKER 5
RICHARD A. GOFTON... .. 2	R. ALDER GOFTON 6
JAMES E. GOFTON 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD... .. 7
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

* First peal of Bristol.

LONDON.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, Feb. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, BARKING, TOWER HILL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANK C. NEWMAN Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 5
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN 2	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 6
JOHN W. CORNFORD 3	GEORGE HAYDEN... .. 7
JAMES SCHOLLES 4	JOHN MOULE... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

J. W. Cornford was elected a life member previous to attempting the peal.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

†ALFRED HISCOCK Treble	HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 2	JOHN H. PRESTON 6
*GEORGE CUTTS 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
WILLIAM C. PARKER... .. 4	SAMUEL W. GREENWOOD Tenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of the Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Clarke, K.C., donor of the church and bells. * First peal. † First peal away from tenor.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN Treble	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 5
*HAROLD MAYHEW 2	HARRY HALL 6
VICTOR KERRIDGE 3	ALFRED H. WATSON 7
ERNEST CURTIS 4	JOHN HALL Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

This composition, now rung for the first time, is the Author's No. 153. * First peal on a working bell.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Feb. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE CLAXTON Treble	ALBERT ROUGHT 5
FREDK. H. KNIGHTS 2	GEORGE MAYERS... .. 6
MISS HELEN W. BILL 3	CHARLES E. BORRETT... .. 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN Tenor

Composed by FRED ROBINSON. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

This peal was rung with half-muffled clappers as a last token of respect to Mr. Charles Jenkinson, one of the original members of the above-named church. First peal in any method by the ringer of the treble, who is only 15 years of age, also first in the method by Miss H. W. Bill.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Thursday, Feb. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	HUBERT EDEN 5
JOSEPH J. ALLEN... .. 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW... .. 6
HENRY HODGETTS 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 7
WILLIAM HODGETTS 4	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. G. WHITEHEAD.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JOHN W. DAVIES... .. 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	HERBERT LUDKIN 6
ARTHUR NEWELL... .. 3	WALTER THOMAS... .. 7
JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 4	ERNEST E. CHANNELL Tenor

Composed by S. MARSH. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

SIX BELL PEALS.

FOXLEY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

MATTHEW TIMBERS Treble	WILLIAM WASEY... .. 4
ALBERT NEALE 2	WALTER FORD 5
FREDERICK J. BARLER... .. 3	WALTER C. MEDLER Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

CASTOR, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KYNE BURGHA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

TOM TEBBUTT Treble	WALTER CROSS 4
PHYLLIS HARE 2	GEORGE H. BARKER 5
ANNIE PARKINS 3	HUGH BEECHEY Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WALTER MILLER Treble	WALTER RUFFLES 4
*REGGIE ABBOT 2	JOHN HALL 5
ERNEST CURTIS... .. 3	HARRY HALL Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HALL.

* First peal.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

ANNIE M. DALE Treble	ALBERT DISERENS 4
ELSIE B. BRANDON 2	JOHN CURRY... .. 5
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3	JOE E. SVKES Tenor

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB AND GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES
Being 21 six-scores of each method.

*G. W. H. BAKIN Treble	CHAS. ALLSOPP 4
F. KILBURN... .. 2	*A. CATTELL 5
*H. O. OVER 3	*F. J. BOWLEY Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. ALLSOPP.

First peal of Doubles on the bells. * First peal with Plain Bob in. The ringers of the treble, 3rd and tenor hail from Kirby Muxloe, 2nd from Oadby, 4th from Desford and the 5th from Leicester. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 5th, who, until this peal, had never rung Plain Bob, even at practice.

ALDERTON, GLOUCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*JOSEPH HALL Treble	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 4
JAMES HEMMING 2	*GEORGE ASHLEY 5
†GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 3	JOHN HALL Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal in five methods away from the treble.

WARBLETON SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Feb. 6, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with 10 different callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST W. EDWARDS ... Treble	†LESLIE SINDEN 4
†LEONARD G. BOOTH 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS... .. 5
†ALBERT J. EDWARDS... .. 3	*GEORGE MILLS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal with an inside bell. Two of the ringers are 15 years of age, two 16 years and one 18 years, and great credit is due to them for the manner in which they handled and struck their bells throughout the peal. All belong to Salehurst.

LLANGARREN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Feb. 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 1040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, in 10 different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST H. DEW Treble	ARTHUR BREWER... .. 4
JOHN BREWER 2	WILLIAM POSTON... .. 5
HENRY WEALE 3	JOHN F. DOLLAM... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Feb. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Grove Delight, Neasden, College Bob IV., Wragby Kingston, London Scholars and Sandal. Tenor 9 cwt.

*EX-GNR. ARTHUR FERNLEY, R.G.A. Treble	EX-PTE. HAROLD HALLWORTH, 6th Cheshire Regt... .. 4
EX-SGT. JOHN P. FIDLER, 9th R. Scots and 1st Scottish Rifles 2	EX-SGT. WILFRID WILDE, M.G.C. 5
EX-DVR. WILLIAM FERNLEY R.A.S.C. 3	EX-SPR. JOHN W. HARTLEY, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by EX-SPR. JOHN W. HARTLEY.

* First peal. The first peal by a band of Ex-Service men for the Guild. The ringer of the 5th hails from Denton, the rest being members of the local band.

CHIDDINGLY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*WILLIAM D. SMITH ... Treble	GEORGE DANN 4
*REV. CECIL H. CLARKE ... 2	*GEORGE W. STOKES 5
ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 3	WILFRED BOOTH Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED BOOTH.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Albert Reed, of Waldron, and to the Rev. Cecil H. Clarke, whose birthdays are on Feb. 12th and 13th respectively. The ringers of the treble, 3rd and 5th are from Eastbourne, of 4th and tenor from Heathfield.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob.

WALTER MILLER, JUN. ... Treble	GEORGE STANNARD 4
ERNEST CURTIS 2	HARRY HALL 5
WALTER RUFFLES 3	JOHN HALL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 1-2	B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) ... 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHBY (Trin.) 3-4	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
Rung to celebrate the 42nd anniversary of the foundation of the Guild. * First peal away from the tenors.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, Feb. 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT ST. MICHAEL'S, JOSEPH'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Size 15.

WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 1-2	CHARLES HAZELDEN 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 3-4	MRS. C. HAZELDEN 7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire: JOHN T. SCOTT.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Feb. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CETERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

ALFRED H. PULLING 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 3-4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 7-8
GEORGE W. STEERE 9-10	

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. S. Radford.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, Feb. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CETERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

GEORGE F. SWANN 1-2	ALBERT WALKER 5-6
WILLIAM KENT 3-4	THOMAS RUSSAM 7-8
MORRIS J. MORRIS 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Referee: F. W. WALKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Kent, Mrs. Walker and Mr. Russam. Messrs. Lafin and Smallwood also heard the last portion of the peal.

A LIGHT PEAL OF SIX.

The dedication of a new peal of six bells at the Parish Church of the village of Wistaston, Cheshire, by the Bishop of Chester, took place on Saturday, February 19th. The bells replace a peal of four, which were in a very unsafe condition, and were recast with sufficient new metal to make a new tenor and treble. They are the product of the Croydon Foundry, and are quite up to the standard which that firm is famous for. Hung in an iron and steel frame on steel girders they give every satisfaction; the tone is excellent, and would please the most critical ear. With the largest bell only 6 cwt. 2 lbs., they are the lightest peal the firm have ever turned out.

The ringing and opening of the new peal was in the hands of the local ringers and the Crewe Society. Several touches were rung in the four standard methods, and included the first 720 on the bells, Kent Treble Bob Minor being the method chosen. It was rung by the following band: Harry Overton 1, James H. Riding 2, Harry F. Holding 3, George H. Crawley 4, Albert Crawley 5, Richard T. Holding (conductor) 6.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the East Elloe Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Spalding on Feb. 5th. The bells of the Parish Church, St. Paul's, Fulney, and Pinchbeck, were available for the day, and a fair amount of ringing was done. A service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Parish Church, when an address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. Basil Gordon Nicholas), who spoke of the ancient history of bells and of the larger bells in Europe. A party of 48 sat down to tea, provided by Mr. Barkor. At the business meeting which followed, all the officers were re-elected, viz., the Rev. F. F. Wayet, president; Mr. G. Ladd, hon. secretary, and Mr. R. Mackman, hon. treasurer. The fund of the Guild is in a satisfactory condition, and it was proposed to give £5 towards providing two chairs-a-bang to attend the annual meeting at Lincoln in April.

Mr. Mackman gave a short address, comparing the condition of bells and bell ringers 45 years ago with the present time. At that time there were only one or two peals ringable within twelve miles of Spalding, and it was very difficult to get a six-bell team in the neighbourhood. But now all the peals except one had been restored, and some augmented to eight, while there was one new peal of 10, one new one of 8 and one of 6, and three peals had been augmented from 5 to 6.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Gosberton, and to have four meetings of the branch in the year instead of three.

HUDSON'S 'NEW LIGHT.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was much interested by the communication sent to you by 'A Yorkshire Ringer,' and should be very much obliged if he would send me a copy of Hudson's figures and the way he used the Oxford lead. Did he use it only to shorten the course in one place, and retain the Treble Bob bob, or did he use it in the place of a Bob? I am much obliged to our Yorkshire friend for mentioning it, for, as Jasper Snowdon said long since, these old records are apt to get lost sight of, unless they are put in print; and all Hudson's work that is left to us is so valuable that we cannot afford to let any of it be lost.—Yours faithfully,

Seafeld Park, Fareham, Hants.

E. BANKES JAMES.

LITLINGTON BELLS AUGMENTED.

On Monday evening, Feb. 21st, a new treble was dedicated at Litlington by the Vicar of Guilden Morden, and after the dedication service the Royston ringers rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, which was well struck: A. Gilbert 1, C. Goldthorpe 2, W. B. Manning 3, W. L. Darlow 4, S. E. Roberts 5, R. G. King (conductor) 6. Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, recently rehung the old peal of five, and has now added a new treble, and the 'go' of the six is excellent, everybody being well pleased with the ring.

The Vicar entertained the ringers to supper after the ringing, and his kindness was very much appreciated. It is gratifying to state that since the five were rehung, a local band has learned call changes, and it will not be very long before they will be able to get on to change ringing, as they are very keen to learn.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Warminster on February 5th, and was attended by ringers from Trowbridge, Hilperton, Westbury and Warminster. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and service was later conducted by the Rev. Canon Jacob. The business meeting was held at the Magnet, after tea, when the secretary received £1 from the Trowbridge ringers, and 10s. from Mr. J. Harding, an unattached ringing member from Urchfont, towards the Westbury Bells Restoration Fund.

The Chairman, in his remarks, urged all ringers in the branch to support 'The Ringing World' in its new venture, pointing out that it was the only means the ringers had of keeping in touch with one and another.—A hearty vote of thanks to Canon Jacob for the use of the bells concluded the business. The ringers then returned to the church for further ringing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells of Fenshurst, Kent, were augmented to eight just a quarter of a century ago, but not until last Saturday did a local band ring a peal on them. We hope more will follow from the ringers of this picturesque Kentish village.

The number of 720's rung during 1920 at Little Munden was 69, in fourteen methods.

Mr. Ted Horrox, the 'father' of the College Youths, celebrated his 83rd birthday on Monday. He rang at St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday, and received the congratulations of the band. He hopes to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques in celebration of the event at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, to-morrow.

At the opening of Banstead (Surrey) bells, on March 19th, it is intended to introduce the method, which is adopted widely in the North of England upon such occasions, of giving special facilities to those ringers who attend with complete bands, instead of relying entirely upon scratch eights made up in the belfry. All ringers will be welcome at the opening, and all will be given the opportunity of ringing, but it is hoped to secure the best striking by securing the presence of bands who are in the habit of ringing together.

The brothers Bailey, of Leiston, have added to their family campanological laurels, by ringing the first peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand' by five brothers.

The two new trebles at Fulbourn, Cambs, raising the peal to an octave, are to be dedicated on March 12th. The new bells are the gift of Mr. B. Moore, who has been churchwarden since 1887.

Upon Tuesday next falls the anniversary of that wonderful peal of Grandsire Caters rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, in the year 1737, which for excellence of its ringing, Harmonious changes and ye number of them, was certainly superior to anything of its kind ever done in the world; and to Remove all doubt of the truth of the performance several ingenious Ringers were abroad the whole time, with proper rules to prove the certainty of ye same.

This peal, 12,603 (the previous best having apparently been 10,080 in 1735 at Painswick) was rung in 8 hrs. 15 mins., and was 'perfectly compleated to the entire satisfaction, surprise and amazement of thousands of hearers.' The tenor was rung by two men, the first 8,000 changes by one of them and the remainder of the peal by the other.

The first peal of Caters was rung about 20 years before at St. Bride's, Fleet Street.

While ringing was in progress at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, on Saturday, in connection with the Henry Johnson Commemoration, the clapper of the tenor broke. The first recorded peal by St. Martin's Youths was rung at St. Philip's in 1755, but there has been no peal in this tower for 18 years on account of the 'go' of the bells. Perhaps something will now be done.

The latest report that reaches us about Mr. R. J. Wilkins, of Bristol, is that, although still very ill, his condition shows a slight improvement.

The peal of Superlative at Houghton, Lancs, was rung in 2 hrs. 49 mins., and not 3-49 as published last week.

The 'stars' will sometimes get into the wrong places. We do not mean the celestial orbs, but the marks by which we are able to distinguish first pealers and the like. Last week we made it appear that the Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Shoreditch was Mr. Edgar Wightman's first peal of Treble Twelve when it wasn't. The intimation applied to the ringer of the 9th, Mr. Fred Wilford, of Northampton.

It is interesting to note a peal rung by a local band at Warnham, Sussex. It is some time since a peal by Warnham men has been recorded, but there were days which some will remember when, perhaps, more peals were rung at Warnham than in any other belfry.

It used to be said that one man out of every three in Warnham had learned to ring. Peals before breakfast were not unknown there, and, in more recent years, a band who aspired to fame found no objection raised when they sought permission to attempt four Surprise peals in a day at this church. Long peals up to 13,440 have been rung there, and one attempt at least for a twenty thousand has been made. And the church stands right in the village. They are bell lovers, the good people at Warnham.

WYCOMBE RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.

Many ringing friends will regret to hear of the loss sustained by Mr. J. W. Wilkins, of High Wycombe, Bucks, by the death of his wife, who passed peacefully away on Feb. 5th. The deceased lady was known by a number of ringers, not only in the immediate district in which she lived, but amongst those she met when accompanying her husband in his many ringing excursions.

Her remains were laid to rest on Feb. 10th, amidst many tokens of respect, but that which appealed to the sorrowing husband and son was the beautifully struck muffled touch in her memory, performed by the High Wycombe Society on the bells of the parish church she so loved to hear.

* HENRY JOHNSON ' COMMEMORATION

GREAT GATHERING AT BIRMINGHAM.

The 33rd annual 'Henry Johnson' Commemoration Dinner, organised by St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, was held at Birmingham on Saturday last, and was a highly successful function, the attendance being quite equal to last year's record. The event brought together ringers from many parts of the country, and during the afternoon there was ringing both on the twelve bells at St. Martin's Church and the ten at St. Philip's Cathedral. The dinner took place at the Imperial Hotel, and a company, numbering 180, sat down to a splendidly served repast. The chair was taken by Canon E. Grose Hodge, M.A., Rector of Birmingham, who was supported by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Presiding Ringing Master; Sir Edward Malins, Messrs. J. J. Kendall and F. W. Blake (churchwardens of St. Martin's), Mr. A. Paddon Smith (Hon. Secretary of St. Martin's Guild), and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, Mr. C. F. Johnston (of the Croydon Foundry), Mr. Pryce Taylor (Loughborough Foundry). Among those also present were: Messrs. W. Kent, J. H. Shepherd and J. Carter (vice-presidents of the Guild), Mr. A. Walker (Deputy Ringing Master) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. T. Russam and Mr. C. Dickens (Trustees), Mrs. Russam, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Groves, Miss S. Pigott (President of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. A. E. Parsons (Master of the Worcestershire Association), Mr. C. Dean (Hon. Secretary, Surrey Association), Mr. A. Wilkerson (Hon. Secretary, Warwickshire Guild), Mr. H. Knight (Hon. Secretary, Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford), Messrs. W. R. Small (Tipton), B. Gough (Coseley), W. T. Pates (Cheltenham), J. Paget (Derby), Councillor and Mrs. Trippier (Eccles), Messrs. R. F. Deal (Manchester), H. Broughton (Leicester), H. Argyle and T. Chapman (Nuneaton), A. C. Crawley (Crewe), J. Jutson and Miss Jutson (Peterborough), Mr. R. Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. and Mrs. F. Wilford (Northampton), Mr. T. Salter (Kidderminster), Mr. J. E. Sykes (Huddersfield), W. Wetherby (Shrewsbury), R. Billingshurst (Loughborough), and ringers, including several ladies, from a large number of towers in the Birmingham district.

The dinner arrangements had been made by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. Paddon Smith), whose indefatigable efforts resulted in a completely enjoyable evening. As in previous years a feature of the proceedings was the musical programme, for which the St. Martin's Quartette (Messrs. Hale, Chapman, Bayliss and Gorman, members of St. Martin's Choir) kindly gave their services, and their quartettes, duets and songs gave great delight to the company. Their presence was again an indication of the happy relations which exist at St. Martin's between the ringers and the other officials of the church. The quartette sang grace before and after dinner, and in the course of the evening contributed the items, sung unaccompanied, 'On the Banks of Allun Water,' 'Jenks' Vegetable Compound,' 'Sleep, Gentle Lady,' 'Ye eyes of Azure,' etc., while Messrs. Chapman and Gorman sang the duet, 'Tenor and Baritone,' and Messrs. Chapman and Hale, contributed songs. Mr. A. S. Gorman, A.R.C.O., was at the piano. No such gathering would, of course, be complete without the hand-bells, and the company were delighted with the tune ringing of Messrs. Walker, Miller and Hunt, and a course of Stedman Cinques rung by Messrs. Russam, Walker, Groves, Swann, Smallwood and Morris.

The printed programme will be cherished by those who were present as a charming souvenir of the evening, for it contained a portrait of Henry Johnson and a wonderful collection of most apt quotations, both in the menu and toast list, which Mr. Secretary Smith must have spent a vast amount of time in getting together.

When the cloth had been cleared, the Chairman gave the toast of 'The King,' which was enthusiastically honoured.

Apologies for absence were announced from the Bishop of Birmingham, the Dean of Norwich, Mr. A. Hughes, Mr. F. E. Dawe and Mr. J. Jagger.

CHANGING TIMES.

Sir Edward Malins proposed 'Church and State,' and referred to the times of anxiety and perplexity through which the nation and the Church had recently passed, and to the changes which were taking place. They looked forward with hope that as a result of these changes good would prevail, and that all that was low and degrading would become a thing of the past. Not since the time of Henry VIII. had there been such changes in the Church as they were now passing through. The State had set up a National Assembly, with wide discretionary powers, for the control of the Church. Among the chief of these had been the setting up of Parochial Councils, which would have control over the affairs of the churches in a democratic degree undreamt of in the past. To these changes they would have to accommodate themselves, and they must take advantage of them as they were presented to them. Sir Edward spoke of some of the difficulties yet to be solved, and concluded by referring to the alliance between the Church and State, a union which had given the nation strength, and which had brought divine guidance into their national as well as into their personal life.

The Chairman, whose name was coupled with the toast, first touched upon the splendid opportunities which lay before the men and women

of to-day, and went on to express his gratitude to St. Martin's Guild for once again inviting him to preside over that gathering. There was, he added, a sort of propriety about it, because, while they as bell ringers spoke that marvellous language of which he was so woefully ignorant, he was supreme in the belfry. He had absolute control of the belfry and all the people therein. He could if he chose, sit in the belfry, lock the door and stay there all by himself (laughter), and if he liked, shake his fist at any churchwarden who desired to come in (laughter). He had supreme right over the belfry, the bells and the bell ropes, and, if he chose to ring all the bells himself, he could do so (laughter). That was really the legal position, and they might yet see the spectacle of the Rector in St. Martin's belfry threatening the churchwardens (laughter). He was not sure there might not be reprisals, and he expected it would take the form of the churchwardens locking up every pew in the church when the Rector was going to preach. They could not lock the church door, but if he (the Rector) asserted his independence in the belfry, his churchwardens could lock up the pews. This locking of the pews was once carried out at a Cambridge Church, where a famous preacher and his churchwardens were unable to agree, and for eleven years they had the extraordinary spectacle of this truly great man preaching in a church in which there was not a single person in the pews, and not a single inch of the remainder of the church which was not occupied by those who desired to hear him. The Rector went on to say he always felt there was a very real link between the clergy and the bell ringers. While they in Birmingham had one of the best peals of bells in the country, he was sure they had quite the best bell ringers (applause). They had a noble church, a noble peal of bells, and some truly dear friends to ring them (applause).

THE VIRTUE OF TRUSTWORTHINESS.

Mr. A. E. Parsons submitted the toast of the evening, 'The Memory of the late Henry Johnson.' They had met again, he said, to pay a silent tribute to and to honour the memory of Henry Johnson. For more than 30 years honoured members of the Exercise had on similar occasions given personal testimony to the many sterling qualities and virtues which Mr. Henry Johnson possessed, as well as to his wonderful gifts as a composer and a ringer. Very much had been said; in fact, it would almost seem that the mention of his name for 30 years or more would create an atmosphere of monotony in the programme! But was that the case? He thought not. Rather was the mention of his name as a refreshing breeze to them on a hot summer's day. They were always enthusiastic when they heard his name mentioned, and thought of what he had been and what he had done for bell ringing and bell ringers. He (the speaker) could not attempt to add anything to what had already been said on those occasions, but would content himself with recalling one of Henry Johnson's many virtues, and that was his trustworthiness. Birmingham was regarded as the home and nursery of Stedman; certainly that was so from the commencement of the 19th century. In those early days such men as Lales, Cooper, Day and Thurstans, together with Hudson, of Sheffield, and Tobbs, of Leeds, were striving to bring into form and symmetry the method of Stedman Triples, so that some standard form of composition might be set up. From about 1828 to 1846 there was a spirit of rivalry among these men, and it was on the 18th of May in the latter year that Henry Johnson conducted for the first time on St. Martin's bells Thurstans' four-part peal of Stedman Triples as they had it to-day. That composition was in possession of Henry Johnson for months before he called it, and when they remembered the keenness and rivalry that existed, when they recollected that at any time one of these other composers might have produced the very peal which was in Johnson's possession, it showed what implicit confidence and trust Thurstans placed in Henry Johnson. For this one virtue alone he deserved that his memory should be honoured. Let them think of all that he had done for their art, endeavour to emulate his character, and, so far as they were gifted, follow in his footsteps.

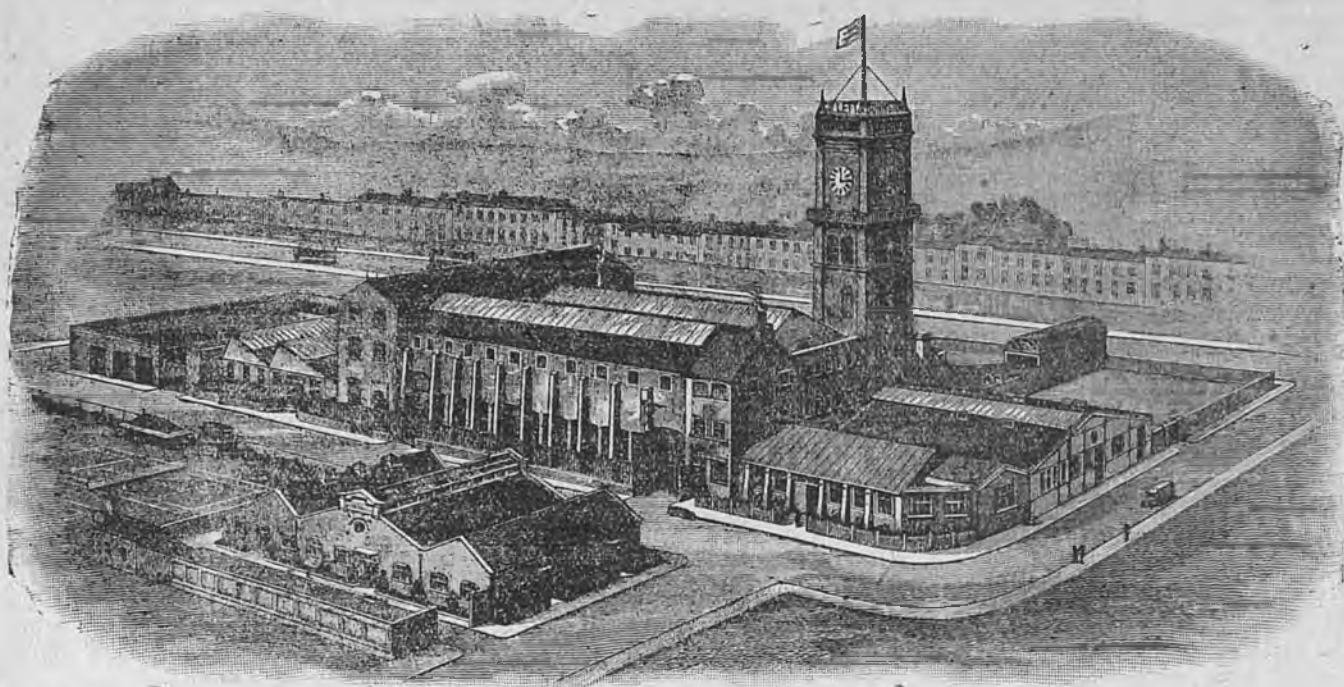
The company stood a few moments in silence to honour the toast, and by a show of hands it was ascertained that there were 21 ringers present who had personally known Mr. Johnson.

ALDERMAN PRITCHETT'S REVIEW.

Alderman Pritchett then submitted 'Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild,' and gave a review of the year. Since their last meeting, he said, they had lost, by death, their old friend, William Carrod, of Bishop Ryders, an old member and keen supporter of the Guild. He was happy to say a muffled peal was rung to his memory, and no one's memory better deserved a muffled peal. Mr. J. Corrigan, after bravely serving his country throughout the war and losing an eye, came home to meet his death by accident. In him they had lost a very good ringer and excellent striker. Albert Little, of Wolverhampton, was another who had gone from them, and, although he was not a member of the Guild, he felt he must refer to the death of Mr. John Smith, of Netherton, who was for many years hon. secretary of the Worcestershire Association. He was an excellent secretary, and an excellent ringer. He (the speaker) had rung many peals with him, and there was one he would like to mention, a peal of Treble Ten at Dudley 20 or 25 years ago. It so happened that Mr. Smith was conducting and Mr. John Carter was ringing the 2nd,

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and the 2nd had lost its clapper. The bell was voiceless throughout the peal, but the amusing thing was that, while they were ringing, John Smith shouted to John Carter, 'Strike your bell a little closer' (laughter). However, they got through the peal all right, and it was duly recorded in the peal book of the association. Another dear old friend that he, for one, would greatly miss, and at whose expense he had made many feeble jokes, was Mr. Jimmy Jones. They would remember how he used to twit him about his family of 13 children and 47 grandchildren who used to gather round his table at Christmas time in a room 12ft. square and drink his health with musical honours (laughter). But he was a good man, whom they all liked. He was rough and uneducated in a way, but he was one of England's best, a good ringer, an honest and faithful servant of the firm for whom he worked so many years. He was a man always ready and willing to do what he could to help ringers and to promote the art of ringing. They respected his memory.

THE ORIGIN OF THE JOHNSON DINNER.

Proceeding, Alderman Pritchett congratulated those 21 ringers present who knew Henry Johnson, and who were privileged to live to that day, and to share in the hope expressed by the Chairman that they might all meet again on another anniversary. Most of their vice-presidents were there, but Mr. Godden was unfortunately absent, for the second time only since those dinners were inaugurated over thirty years ago. He was indisposed, but not seriously, and they wished him a speedy recovery. Of those who were present, he must refer first to John Buffery, the 'father' of the Guild. He had been a member of the Guild longer than anyone else living, and forty years ago took part in the famous peal of 9238 Stedman Cinques, with Henry Johnson. He ran the 8th in that peal, and he did not seem to get much older. They congratulated him upon his long life, his good health, and upon his services to the cause of change ringing. He had also to congratulate that veteran, Mr. William Rock Small, upon his presence. As they knew, he celebrated his 81st birthday the other day, and in a letter which he had received from him he spoke of that as probably the last time he would be amongst them. But Mr. Small was always somewhat of a pessimist, and he (the speaker) hoped that prophecy would be falsified, and that Mr. Small would be with them on similar occasions for many more years yet (applause). Mr. Small mentioned in his letter something in which he was sure that gathering would be interested, namely, that he took part in the peal that was the origin of the Johnson Dinner. On Feb. 28th, 1882, at Birmingham, St. Martin's Guild rang a peal of Stedman Cinques (5014 changes), at St. Martin's Church, composed by Henry Johnson, and conducted by Charles Hattersley. Of the ringers in that peal there were fortunately three survivors, Mr. Rock Small, Mr. Buffery and Mr. Henry Johnson, junr. After the peal there was a supper at the Dog and Partridge. He (Ald. Pritchett) had no doubt it was an enjoyable supper, as enjoyable in its way as that gathering had been. According to Mr. Small, it was the foundation and origin of that annual dinner. Great things grew out of small ones, and that supper of twelve ringers and a few friends had now grown into a banquet of 180 ringers, not only from Birmingham, but from all parts of England (applause).

STEADY PROGRESS.

Alderman Pritchett went on to say he was happy to note that St. Martin's Guild was making steady progress. The members were turning up to practice in increasing numbers. There had not been any notable peals rung during the year, except, perhaps, the handbell peal of Stedman Cinques rung by members of the Guild who were also College Youths, and he understood that that was a sort of acknowledgment of the very handsome present of a peal of handbells which was received from Mr. Hughes, of the College Youths. He would also like to mention that the other day a course of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung on St. Martin's bells, and he would like to suggest that the third Tuesday in every month should be set apart for ringing in the higher methods such as this. He hoped those who went to ring the ordinary methods would not object, but would be sufficiently self-denying in order that the Guild might sometimes deviate from the ordinary run of Stedman and ring higher methods. He hoped the suggestion would be taken in good part and favourably considered at the next meeting of the society. Alderman Pritchett went on to say that during the year there had been a change in the deputy mastership, Mr. Walker having taken the place of Mr. Groves. They were greatly indebted to Mr. Groves for his services extending over ten years, and so far as he was concerned it was a case of 'how happy could he be with either.' Two more excellent deputies it was impossible to imagine, and they were working together with the same brotherly feeling of concord and harmony as they did when their places were reversed (applause). Alderman Pritchett coupled with the toast the name of the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Paddon Smith, than whom he said, they could not possibly have a better secretary (applause). What a labour it was to organise that gathering. No-one had done it but Mr. Godden and Mr. Smith, and they alone knew what it meant. He did not know how many hundreds of letters Mr. Smith had to write and the troubles and disappointments he had to put up with, but the result was always perfection. Nothing could be more perfect than that menu and toast list with its mottoes. How on earth Mr

Smith found a fresh set every year, and each set more excellent than the previous one, he (the speaker) could not imagine (applause). It always gave them pleasure to drink to that toast, but that pleasure was increased by being able to couple with it the toast of the health of their most excellent secretary (applause).

The other toasts were 'Kindred Ringing Societies,' 'The Ringing World,' and 'The Chairman,' and a report of the speeches will be given in our next issue.

A NEW SOCIETY FORMED FOR DONCASTER AND DISTRICT.

A meeting of Doncaster and District ringers took place on Saturday, February 28th, at St. George's, Doncaster, the towers represented being Doncaster, Arksey, Sprothorough, Conisbrough, Adwick-le-Street, Tickhill, Thorne and Haxey.

After a few short touches in various methods had been rung, Mr. Woodhouse, of Arksey, presided over the meeting, the object of which was to form a Doncaster and District Society of Change Ringers. — The Chairman said the object of the society, if formed, would be the federation of isolated bands of ringers, and the encouragement of the art of scientific change ringing by frequent meetings for combined practice. He said there were plenty of nice peals of bells in the district, and it was a pity that more change ringing was not done on them.

Mr. Halksworth (Doncaster) expressed pleasure at seeing such a representative gathering of ringers of the district. There were three of four district societies in South Yorkshire, the nearest, best and oldest being the Sheffield and District, and Doncaster was included in its area. But with railway fares what they were very few members went to their meetings from the Doncaster district, and to overcome this difficulty he thought the best plan would be to form a Doncaster and District Society.

Mr. Holmes (Doncaster) proposed that a society be formed, and said it would supply a long-felt want. — Mr. G. Clark, Arksey, seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

The following officers were then elected: Secretary, Mr. Harold Walker; treasurer, Mr. Woodhouse; Ringing Master, Mr. G. Clark.

It is proposed to ask the Ven. Archdeacon Sandford to be president. The next meeting will be held at Sprothorough on March 19th.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. STOCKPORT BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting, held at St. Mary's, Stockport, on Saturday, Feb. 19th, was very well attended, between sixty and seventy members and friends being present. The bells, a peal of ten, were employed in the afternoon and evening in touches of Caters, Major and Triples.

The Guild form of service was conducted in the church by the Rector (the Rev. C. A. Calthrop), a splendid address being given by the hon. secretary (the Rev. A. T. Beeton). Tea was served in the Schoolroom, followed by the business meeting, with the Rector in the chair.—The Hon. Secretary read his report, which showed a steady progress. Five peals had been rung, viz., three of Major and two of Minor. Reference was made to the good progress made by the Denton and Norbury towers, and it was hoped this would be an incentive to others in the matter of method ringing. Five meetings had been held during the past year, with an average attendance of fifty-five; 197 members were on the roll, and the credit balance of £8 was very encouraging.—The report was unanimously adopted, and thanks accorded to the hon. secretary for his trouble.

The printing and publishing of an annual report and balance sheet had been discontinued since 1915, and the question was raised whether the practice should be recommenced. Though the proposal received favour, yet the probable cost led to the matter being deferred until the next meeting.

All the retiring officers were re-elected, with the exception of the chairman (the Rev. F. C. L. Hamilton), who had expressed his wish to resign on account of increased parochial responsibilities. He had occupied the office since 1904. Mr. J. H. Jackson, of Disley, was unanimously elected in his stead.—The Rector then vacated the chair, and called upon the new chairman to take charge of the proceedings.

Mobberley was fixed as the place for the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, May 7th, 1921.

The Hon. Secretary made a strong appeal for a greater practical interest in 'The Ringing World.' Many others spoke in support of this, and it was hoped ere long the ringers' paper would be one to be proud of.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for permitting the meeting to be held, for the use of the bells, and for his services, and to all those who assisted in making the proceedings run so smoothly.

Ringing was again resumed, but not for long, on account of the close proximity of the market, and Saturday is market day.

SPALDING, Lincs.—At the Parish Church, on Tuesday, January 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1250 changes), in 45 mins., by: *A. L. Woolton 1, S. Madison 2, *S. E. Andrew 3, R. Smith 4, J. G. Ames 5, R. Mackman 6, J. T. Brown (conductor) 7, W. Adeock 8. * First quarter-peal.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

It is gratifying to find how this page for Sunday Service Ringers has been welcomed. Letters expressing appreciation of the introduction of this feature have reached us from many parts of the country, and we hope it will prove what we are setting out to make it—interesting and useful. It is the first time in ringing journalism that special provision has been made for Sunday Service ringers, who, after all, form the vast majority of the Exercise, and whose work, as we said last week, is the most important part of ringing.

It was unfortunate that of the touches we gave last week two should be false, but happily, in short lengths, little harm is done even if they have been rung. Shipway's 1064 of Grandsire Triples runs false at the handstroke of the half-way single with the handstroke of part end 54256, as, of course, does the handstroke of the last single with that of the corresponding lead in the second half. The touch runs out true without the extra single at 546. Curious it is that Snowdon should have overlooked this when he reproduced this touch from Shipway. The 976 of Double Norwich is also false. There is a flaw that we ought to have noticed, and we hear that the composer passed a very uncomfortable week-end. But he will be forgiven, as we hope we may be for publishing it. This week's touches should be vouched for by the names beneath them, and should be useful.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Feb. 27th, for morning service, 1024 Cambridge Surprise Major: *G. Finch 1, *F. L. Fisher 2, G. Wilson 3, J. G. Rumsey 4, G. F. Bailey (conductor) 5, G. E. Fisher 6, J. M. Bailey 7, A. F. Bailey 8. *Longest length in method. Ringers of 1, 2 and 6 belong to Uford.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.—On Sunday, Feb. 27th, for morning service, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 46 mins.: Miss N. E. Shorter 1, W. Shepherd 2, W. Woodrow, junr., 3, J. B. Hessey 4, F. Shepherd 5, E. J. Pressing 6, O. Sippets (conductor) 7, A. Ellis 8.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.—On Sunday, Feb. 13th, at St. Anne's Church, after the unveiling of the war memorial to the fallen, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins., with the bells half-muffled: Miss M. Wood 1, J. Corbett 2, T. Gould 3, H. Stapleton 4, F. Nye (conductor) 5, F. Francis 6, H. Gould 7, T. F. Bennett 8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Sunday, Feb. 6th, at Holy Trinity, Guildford, for evening service, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), taken from Holt's Original: F. Clark (1st quarter) 1, F. Radford 2, C. Burdock 3, A. H. Pulling 4, W. Jelly 5, W. Melville 6, E. W. Steere (first quarter as conductor) 7, H. Harris 8.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—On Sunday, Feb. 27th, at St. Mary's Church, 546 of Grandsire Triples, taken from the touch published on this page last week: W. Floyd 1, G. Bayes 2, W. H. Nowell 3, H.

Gates 4, I. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, H. Galding (conductor) 7, I. Floyd, junr., 8.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Feb. 27th, for evening service, at the request of the Vicar (the Rev. L. Lydekker), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Buttrum 1, F. Dedman 2, F. Vickers 3, J. Sear 4, A. Vickers 5, W. Dedman (conductor) 6, W. J. Jeffs 7, A. E. Seddon 8.

LONDON.—At St. Michael's, Cornhill, for evening service, on Feb. 13th, 1260 Stedman Triples on the back eight, in 55 mins.: E. Horrex 1, E. J. Walsom 2, A. R. Macdonald 3, W. Alps 4, C. F. Winney (conductor) 5, A. A. Hughes 6, H. Belcher 7, P. E. Clark 8.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's, West Ealing, for morning service, on February 27th, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: A. F. Tuke 1, E. J. Walsom 2, R. G. Brown 3, P. E. Clark 4, H. Belcher 5, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, C. Edwards 8.

LONDON.—At All Hallows', Tower Hill, for evening service, on Feb. 27th, 1260 Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: P. E. Clark 1, E. J. Walsom 2, C. Edwards 3, C. F. Winney 4, C. E. Burden 5, H. R. Newton 6, A. R. Macdonald (conductor) 7, A. Joyce 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, Feb. 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: R. A. Fosdike 1, A. G. Bennington 2, E. J. Parnett 3, J. Law 4, T. A. Easterby 5, J. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

DIDSBURY, LANCs.—On Sunday, Feb. 27th, on the occasion of the visit of the new Lord Bishop of Manchester to Christ Church, West Didsbury, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins., for evening service: G. Snowball 1, A. Frost 2, W. Brown 3, F. Stoneley (conductor) 4, H. Brickell 5, G. H. Collier (Flixton) 6, R. Davies 7, G. Whitelegge 8.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—Ely and St. Edmundsbury Diocesan Association.—At the Church of St. Vigor and All Saints, on Sunday, Feb. 27th, for evening service, 1008 Bob

Major: E. Webb 1, J. Page 2, C. Hall 3, J. Giddens 4, C. E. Patten 5, A. Page 6, G. Bridge 7, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 8. Longest length of Major by all except the conductor, and longest length of Major on the bells.

LONDON.—The London County Association.—On Sunday, Feb. 20th, for evening service, at St. John the Divine's, Kennington, S.E., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. R. Gammon 1, J. Carter (late of Birmingham) 2, A. C. V. Gasson 3, T. H. Taffender 4, E. J. King 5, I. J. Atwater (composer and conductor) 6, W. H. Pickett 7, R. G. Chappelle 8.—On Sunday, Feb. 27th, for evening service, at St.

George-the-Martyr, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. R. Gammon 1, H. W. Hibbert (1st quarter-peal as conductor) 2, A. Hibbert 3, T. H. Taffender 4, E. J. King 5, R. G. Chappelle 6, W. H. Pickett 7, H. Spinks 8.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD.

CANON COLERIDGE ON THE LESSONS OF WORLD SERVICE EXHIBITION.

Returning from a great World Service Exhibition in a neighbouring town, many thoughts kept surging up, as we contemplated the labour and organisation needed to bring such a stupendous effort to completion. It was a call to every man to realise that no matter in how humble a position he might be, he was a part of the great human family, dependent upon others for his daily bread and sustenance, and bound to learn how he may best live—not for selfish ends, but for the good of the whole community.

Representing the 'Heavenly Jerusalem,' we were taught by what we saw and heard in its streets and courts, of the need for service in all its varied aspects, in the ministry of the word, in education, in the alleviation of suffering, in industry, in social welfare, etc.

In the very centre of the Court devoted to 'The Ministry of the Word,' hung a church bell, complete with all fittings. It was a happy thought which placed it there. It taught visitors, day after day, in their thousands, that the Ministry of the Word was exercised not merely by human voice, but also by the voice of our church bells. What a responsibility, then, rests on all who ring them. If the parish priest in the pulpit be a Minister of the Word, so, too, is the ringer in the tower. He causes the same message to go forth with a louder, and it may be, a more insistent and effective voice.

Ringers: 'Walk worthy of your vocation.' Doing your service, Sunday by Sunday, heartily as unto the Lord, you are fulfilling His purpose—you are taking your true parts in 'The Ministry of the Word.'

G. F. COLERIDGE.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1296 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

2314567			
6254137	2S	5-6	9-10
6231574	1-2	4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11	
4325167		5-6	
3527146		5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12	
4375612		3-4-5-6-7-8	
2134567		3-4-5-6	

Three times repeated with bobs at 2-3 for 8 at 2 in 2nd and 4th parts. Contains 40 4-6's, 36 7-4's, 32 6-7's.

A. J. Pitman.

TWO 672's BOB MAJOR.

23456	W	M	R
64235	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—
Twice repeated.			

23456	W	R
52436	—	—
43526	—	—
Twice repeated.		

J. A. Trollope.

1097 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

23456789	
42356978	7 in & out at 3
34256	9 in 3
23456	9 in 3
45326	8 in 3S
52346	8 in 3
24358	8 in 3
32456	9 in 3
43256	9 in 3
25346	8 in 3S
62543	9 in 3S

9 in with 8 and out next lead. J. George.

447 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

23456	
35426	Before and wrong.
43526	In and out.
32546	Before and wrong.
24536	Before and wrong.
34526	S. Before.
42536	Before and wrong.
23546	Before and wrong.
23456	In and out at 2
	at hand.

From Snowdon's 'Grandsire.'

NOTICES.

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LADIES' GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Western District) will be held at Portishead, on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. All ringers welcome.—Edith Smith, 12, Auburn Road, Redland, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 5th, at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells ready at 3.15 p.m. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, on Saturday March 5th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.—The annual meeting of this guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4 o'clock. Business meeting after tea.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Galleywood on March 5th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at the White Bear. Subscriptions to the amount of 1/6 per member are now due.—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's Church, Sketty, on Saturday, March 5th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea at the Church Hall at 6 p.m. Annual subscriptions now due, 2/-.—Charles Morse, Sec., 2, Dycok Road, Sketty, Swansea.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A District meeting will be held at Chelham (8) on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5.—E. G. Vuesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Woodbridge District.—The monthly practice meeting will be held at Wickham Market on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 to 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—C. E. Fisher, Dis. Sec., High Street, Ufford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas Church, Helmsshore, on Saturday, March 5th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7. Business very important. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Saturday, March 5th. Eight bells, from 3 o'clock.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available all day. Meeting at 4 o'clock.—W. Robinson, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Sharman, District Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Owlsmoor, Camberley.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on March 8th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 17th and 31st, Southwark Cathedral on the 29th, all at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (The Misbourne Valley Towers).—A 'missionary' practice meeting will be held on Saturday, March 12th, at Wendover Parish Church (6 bells), at which the ringers from neighbouring towers will be heartily welcomed. Ringing from 5.30. A competent change-ringing band have promised to attend.—G. H. Gutteridge, Iver Heath, Uxbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A District meeting will be held at Saltburn on Saturday, March 12th. Further particulars next week.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Div. Sec.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Sandal on Saturday, March 12th, at 4 p.m. All ringers cordially invited to be present.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western District will be held at Keighley on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) available 2 to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in West Lane Schools. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. R. W. Jennison, 40, Aireworth Street, Keighley, before March 8th.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 4. Service 5.30. Meeting 6. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—A service will be held to dedicate two new trebles on Saturday, March 12th. Service will be held at 2.30, conducted by Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, President of the Central Council. A free tea will be provided for ringers in the Assembly Room. All those wishing to be present at tea kindly send in their names on or before March 8th to Charles Patten, Mill Cottages, Fulbourn, Cambs. The two new bells are a gift (an addition to the six) of Mr. Reuben Moore, churchwarden since 1887.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Members and friends of the above branch have received an invitation from the Vicar to take tea at Bray on Saturday, March 12th. Tower bells available from 3. Service at the Parish Church at 5, and social in the Church Room at 6 o'clock. Foremen of towers will please make this meeting known to all members in their district and advise me by March 9th how many are proposing to be present.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at East Crompton

ton on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. — T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Saltburn on March 12th. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at Darley's Café, Milton Street, at 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea in the same room. Bells available from 2 p.m. Will all requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Peck, Eden Corner, Saltburn, not later than Thursday morning, March 10th?—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Div. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at the Cathedral, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3. Service at 5. Tea at 1/6 per head in the Wolstenholm Hall at 5.45 to those who notify Mr. C. Harrison, 53, Baltic Road, Darnall, Sheffield by Wednesday, March 9th.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells from 3.30. Will arrange tea for those who let me know by the 8th. Subscriptions (1/6) now due. Should be obliged if members would remit same to me.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Luke Road, Chiswick.—N.B.—Combined practices are held at Heston the 1st, Isleworth the 3rd, and St. Stephen's, Ealing, the 4th Saturdays in the month.

ALL SAINTS, BANSTEAD, SURREY.—The ring of eight—re-cast, re-tuned and re-hung by Gillett and Johnston—will be dedicated at 3 p.m. on March 19th. Applications from bands of eight wishing to ring should be sent to Mr. Fred Woodiss, Chipstead Road, Banstead, not later than March 12th. Tea provided.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Parish Church, Burnley, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Leicester, Easter Monday, March 28th. Towers open for ringing from 10.30 to 7.30: St. Martin's (10), St. John the Divine (8), St. Saviour's (8), St. Mark's (8), St. Peter's, Belgrave (8). Meat tea, 2/6 each, at the Bell Hotel, Humberstone Gate, 4.30 prompt. Meeting to follow. Social and smoking concert same place free to all, 7.45 to 10 p.m. All members for tea must be guaranteed by Tuesday, March 21st (see notices in Association Belfries).—H. E. Norman, Local Hon. Sec., 4, Berners Street, Leicester; A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Deptford on Easter Monday, March 28th. Dinner tickets 2/-, non-resident members 4/-. P.O. to be sent with application. Nominations of candidates for election as representatives to the Central Council must be signed by two members and sent to the Hon. Sec. before March 15th.—Fred. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Scarborough on Easter Monday, March 28th. Further details later.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. General Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 2nd, at 3.30 p.m., in the G.W.K. Temperance Institute (adjoining down platform), G.W.R. station. Further particulars later. Notices of motion should reach General Sec. at least ten days before this date.—Richard T. Hibbert, General Sec.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The Annual Dinner and Concert will be held at The Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, Saturday, April 2nd, at 6 o'clock. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, can be obtained from Mr. J. D. Matthews, 130, Clonmore Street, S.W.18; Mr. F. Smith, 48, Mansfield Road, N.W.; Mr. A. Hardy, 37, Hubert Grove, S.W.9; Mr. B. Fiskott, 1, Olive Road, N.W.2; Mr. R. Warner, Spitalfields Bell Foundry, E.1, and the Hon. Sec. The bells of St. Bride's will be available from 4 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

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SIX BELL METHODS.

At St. Thomas' Church, Norbury, Cheshire, on January 27th, 1921, a 720 was rung of No. 11 method on page 16 of the Central Council Collection: Jas. Fernley (conductor) 1, J. P. Fidler 2, W. Fernley 3, H. Hallworth 4, J. W. Hartley 5, A. S. Gordon 6. This method is now rung for the first time, and is to be called Marple.—On Feb. 17th, a 720 of No. 15, page 17, Central Council Collection, was rung: H. Hallworth 1, J. P. Fidler 2, W. Fernley 3, Jas. Fernley (conductor) 4, J. W. Hartley 5, A. S. Gordon 6. This method is also now rung for the first time, and is to be called Taxal.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—Ely and Bury St. Edmund's Association.—On Monday, Feb. 7th, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Doubles (1260 changes), 10 six-scores and an odd 60, each called differently: H. Bosworth 1, F. J. Luck 2, D. Smith 3, T. Townsend 4, T. H. Townsend (conductor) 5, G. Franklin 6. The first quarter-peal on the bells.

MIDDLETON, LANCs.—On Monday, Feb. 7th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 46 mins.: F. Berry 1, W. Berry (conductor and composer) 2, W. Hardman 3, T. K. Driver 4, J. Hall 5, H. Shaker 6, D. Renshaw 7, S. Wellens 8. Longest length in the method by 1, 2 and 3.—On Monday, Feb. 14th, 1280 Treble Bob Major: John Hollows 1, Wm. Berry (composer and conductor) 2, Wm. Hardman 3, T. Driver 4, S. Holt 5, T. A. Ogden 6, H. Shaker (longest length in the method) 7, T. Wellens 8.

SELBY ABBEY.—Yorkshire Association.—On Monday, Feb. 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: R. Fenton (first quarter-peal) 1, J. W. Hall 2, G. A. Morley 3, G. Fenton 4, F. Cryer 5, H. S. Morley 6, H. Fairlam (conductor) 7, T. Strudwick 8. Rung, after meeting short for Caters, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss A. T. Solloway, daughter of the Rev. Canon Solloway, D.D., Vicar of Selby Abbey, and Mr. S. N. Dean, of Grimsby.

RETTENDON.—Essex Association.—On Friday, Feb. 11th, in 29 mins., at the Church of All Saints, 720 changes Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. P. Jay 1, W. Jay 2, W. May 3, F. May (conductor) 4, S. T. Jay 5, C. Jay 6. First in the method by all except the conductor, and believed to be the first on the bells.

HEREFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Northern District held a quarterly meeting at Knebworth on Saturday, 5th February. Ringers assembled from Royston, Barley, Woburn Sands, Hitchin, and the local tower.—The Rector conducted a service, and gave a most interesting address, reminding bell ringers that they as churchworkers called the devout to church, and that it was not their own efforts alone that produced all this, but God working in them, in the same way as Christ worked in the lad when he gave up his only meal containing two barley loaves and two small fishes to feed the multitude.

Tea was provided in the hall by the Rector, followed by the meeting, over which the Rector presided.—Three new life members were elected, and the Rector was elected an honorary member.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Barkway, in May.—Reference was made to the announcement that the National Assembly had decided that the Church Councils were not to have the power granted them to appoint or dismiss bell ringers.—This met with hearty approval, and a vote of thanks was passed to the President of the Central Council and to Canon Baker for the valuable assistance rendered to the Exercise at large.

The Secretary referred those present to 'The Ringing World,' the only newspaper devoted to the Exercise. Through the expense of production it had become impossible for the proprietors to continue the paper at 2d., and they asked 3d. a copy, promising an enlarged paper with much wider scope to enable attention being given to a variety of subjects. The speaker pleaded for those who now take the paper to kindly continue to do so, and those who do not take it, so as, for the sake of a few coppers, not to let the paper die out.—A vote of thanks to the Rector for taking the service, also for the tea, together with Mrs. Rainey and her band of helpers who so admirably catered, terminated the meeting.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting was held at Ponistone, on Feb. 12th. The visitors included Mr. W. Haigh (Worksop) and Mr. E. Fowler (Anston), while members were present from Barnsley, Crofton, Darfield, Wath, Hoylandswaine, Wortley and Felkirk. After ringing in the afternoon, a short meeting was held in the belfry, at which Mr Charles Fowler, of Anston, and Mr. Rowland Grimes, Felkirk, were elected members of the association.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells. Ringing was then resumed and continued to 9.15 p.m., making a popular meeting, which was highly appreciated by all concerned.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—Llandaff Association.—On Tuesday, Feb. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: E. Dare 1, W. Pike 2, D. Stephens 3, F. Boucher 4, A. Addicott 5, G. Cooke 6, H. Broughton (conductor) 7, T. Love 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the late Capt. Sawyer, R.N., who was interred at St. Martin's Churchyard on Feb. 21st.

CHARLES CHURCH, PLYMOUTH.—Devonshire Guild.—On Monday, Feb. 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. G. W. A. Cooke, R.N., 1, W. Randle (conductor) 2, Major C. F. Jerram, D.S.O., R.M.L.I., 3, W. Richards 4, R. A. H. Dobson 5, W. Hornbrook 6, F. Hockaday 7, W. Gomer 8. First quarter on an inside bell by Major Jerram.

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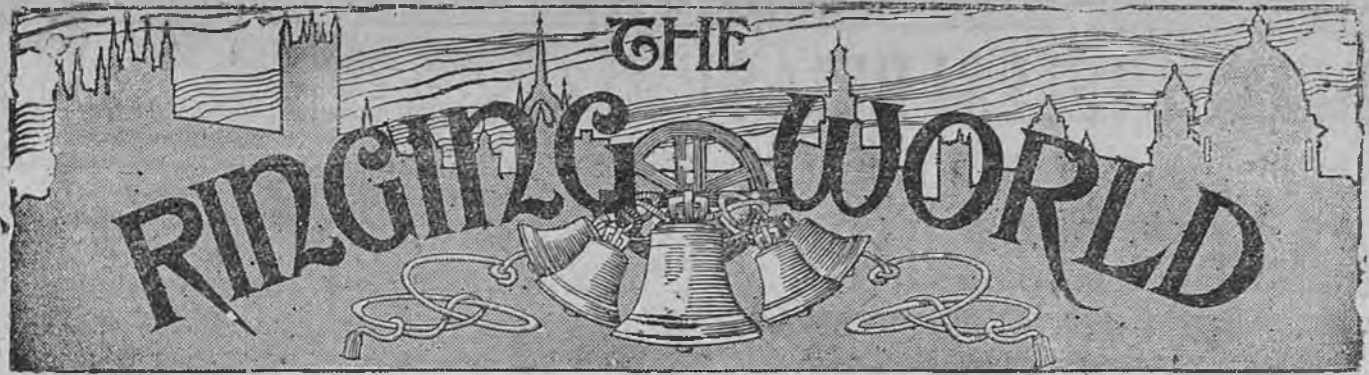
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CENTRAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

The approach of Easter and the notification of numerous meetings is a reminder that Easter Monday and the succeeding weeks up to Whitsun bring with them the majority of the annual gatherings of the various county and diocesan associations. There is always special interest in these general meetings, and this year there is the promise of them being more successful than ever, for most of the ringing organisations have got back to something like pre-war level with the added zest which has come through the interregnum forced by the war. This year, too, the triennial elections of representatives upon the Central Council take place, and we hope to see some keen competition for the seats which are vacant. In some associations in the past sufficient importance has not been attached to representation upon the Council; but apart, perhaps, from the office of President or Master, election to the Central Council ought to be looked upon as the highest honour that a society can confer on a member, for, as we have so many times pointed out, the Council can, if its members are so minded, do much for the benefit of the Exercise. Some of the apathy which has stolen over the central body in the past may be traced to a half-hearted representation in some quarters, which has resulted in elected members failing to show initiative in bringing forward topics for discussion, and even to attend at all.

It should be the duty of every association to elect upon the Council the very ablest of its members—men who are capable not only of enjoying the pleasant reunion which the annual meeting provides, but of bringing ideas and practical suggestions into the work of the Council. The Exercise must have a central body to co-ordinate its affairs, but that body must be a capable one, and it rests with the associations to make it so. Until that responsibility is fully realised the Council cannot be expected to reach its highest utility, and associations ought not to complain that the Council is wanting in performance if they in the first place fail to elect upon it their best men. Further than this, the Council could be made a far more useful body if the associations were to send up to them for discussion subjects of general interest to the Exercise. Very rare, indeed, is it that proposals for the consideration of the Council are sent up from outside, as those who elect representatives leave everything to emanate from inside. One has only to refer to the great Friendly Societies' methods of providing business for their annual conferences to obtain an admirable plan upon which to work, and the various ringing organisations would find that the Central Council could be made a much more useful body if they themselves provided work for the Council and sent their best men to carry it out.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*REGINALD D. MARSHALL... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE A. CARD 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	WILLIAM H. PICKETT 7
ALBERT C. V. GASSON ... 3	HARRY MANCE 8
†ROBERT G. CHAPPELE ... 4	ISAAC J. ATTWATER 9
ERNEST J. KING... .. 5	*ALBERT A. COWARD <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters with an inside bell.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, Feb. 24, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.

†EDWARD REEVES <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE HUGHES 6
BENJAMIN GOUGH 2	JOSEPH E. SYKES 7
*CHARLES BERCH... .. 3	BERT HORTON 8
JAMES GEORGE 4	THOMAS J. ELTON 9
WILLIAM FISHER 5	*J. T. DAVIES <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD. Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Grandsire. This peal was specially arranged for Mr. Joseph E. Sykes, who was made a member of the above Society previous to starting for the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FENTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Jan. 7, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM HILL <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES H. PAGE 5
WILLIAM FITCHFORD... .. 2	ARTHUR L. SMITH 6
*HARRY BARKER 3	ERNEST SHERRATT 7
BENJAMIN SNOW 4	REUBEN DEAVILLS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM FITCHFORD.

* First peal. The conductor hails from Wolstanton, the ringer of the 5th from Stoke-on-Trent, the rest are local ringers.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

RICHARD BUCKLAND <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM WELLING 5
*WILLIAM HIBBERT 2	*CECIL C. MAYNE 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 7
†WILLIAM HENLEY 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge away from treble.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

FARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*HARRY ARRAND <i>Treble</i>	†HENRY WOODHOUSE 5
†FRANCIS BEARDSMORE ... 2	GEORGE CLARK 6
REV. A. RHYS JAMES ... 3	†FREDERICK CLARK 7
GEORGE HALKSORTH ... 4	†HENRY TROUT <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by G. CLARK.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells since being augmented to eight. Ringer of the treble elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.	
*THOMAS ATKINS Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
HARRY BROUGHTON 2	†LOUIS E. ALLEN 6
†GEORGE CLEAL 3	THOMAS H. VALLANCE 7
JOHN OLDHAM 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Major. † First in the method. First peal of Cambridge in Loughborough. The ringers wish to thank Mr. P. Taylor and Miss Taylor for their generous hospitality after the peal, a very enjoyable evening being spent with them.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND, R.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.	
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... Treble	JAMES GEORGE 5
WILLIAM KENT 2	ALBERT E. NORMAN 6
*HUBERT SUMMERS 3	BERNARD W. WICHELL 7
JOSEPH H. WHITE 4	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WICHELL.

* First peal of Stedman. This peal was arranged for H. Summers and J. H. White, of Coventry.

MIDDLETON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
JOHN HOLLOWES Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	TOM A. OGDEN 6
FRANK BERRY 3	*WILLIAM HARDMAN 7
THOMAS K. DRIVER 4	TOM WELLENS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First local peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment for the conductor.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.	
GEORGE THOMPSON Treble	WILLIAM STEED 5
GEORGE H. STONESTREET ... 2	HARRY HARRINGTON 6
WILLIAM COLLISON 3	FREDERICK WHITE 7
HERBERT MARKWELL 4	WILLIAM LATTER Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON. Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

For calling see R.C.A. Report for 1908, Peal No. 1284. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. First peal of Major on the bells since they were recast.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.	
ALBERT H. WARD Treble	ALBERT COPPOCK 5
SAMUEL WESLEY 2	JAMES F. GEORGE 6
ALLAN HICKTON 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY 7
THOMAS H. KIRKBY 4	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

This is the first peal of Kent Treble Bob rung on the bells single handed, also first peal of Major. Rung after meeting short for Treble & Bob Royal.

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.	
*VICTOR ALLMAN Treble	GEORGE BELL 5
*ALFRED NEWMAN 2	*LEWIS NEWMAN 6
*ERNEST HIMBEST 3	JAMES W. LEONARD 7
GEORGE NEWMAN 4	*ERNEST KELVIE Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. LEONARD.

* First peal of Bob Triples.

BROXBORNE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.	
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... Treble	GEORGE PAICE 5
WILLIAM SABAN 2	FREDERICK SABAN 6
FRANK JELF 3	GEORGE RADLEY 7
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 4	JOHN THOMAS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE RADLEY.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.	
JOHN WHEADON Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6
WILLIAM HEWETT 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
ISAAC EMERY 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Ellis.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.	
THOMAS BRANCH Treble	JACK BRANCH 5
GEORGE WOODMAN 2	WALTER CHARMAN 6
PETER CHARMAN 3	JOHN COOK 7
WESLEY PRETTIFER 4	ALFRED CHARMAN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER CHARMAN.

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(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

HENRY SIMMONDS Treble		JOSEPH HANDS 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS 2	GEORGE ESSEX 6	
CHARLES GILES 3	WILLIAM HIBBERT 7	
ERNEST W. MENDAY 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT Tenor	

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

HITCHIN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Feb. 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

J. LOCKWOOD'S ONE-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.	
E. J. NEWELL, ex-Herts. Treble	L. FIDLER, ex-R.N.A.S. 5
Regt. 2	H. E. DAY, ex-R.E. 6
E. W. DAY, ex-R.A.F. 2	G. T. CROFT, ex-Herts Regt. 7
*R. CROFT, ex-Herts Yeo, ... 3	W. J. CROFT, ex-Queens ... Tenor
*F. CROFT, ex-Beds Regt. ... 4	

Conducted by W. J. CROFT.

This peal was rung by ex-Service men who took part in the Great war, and it is believed to be the first resident ex-Service peal for the Association. Ringers of the treble, 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th and tenor, belong to the local band, 3rd and 4th from Great Wymondley. First peal in the method by all. * First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method on the bells.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Feb. 20, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF WORCESTER TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

ALFRED J. BULL	Treble	ALBERT HARMAN... ..	5
JOHN RICE	2	GEORGE ILLMAN	6
GEORGE MARRINER	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..	7
AMOS W. CLARK	4	ALBERT ELLIS	Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method by the Association.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 qr. 11 lb. in E.

JAMES SHAW	Treble	ALBERT HOUGH	5
*ARTHUR HAUGHTON	2	*SAMUEL BOWKER	6
*JOHN BRIERLEY	3	BENJAMIN THORP	7
TOM WILDE	4	*JOSHUA HOWCROFT	Tenor

Conducted by BEN THORP.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman away from tenor. First peal in the method on the new bells and rung at the first attempt. B. Thorp hails from Ashton-under-Lyne, the rest belong to the local band.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT O. HOLLOWAY	Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS	5
ISAAC G. SHADE	2	REUBEN SANDERS	6
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	HARRY KILBY	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

This is the rooth tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, Feb. 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY MANCE	Treble	RALPH MACKRILL	5
CHARLES F. W. HUNT	2	FREDERICK H. CROOK	6
† ERNEST H. COOK	3	FRANK SKEVINGTON	7
WILLIAM H. WOOD	4	*EGGAR C. RUSSELL	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

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

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SS. PHILLIP AND JACOB GUILD.)

On Saturday, Feb. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILLIP AND JACOB,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*MISS A. MAUD JORDAN	Treble	FREDERICK W. WADE... ..	5
MISS ANNIE BROWN	2	PERCY C. WILLIAMS	6
EDWIN J. BROWN	3	ISAAC LONG	7
FREDERICK E. TYLER	4	HENRY T. HOWELL	Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Dr. G. S. Page, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., Churchwarden at St. Phillips'. Dr. Page was for 33 years a member of the vestry, and has occupied the office of Churchwarden 11 times. His death will be keenly regretted by all who knew him.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Feb. 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*THOMAS BEVAN	Treble	FRANK SMITH	5
† MISS KITTY SMITH	2	JOHN W. CORNFORD	6
ERNEST BONFIELD	3	THOMAS NEWMAN	7
CHARLES PRYOR... ..	4	WILLIAM J. NORTON	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire.

LIGHTCLIFFE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 26, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL	Treble	ALBERT JAGGER	5
JOE HARDCASTLE	2	FRED SALMONS	6
JOHN LAWSON	3	JOSEPH BROADLEY	7
JONAS S. AMBLER... ..	4	GEORGE NAYLOR	Tenor

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by J. COTTERELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Naylor, the ringers wishing him 'many happy returns,' and thanking him for his hospitality.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Feb. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

GERALD DUNCAN... ..	Treble	ALFRED H. WINCH	5
JOHN APPLETON	2	JOHN WEDGWOOD... ..	6
WILLIAM A. BRECKON	3	WILLIAM BROADLEY	7
SIDNEY TUNNELL	4	THOMAS METCALFE	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

The peal was arranged for A. H. Winch, who hails from Leatherhead, Surrey.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM BANKS	Treble	GEORGE EDWARDS	5
MICHAEL LAMBERT	2	HARRY SEAL... ..	6
THOMAS SKINNER... ..	3	PERCY DENTON	7
ARTHUR READER	4	CHARLES BAKER	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells by an entirely local band, the ring having been augmented to eight 25 years ago.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Feb. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILLIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

THOMAS WALTERS	Treble	GEORGE HINTON, JUN.	5
FRANCIS W. NEATE	2	WILLIAM LEWIS	6
SIDNEY HOLT	3	JOHN J. JEFFRIES... ..	7
WILLIAM C. JONES	4	WILLIAM PAGE	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by W. PAGE.

First peal in a Surprise method by all except Messrs. Jones and Page. First Surprise peal as conductor. First Surprise peal on the bells and by the Western Branch. Rung as the quarterly peal. First peal away from plain methods by Messrs. Walters and Holt, and this was the third peal by each of them.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.
 THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
 On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
 ARTHUR SYMONDSTreble | LAWRENCE POULSON 4
 STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2 | FREDERICK A. SALTER 5
 FREDERICK A. POULSON 3 | W. R. JOHN POULSON... ..Tenor
 Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

SWEFFLING, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.
 WALTER MILLER, JUN. ...Treble | ERNEST CURTIS 4
 WALTER RUFFLES 2 | JOHN HALL 5
 REGGIE ABBOT 3 | HARRY HALLTenor
 Conducted by HARRY HALL.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Sunday, Feb. 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Tulip, Primrose, College Treble, London Scholar Pleasure, Roystone Delight, College Pleasure and Arnold's Victory Tenor 14 cwt.
 *ARTHUR GILLTreble | THOMAS W. HILTON 4
 HERBERT CHAMBERLIN 2 | WILLIAM WOODCOCK 5
 ARTHUR PANTHER 3 | CHARLES WALSHTenor
 Conducted by ARTHUR PANTHER.
 * First peal of Minor on treble.

**BELCHAMP ST. PAUL'S.
 THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, Feb. 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Bob Minor.
 *WILLIAM CUTMORE ...Treble | SIDNEY HALE 4
 LEWIS WISEMAN 2 | †BERNARD PETTETT 5
 HORACE COOPER 3 | OLAVE BROYDTenor
 Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.
 * First peal. † First in seven methods. William Cutmore was elected a member of the Association in the tower.

**BARLEY, HERTS.
 THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,
 (THE BARLEY SOCIETY.)**

On Monday, Feb. 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In six methods, being 840 changes each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Oxford Singles, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.
 *FRANK HAYESTreble | WALTER MANSFIELD 3
 ROBERT HOWARD 2 | HARRY HOWARD 4
 ALBERT HOWARDTenor
 Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.
 * First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and 4th, also to Walter F. Sermons, a member of the above Society.

THURNBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
 THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
 On Saturday, Feb. 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 16 with extremes, 4 Plain Bob, 10 Grandsire, 12 with extremes each called differently.
 ROWLAND BARROWTreble | ALBERT MARTIN 3
 ARTHUR CATTELL 2 | FRED STANFORTH 4
 ERNEST MORRISTenor
 Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
 First peal on these bells, which have been a peal of five since 1872.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, Feb. 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 of Kent Treble Bob, three 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.
 FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ...Treble | WALTER KERRISON 4
 *CHARLES ROSE 2 | JAMES HOWARD 5
 EDWIN R. GOATE 3 | JOHN LARTERTenor
 Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal. Arranged for the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, who hail from Beccles.

HANDBELL PEALS.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. GODFREY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR DYE 1 | CHARLES WYBROW 4
 WILLIAM E. BASON 2 | GEORGE COOKE 5
 *ARTHUR W. BALDWIN 3 | ROBERT W. COOKE 6
 †JOHN A. GODFREY 7-8

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by W. E. BASON.
 * First peal on handbells. † First peal double-handed. The composition contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, the 3rd being never in 6ths and the 2nd never in 5-6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Feb. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
 AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor size 18 in G.
 SEPTIMUS RADFORD 1-2 | MAURICE SMITHER 5-6
 ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4 | GEORGE W. STEERE 7-8
 Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
 Witness: MRS. PULLING.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, Feb. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
 IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 6017 CHANGES;

JAMES E. GROVES 1-2 | THOMAS RUSSAM 5-6
 ALBERT WALKER... .. 3-4 | GEORGE F. SWANN 7-8
 MORRIS J. MORRIS 9-10
 Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Feb. 24, 1921, in One Hour and Fifty-Six Minutes,
 IN THE TOWER OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

Seven 720's called differently.

FREDERICK MORTLOCK 1 | FRANK TURNER 4
 ARTHUR SYMONDS 2-3 | STEDMAN H. SYMONDS] 5-6
 Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.
 Witness: W. R. J. POULSON.

First peal by Messrs. Mortlock and Turner.

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LUDLOW SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, Feb. 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
 AT THE OFFICE OF THE CLEE HILL DRU STONE CO.,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 8 six-scores each of Canterbury Pleasure and College Single, 16 of Plain Bob and 10 of Grandsire.

*WILLIAM BENNIAMS 1 | DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4
 PERCY LANE 2 | REGINALD HARRISON 5-6

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: WILLIAM HARRIS.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles in four methods on handbells in the County and for the Guild. First in four methods by all and rung at first attempt.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
 IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 size in G.

*ALLEN F. BAILEY 1-2 | CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
 ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4 | JAMES M. BAILEY 7-8
 EDGAR H. BAILEY 9-10

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.
 Umpire: G. BAILEY.

* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.' First peal in the method by all. First peal in the method on handbells for the Association and in the County. First peal of Stedman Caters by five brothers.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Feb. 24, 1921, in Three Hours,
 AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

CHARLES HAZELDEN 1-2 | WILLIAM SHEPHERD 5-6
 ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4 | SEPTIMUS RADFORD 7-8
 GEORGE W. STEERE 9-10

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
 Witnesses: MRS. PULLING & ETHEL WOOD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Ethel Wood.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Feb. 25, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
 AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Witness: GEORGE JORDAN.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, Feb. 25, 1921, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
 AT TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.)... 1-2 | †REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 5-6
 W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 3-4 | H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by REV. B. F. SHEPPARD.
 Umpire: F. J. MUSTILL (Downing).

* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

LEEDS, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Feb. 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,
 AT 90, BLACKMAN LANE, LEEDS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JAMES R. KEMP 1-2 | WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
 PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4 | SIDNEY BRIGGS 7-8

Conducted by P. J. JOHNSON.

First peal on handbells by the ringer of 7-8, who hails from Rotherham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, Feb. 5th, and was attended by upwards of 50 ringers, including several members of the Lewisham District. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Superlative. At the usual service the association's form was used. The prayers were read by the Rev. Knight (curate), and the Rev. Harrison (who is temporarily in charge of the parish) gave an excellent address. After tea, at the Lime Tree Hotel, the business meeting was held in the Parish Room, and in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. Harrison, the Rev. F. L. Schrieber (Vicar of Shipbourne) was voted to the chair.

The District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter) read his annual report, which showed that in point of numbers the district was in a flourishing condition; in fact, nearly up to the highest mark ever reached in pre-war years. Forty-five new members had been elected, including a new band at Staplehurst, which had been reorganised, and had been receiving instruction in change ringing. Three new hon. members were elected during the year, and the District Secretary appealed to the members to do their utmost to obtain more hon. members. Four district meetings were held at Tunbridge Wells, Edenbridge, East Peckham and Staplehurst, and were all well attended. At the three last-named places the members were kindly entertained to tea by the Revs. F. W. Edwards, C. E. Ryley and C. W. Bourne respectively.—The District Secretary made an earnest appeal to the members for subscriptions to the Association War Memorial, remarking that during the past year he had not received anything for this fund from the hands, and suggested that the local secretaries should make a collection in the various towers as soon as possible, so that the committee could decide on a fitting memorial to the sixty members who had made the supreme sacrifice. He also strongly appealed for increased support for 'The Ringing World,' remarking that it would be little short of a calamity to ringers if the paper ceased, as it was the only journal devoted entirely to ringers and ringing.

Mr. W. Latter was unanimously re-elected to the office of district secretary; Mr. G. Edwards (Penshurst) was re-elected district representative; and Mr. F. White (Tunbridge Wells) was also elected a member of the Central Committee.

It was decided that meetings should be held in the coming year at Hadlow, Hawkhurst, Penshurst and Tonbridge.—Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. F. L. Schrieber for presiding, to the Rev. Harrison for the use of the bells and for his excellent address, to the Rev. Knight and Mr. Soyer (organist) and the vergier for their assistance at the service.

The District Secretary proposed that a special vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. H. J. Ford, the local secretary, for making arrangements for the meeting, and also for his perseverance in obtaining consent to hold a meeting at Sevenoaks. The tower had been closed to the association for some reason, and it was entirely due to Mr. Ford's efforts that these restrictions had been removed.—The motion was carried.

Mr. Ford, in replying, said that he was fully repaid for any trouble he had taken by having such a splendid meeting. He hoped they would have another meeting at Sevenoaks before long.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Cumberland Association was held at Aspatria on Saturday, Feb. 19th, when about 25 members were present from Aspatria, Bridekirk, Cockermouth, Carlisle, Hensingham, and Egremont.—The meeting was presided over by Mr. A. W. Brighton, of London, who was supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. J. Wallis), of Carlisle.

The arrangements were completed for the contest, which is to be held on Easter Monday at Hensingham, when Mr. J. H. Banks, of Manchester, will be the adjudicator.

It was also decided that in future notices of meetings would be advertised through 'The Ringing World,' and it was recommended that at least one copy should be taken by each belfry.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Brighton for presiding.

A vote of sympathy was passed to the relatives of Mr. J. Newton, who was interred the previous day. Mr. Newton was a very old ringer, and had been connected with the association for over 25 years.

After the meeting, ringing took place at St. Kentigern's, the bells being muffled, as a token of respect to Mr. Newton. Some very good practice was had, however, in Bob Major and Minor, Kent Treble Bob Major and Minor, and Grandsire Triples, Mr. Brighton taking a rope in the latter. Some had their first courses of Kent and Bob Major. The conducting was shared by Messrs. Wallis and W. T. Holmes.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday week, a meeting was held at Bicton, when a beautiful day brought together a good attendance from several towers. Good practice was secured in a number of methods, and afterwards tea was provided at the Temperance Hotel. At the meeting which followed, it was decided to hold the next gathering at Wroxeter. Amongst the methods rung after tea were Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and Stedman, and the proceedings concluded with 720 Grandsire Triples on handbells by four distinguished members of the Guild.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Kelvedon on February 26th, when upwards of 50 members were present. A short service was held in the Parish Church, the Rev. E. F. Hay officiating. An excellent address was given by Canon Russell, of Dedham.

The tea and meeting followed in the Infant Schoolroom. Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association) presided, supported by the Rev. H. T. W. Dyre (hon. secretary), and Mr. B. Itedgwell (hon. district secretary).—Fifteen new members were elected.

A vote of condolence was passed with the District Master on the death of his father.

The Hon. Secretary thanked the Vicar for his generosity in providing the bountiful tea, and for his hearty welcome to the Association.—The Master complimented the Vicar and his bell warden, Mr. W. T. Elliott, upon the rehangings of the noble and melodious ring of six, which are now in excellent ringing order. The work has been carried out very successfully by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

It was decided to hold meetings at Stebbing, in April, and at Earl's Colne in June.

Touches of Minor in Surprise and other methods were rung, and some ringers who went to Coggeshall brought round touches on the excellent ring of eight in that tower.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The quarterly meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Galleywood on Saturday last. The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon and evening in various methods, including Double Norwich. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Keen) Tea was afterwards served at the Bear Hotel, followed by the business meeting, the Rector presiding.

The Rector and Mr. J. O. Thomson (Mayor of Chelmsford) were elected honorary members. Messrs. F. Rainbird, E. Rajobird and F. Wyatt, of Bentley, and Messrs. Harrington and Wright, of Fryerning, were elected members, and Messrs. F. Lodge (Galleywood), F. Smith (Broomfield) and S. E. Edwards (Boreham), were elected probationary members.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at South Wold, or failing that at Shenfield, in May.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells. About 30 members were present, representing Boreham, Broomfield, Bentley, Chelmsford, Maldon, Springfield, Writtle, and the local company.

DEATH OF A PONTEFRACT RINGER.

The death took place, at a Leeds nursing home, on Feb. 23rd, of Mr. Thomas M. Barker, the popular conductor of the All Saints' company, Pontefract. The deceased had been ill about a fortnight, but it was not realised that anything very serious was the matter with him until Monday, the 21st, and, a specialist being called in, he was taken to Leeds for an immediate operation, which was performed on the 22nd, but despite all efforts Mr. Barker passed away late the following night. He was 36 years of age, and leaves a widow and one child.

Deceased had been connected with All Saints' tower, where he learnt to ring, for over 21 years, and joined the Yorkshire Association in 1900, being on the committee for the Eastern Division, and, until recently, Ringing Master. He had rung 45 peals, a good number of which were Stedman Triples, in which he was a capable conductor. He was also churchwarden at the time of his death, and had held office as sidesman for a number of years. He was also a keen C.E.M.S. man; indeed it is safe to say there was no movement afoot for the church's welfare but had an enthusiastic supporter in Mr. Barker.

His remains were laid to rest on Monday, Feb. 28th, the first part of the service being held at the church, which was filled to overflowing with relatives and sympathisers anxious to pay a last tribute. Ringers were present from Leeds, Horbury, York and Selby, in addition to the local men. A 504 of Stedman was rung, muffled, on All Saints' bells as the cortege was approaching the church, and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the handbells at the grave-side, after the committal service, by W. Pearson, P. J. Johnson, J. H. Lenton, J. Carter and H. Walters.

The bells of the Parish Church, where the deceased was a welcome and frequent visitor, were also rung, muffled, after the interment, most of the visitors taking part. The clergy officiating were the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Shipley, the Rev. T. H. V. Hartley, curate, and the Rev. Canon Hore, of York, a former Vicar of All Saints', and among the wreaths was one, in form of a bell, from 'his brother Ringers.'

In course of his sermon on the following Sunday evening, the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Shipley), who was much moved, as were also many of the congregation, said they mourned the loss of a true friend. The belfry knew him, the church knew him, the communion table knew him. He was ever ready to answer the call of duty, and he would be sorely missed at that church—the church for which he had a great affection.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Ancient rivalries which existed among ringers nearly 200 years ago are recalled by anniversaries which fall in next week. The London Scholars, who, in the early eighteenth century must have been a very capable society, rang the first peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on March 14th, 1727. This was 6006.

On the following day the College Youths, who, it is surmised, had been kept out of the tower until the London Scholars had rung the first peal on the bells, rang a longer peal in the same method, viz., 6314, which was conducted by Annable. Robert Catlin, London's leading bell founder of that day, also took part in the peal. In each of the peals mentioned two men rang the tenor.

The first peal by the Eastern Scholars, an old London Society, whose peal book is in the British Museum, was rung on March 13th, 1733. This was '5040 Grandsire Tribbles' at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East.

The anniversary of a more recent 'first peal' occurs next Thursday, for it was on March 17th, thirty years ago, that the first peal of Duffield Maximus was rung. This was at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

A meeting at Knebworth was reported in our last issue under the heading of the Hereford Association. It should, of course, have been the Hertford County Association.

The first peal rung by the College Youths on the bells at Willesden is particularly interesting from the fact that the Ancient Society opened the bells as a peal of six, 130 years ago. Incidentally it was the 100th tower in which Mr. John Thomas had rung a peal.

It is difficult to know at what age a child can learn to ring. We have marvelled from time to time at the precocity of some of the young folks, but Mr. P. Laffin's little son must be nearly the juvenile limit. Reared in the atmosphere of Birmingham ringing, this lad, who is now only eight years of age, could ring 5-6 to Plain Bob and Treble Bob on handbells when only seven.

At the ages of 10 and 12 years respectively, E. Rainbird and F. Rainbird, of Bentley, who were elected members of the Galleywood meeting of the Essex Association on Saturday, can both ring a six-score on an inside bell. They are believed to be the youngest members in the Essex Association, and great credit is due to them.

Mr. H. Middleton, of Norton, near Evesham, is lying in Evesham Cottage Hospital, having recently undergone an operation for an internal complaint. We are glad to say he is going on as satisfactorily as can be expected. Mr. Middleton was a member of the band who rang the record peal of 11,111 Stedman Cinques, at St. Martin's, Birmingham, and his many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

C. J. Matthews, son of the Master of the Cumberlands, rang a peal of Stedman Cinques on Saturday at his first attempt. This is only his second peal on tower bells, his first having been Treble Twelve. Another unique performance by the coming generation of London ringers.

At Ipswich, where the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung, another peal in the same method was scored last Saturday, with the bells muffled in memory of the late Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

'It is never too late to mend,' is the motto of the Windsor Parish Church band. After 120 years of call changes by local ringers, the present company have introduced change ringing, and last Sunday scored their first quarter-peal. It is good to hear of this progress in the Royal and Ancient Borough.

Mr. R. J. Wilkins, of Bristol, continues slowly to improve.

Mr. Cornelius Charge, of Fulham, whose name is well known as a composer, left England for Greyling, New Zealand, yesterday. The good wishes of the Exercise will go with him.

After 17 years' service as hon. secretary of the Furness and Lake District Branch of the Lancashire Association, Mr. W. Robinson has resigned office.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.

The half-yearly meeting was held at Silverdale on Saturday last, but there was a very poor attendance, only three towers being represented, viz., Barrow, Broughton and Dalton. Two 720's of Bob Minor and touches of Bob Minor and Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon. Tea was provided at the Ambrose Restaurant, where the meeting was presided over by Mr. Burrows.—Kirkby was selected for a ringing meeting in June, and Hawkshead for the half-yearly meeting in September.

Mr. W. Robinson, the hon. secretary, tendered his resignation, which was received with sincere regret, for he has carried out the duties most successfully since the branch was formed 17 years ago.—Mr. W. T. Clark, Broughton-in-Furness, was appointed secretary until the next half-yearly meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the donors of the tea, and to the Vicar for his kind permission to ring. The Broughton and Ambleside ringers had to leave by an early train, and ringing was afterwards curtailed, owing to a request from the school room adjoining the church, where a concert was in progress.

BEDWELLY BELLS.

ANOTHER OCTAVE FOR MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The towers of Llandaff Diocese are being gradually enriched by the addition of new bells, and another octave was completed on Thursday of last week, when two new trebles were dedicated at the Parish Church of St. Sannan, Bedwelly, Monmouthshire. The old ring of six, with a tenor of about 15 cwt., has been rehung in entirely new fittings, the cost having been defrayed by parishioners and friends. The new bells are the gift of Mr. Christopher Pond, of Blackwood, and a marble tablet erected in the tower wall in the church, records this munificent act in the following words: 'The two treble bells in this tower were given by Christopher Pond, to the Glory of God and to complete the octave, the first treble in loving memory of his beloved wife, C. J. Pond, A.D. 1920. R. W. Roberts, Rector and Rural Dean; E. Edwards, P. L. Lloyd, Churchwardens.'

The work has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, with characteristic excellence, the 'splice' being pronounced by all who have heard the bells as remarkably fine, while the 'go' of the whole peal is perfect.

The dedication was performed by the Archdeacon of Monmouth, in the presence of a crowded congregation, the parishioners having shown the utmost interest in the restoration of their bells. The ringing was carried out by a selected band of the association, and the brief opening touch rung in the course of the ceremony was followed later by touches in the four standard methods.

LINK WITH 18th CENTURY RINGERS.

The funeral of Mr. John Heathorn, whose death has been recorded in 'The Ringing World,' took place at Guildford on Feb. 22nd, in the presence of a large gathering. In addition to the family mourners there were present representatives of the Winchester Diocesan Guild and of the Governors of the Hospital of the Blessed Trinity, of which institution Mr. Heathorn had been a brother from 1897 until his death. He was also a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

The first part of the burial service took place in Holy Trinity Church, and the final offices at the graveside were taken by the Rev. J. C. Sharp. Immediately after the Blessing four ringers stepped forward, and with handbells, gave the ringers' beautiful and moving farewell, a course of Grandsire, perfectly rung. Later, at St. Nicolas' Church, where Mr. Heathorn did most of his ringing, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters were rung by: E. Etheridge 1, T. W. Radford 2, C. Hazelden 3, G. Nicholls 4, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 5, E. Raddon 6, G. Tomsett 7, W. W. Thorne 8, S. Radford 9, E. G. Death 10.

To say that the death of Mr. Heathorn removes from our midst the last living link with the old school of ringers who rang in Guildford and Godalming in the 18th century, may appear an extravagant use of language, yet so great was Mr. Heathorn's age, that he actually did know many of them personally. It was wonderfully interesting to hear the old gentleman converse, as he sometimes would, of men whose names now live only in peal records. It was one of the tragedies of Mr. Heathorn's early life as a ringer that, clever as the old ringers were, they did not pass on their skill to others, with the result that for 80 years there was very little change ringing in Guildford, and Mr. John Heathorn did not get a chance as a change ringer until 1885, when he rang his first peal, well past the prime of his life.

A. C. H.

5016 STEDMAN CINQUES

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By JOSEPH W. PARKER, SUNDERLAND.

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Repeated.

First rung as printed above, at the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Saturday, February 19th, 1921, conducted by William H. Barber.

PRESENTATION TO JOHN CARTER.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD'S RECOGNITION OF HIS SERVICES.

Mr. John Carter, whose name has so long been associated with Birmingham, has taken up his residence in London, and at the Johnson Commemoration Dinner, on Saturday week, opportunity was taken to acknowledge his services to ringing, and to St. Martin's Guild in particular, by the presentation of an illuminated address. The presentation was made by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Presiding Ringing Master of the Guild, who said that Mr. Carter, having made a fortune with his picture house in the Isle of Man, had migrated to London, and was now living in Park Lane (laughter). The Guild had taken the opportunity of his removal from Birmingham, which, of course, they deeply regretted, to put into writing an expression of their esteem and affection for him, and their sense of the value of his unique services to the art of change ringing. Ald Pritchett then read the address, which was beautifully illuminated and handsomely framed, as follows:—

To JOHN CARTER, Esq.—The members of the St. Martin's Guild of Church Bell Ringers for the Diocese of Birmingham beg you to accept this illuminated address on your departure from the city of your adoption, to take up your residence in London, as a mark of the goodwill and esteem in which you have been held for so many years.

They desire also to express their sincere appreciation of the untiring devotion which you have always shown to the interests of the art of change ringing, and to the prosperity of the Guild and the welfare of its members.

Your departure from their midst is a matter of great regret, but they will ever remember with feelings of gratitude your valued services, and beg to tender you their warmest wishes for your future welfare and happiness.

(Signed) JOHN S. PRITCHETT, Presiding Ringing Master.

ALBERT WALKER, Deputy Ringing Master.

A. PADDON SMITH, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

February 26th, 1921.

Ald. Pritchett added that had there been room it would have been signed, he was sure, by hundreds of his fellow-ringers and well-wishers, but they united with those who had signed it in the most sincere expression of their good wishes to Mr. Carter that he would enjoy his mansion for many years, that he would embark in no further speculation with the risk of losing his fortune (laughter and applause), that he would come to see them at least once a year for many years to come, and that he would enjoy good health and great happiness (loud applause).

Mr. Carter, who was taken completely by surprise, thanked the Guild very much for their gift which, he said, it was a great honour to receive. He should do his duty and come to that dinner every year as long as he possibly could (applause).

STILL YOUNG AT 83.

MR. EDWIN HORREX'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

The veteran of the College Youths, who has just celebrated his 83rd birthday anniversary, does not yet intend to retire from peal ringing. Mr. Horrex, to celebrate the occasion, was anxious to ring another peal of Stedman Cinques, and eleven of his old friends gathered round him at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday last to help him to carry out his 'threat.' Unfortunately, however, a special address in the Cathedral, which had not been advertised, prevented the hand gaining access to the tower until 6.30. By the time the bells were 'up' it was 6.45, and as it would have meant ringing on until about 10.45, if successful, it was decided that this hour was too late to keep bells going, and might result in complaints. A splendidly struck quarter-peal (1323 changes), was, however, rung in 62 minutes, the band standing as follows: Edwin Horrex 1, Richard T. Hibbert 2, William D. Smith 3, Thomas Faulkner 4, Challis F. Winney 5, Herbert Langdon (conductor) 6, Henry G. Miles 7, Albert A. Hughes 8, Thomas Langdon 9, William E. Garrard 10, Charles S. Burden 11, Walter E. Prime 12. The two oldest members of the band, it will be noticed, rang next to each other, viz., on the treble and tenor. Mr. Horrex rang with his usual skill and precision, his striking being an example of what good striking ought to be.

A pleasant hour was afterwards spent in the veteran's company, the band being reinforced by other friends, who all heartily congratulated Mr. Horrex, and wished him 'many happy returns of the day.'

A peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark is a four hour matter, and it is, therefore, all the more remarkable that a man of 83 years should be strong enough in health to make such an attempt. A start for the peal is to be made to-morrow.

FINCHINGFIELD BELL FUND.

Amount already acknowledged, £18 1s.; Chelmsford Cathedral company, 12s. 6d.; Prittlewell, £21 1s.; Feering, 12s. 6d.; Boreham, 10s.; Great Baddow, 17s.

Further subscriptions, however small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged in 'The Ringing World' by the Rev. H. Jordan, Finchingfield Vicarage, Braintree.

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**THE CROYDON
BELL FOUNDRY
1921.**

THE JOHNSON DINNER.

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THE GUILD AND THE CHURCH OFFICIALS.

In responding to the toast of 'Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild,' Mr. A. Paddon Smith, the Hon. Secretary, said it was always a very great pleasure to organise that function. There was some trouble in it, but when he looked round that room and saw that the great majority of those present were not entirely miserable (laughter), he felt to some extent rewarded. It was also an agreeable position to be in to be secretary of a Guild like St. Martin's Guild, for they were closely in touch with all the officers and people belonging to the Church, and especially with the man to whom the belfry belonged (applause). They had present that evening, as showing how closely they were in touch with the officials of St. Martin's, the Rector of Birmingham, who was, of course, Rector of St. Martin's, they had both the churchwardens, and they had also members of the choir. The fact that they had business men as churchwardens was, he thought, one reason why they always had such tip-top Rectors at St. Martin's (applause). They had a magnificent ring of bells—perhaps the finest at any Parish Church in England (applause); they had the finest organist and choir in Birmingham, and they had a band of ringers—well, they wanted to see the next lot that could beat them (laughter and applause).

Mr. Albert Walker (Deputy Ringing Master) submitted 'Kindred Ringing Societies,' and extended a hearty greeting to those members of other ringing organisations who were present. He thought it would be a great advantage if they could have more of those dinners, so that they could mix in such a happy way more often (applause). About a dozen kindred societies were represented there that evening, including the Surrey Association, by Mr. Johnson and Mr. Dean; the Lancashire Association, by several members headed by Councillor Trippier, whom they took the opportunity of congratulating upon his attaining to municipal rank; the Worcestershire Association, represented by Mr. Albert Parsons, the Master, who always made the members of St. Martin's Guild so welcome at his house once a year for an annual peal; the Staffordshire Guild, represented by Mr. Herbert Knight, the hon. secretary; the Chester Guild, represented by Mr. Crawley, and two or three others from Crewe; the Midland Counties Association, which was strongly represented; the Lincoln Guild by Mr. Rupert Richardson, the Dudley Guild by Mr. Harry Mason; the Gloucester and Bristol Association by Mr. W. T. Pales, of Cheltenham, and the Ladies' Guild by Miss Pigott (the President), and several other ladies. The Yorkshire Association was represented by Mr. J. Sykes; the Peterborough Association by that talented young lady, Miss Jutson, and her father; the Warwickshire Guild by Mr. Harry Argyle; Mr. Wilkerson, the hon. secretary, and Mr. Chapman; the Central Northants Association by Mr. Fred Wilford. They missed one or two faces, among them Mr. R. J. Wilkins, of Bristol, and also his wife, Mr. Wilkins was in a nursing home, and seriously ill, and they all wished him a speedy recovery (hear, hear). They also missed the presence of representatives of the College Youths and particularly their old friend, Mr. Ted Horrex. They were pleased, continued Mr. Walker, to see representatives of the bell founders with them, and while Mr. Albert Hughes, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, regretted he could not be present, they had there that evening Mr. Cyril Johnston, of the Croydon Foundry, and Mr. Pryce Taylor, of the Loughborough Foundry. He could inform these gentlemen that there was any amount of work to be done. For instance, while ringing was in progress at the Cathedral that afternoon the clapper of the tenor came out, so there was some 'soiling and heeling' to be done there (laughter and applause).

Mr. Cyril Johnston, who replied to the toast, said the visitors had all enjoyed their evening very much, and they felt that the St. Martin's Guild Dinner in memory of Henry Johnson was the best 'show' that ringers in this country put up in the year (applause). Mr. Johnston added that he would like to mention as a matter of interest that a few days before he had had a conversation with the King at an industrial exhibition where his firm had an exhibit. The King was specially brought round to look at some bells and a big clock connected with them. The King showed great interest in them, and inquired about the tuning of the bells and many other points in which he appeared to be greatly interested. He (Mr. Johnston) mentioned this, because he knew that ringers were interested in the little things as well as the big ones that happened in the bell world (applause).

A SUGGESTION TO BELL FOUNDERS.

Mr. Paddon Smith proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World,' the importance of which to the Exercise, he said, could not be overstated. Without a journal it would be almost impossible for the associations to carry on, secretaries would find their labours increased to an enormous extent, and ringers would find more than half their interest in ringing gone. It was, therefore, a disgrace that the Editor had been left to carry on the paper without adequate support from the Exercise, and should be called upon to give the labour and maintain the paper at a loss. He sincerely trusted that every ringer would become an individual subscriber, and thus assist in the effort that was being made to make the journal a paying proposition. There was also a suggestion he would like to make to the bell founders and

others who relied for the whole or part of their business upon bells. If 'The Ringing World' were to stop, ringing would be so badly hit that, while he would not say the art would die out, much of the interest in it would be lost, and bell founders would find their business seriously declining. It was only by the existence of keen and enthusiastic ringers that bell restorations and augmentations were brought about, and if that keenness and enthusiasm waned it would be a bad thing for the founders. It was, therefore, a matter of vital importance to the founders to see that 'The Ringing World' was continued, and while he knew nothing of what they, as advertisers, were paying for space, he felt that, whatever it was, they should, as a means of assisting to maintain interest in ringing, and thereby increasing their business, double the price they were paying for their advertisements. He put this forward as a suggestion, which he hoped the bell founders would seriously consider (hear, hear).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith briefly acknowledged the toast, and expressed thanks for the more than cordial welcome which he always received in Birmingham, and for the excellent support which he knew the ringers in that area gave to 'The Ringing World.'

Ald. Pritchett, on behalf of the Guild, most cordially thanked the quartet for their service on that occasion (applause). He knew that the pleasure they all had of listening to the quartet was reciprocated by them, and that they always looked forward to coming. Nevertheless, the members were greatly indebted to them (applause). Proceeding, Ald. Pritchett proposed 'The Health of the Chairman,' and tendered their thanks to Canon Grose Hodge. He mentioned incidentally that the Rector of Birmingham was, in his day, President of the Cambridge Union—a position which many notable men had occupied. And not only had Canon Hodge been president, but his son also had been President of the Union—a record which was seldom equalled (applause). They thanked the Rector for his genial presence, and for the genial manner in which he had conducted the proceedings, and they fervently hoped he would be there to preside over them for many years to come (applause).

The toast was drunk with musical honours, and felicitously acknowledged by the Rector.

This concluded the speeches, and the interesting and enjoyable evening came to a conclusion with the National Anthem.

LADIES' GUILD.

NEW NORTHANTS BRANCH.

The first meeting of the newly-formed Northamptonshire Branch of the Ladies' Guild was held at Irthlingborough on Saturday week, and attended by upwards of 50 ringers, including a goodly number of gentlemen. Owing to the much-regretted illness of the Rev. Walter Frift, the Rector, no service took place, but an excellent tea was partaken of in the Church Schools. The company unanimously accorded hearty thanks to the anonymous donor of the repast, also to Mr. W. Perkins for making all the arrangements.

The Hon. Mrs. Frift presided over the business meeting which followed: Miss C. Heppburn, of Isham (hon. secretary) and other officers also being present. Peterborough, Bedford, Desborough, Geddington and Isham—as well as Irthlingborough—were among the places represented.—Eight new ringing members were elected, namely, the Misses D. and M. Newman, H. and W. Tyler, of Irthlingborough; Miss K. Moore, of Weekley; the Misses P. Hare and A. Parkins, of Peterborough; and Miss L. Law, of Weston Favell.

A vacancy having occurred on the Local Committee, Miss D. Newman was elected. It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Thrapston.

Mrs. Frift was cordially thanked for taking the chair, and the meeting expressed similar gratitude to the ladies who had prepared and served the tea.

During the afternoon and evening various methods were rung on the beautiful peal of eight: Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich, Superlative, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Minor.

DEATH OF MR. T. SUART.

The St. Mary's Society, Dalton-in-Furness, have lost one of their oldest members, in Mr. T. Suart, who has been a regular ringer at the Parish Church for 32 years. He was one of the mainstays of the society, and his loss is deplored by all the band. He had rung in nearly all the towers in the Furness district, and also in a few belfries in the south of the county. He was a member of the Lancashire Association for over 30 years, and he had rung over a thousand 720's of Minor in various methods, and many quarter peals of Triples and Major with the writer. The last occasion upon which he rang was on October 10th, 1920, in a 640 of Bob Major. He was taken ill soon after, and passed away on February 14th, at the age of 53 years. The interment took place on the 17th. During the time the cortege was on its way to the church, a 672 Bob Major was rung at the Parish Church, with the bells half-muffled: T. R. Jackson 1, G. Jackson 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, T. Watson 4, J. Huddleston 5, W. H. Dennison 6, J. Usher (St. James', Barrow) 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8. Previous to ringing a vote of condolence was passed by the ringers to Mrs. Suart and family.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

What is the record for Sunday Service ringing? Or, perhaps, we ought to say, what are the records? for there must be a variety of interesting records in this most important work. For instance, the Little Munden (lierts) company, a village six-bell band, rang, prior to the war, twice every Sunday for service for fifteen years without a break. Are there any other bands that can beat this performance, and what, we wonder, is the best individual record?

We shall welcome interesting paragraphs, apart from touches, relating to Sunday service ringing for publication on this page.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ST. DUNSTAN'S, STEPNEY, E.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Sunday evening, January 23rd, 1239 Stedman Caters, composed by G. B. Fardon: R. A. Fardon 1, W. Tanner 2, H. Langdon (conductor) 3, C. S. Burden 4, J. Scholes 5, W. S. Langdon 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, W. A. Alps 8, T. Langdon 9, T. Joyce (first quarter-peal) 10.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: *Miss Irene L. Hastie 1, W. E. Garrard 2, *R. G. Brown 3, P. L. Miles 4, Robt. Holloway 5, A. E. Bradley 6, H. G. Miles 7, W. H. Woods 8, C. Chargo (composer and conductor) 9, M. L. F. Tuke 10.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, on Sunday, Feb. 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1280 changes): F. W. Bond 1, W. G. Cook 2, F. J. Lewis 3, J. E. Waters 4, J. Butler (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, H. Lewis 6, H. C. Bond 7, J. Hayward 8.

WRITTELE.—At All Saints' Church, on Feb. 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. W. Sorrell 1, F. W. Edwards 2, T. Lincoln 3, F. G. Radley 4, H. Head 5, A. Head 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, T. B. Fairhead 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Head.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—For evensong, on Sunday, Feb. 27th, a quarter-peal (1280 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major, composed by B. Thorpe, in 44 mins.: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, G. Lindridge 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Milbourne 4, W. H. Orson 5, W. S. Hammond 6, F. Ely 7, H. J. Collins 8. Rung to celebrate birthday of the ringers of 4 and 6.

HOLLOWAY.—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: *N. Wilmot 1, J. Bullock 2, *H. Hearn 3, *E. Goodwin 4, W. P. Evans 5, W. H. Hotten 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, *H. Wells 8. *First quarter-peal.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—At the Parish Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas, on Sunday, Feb. 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1280 changes), in 41 mins.: G. Mariner 1, W. E. Otway 2, W. Messam 3, H. Boxall 4, G. Cook 5, A. C. Otway (first quarter-peal as conductor and first attempt) 6, A. Harman 7, A. Dean 8.

KING'S LANGLEY.—Hertfordshire Association.—For evening service, at All Saints' Church, on Sunday, March 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 minutes, by the local band: A. E. Dollimore 1, L. A. Walker 2, A. J. Rogers 3, J. W. Lane 4, A. E. Weaun 5, A. G. Cook 6, R. S. Cook (conductor) 7, R. Haywood 8. This is the first quarter-peal rung on the bells, and also the first by all the band.

NEWMARKET.—On Sunday, March 6th, at All Saints' Church, for morning service, a 1280 Bob Major, in 47 mins.: T. H. Wiseman 1, R. Lathbury (composer and conductor) 2, S. Forward 3, Dick Fordham 4, R. Sharpe 5, P. Fordham 6, W. Stannard 7, P. Pinder 8.

SHEFFIELD.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, March 6th, for morning service, also as a birthday compliment to E. Rippon, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob (1280 changes) in 50 mins.: E. Rippon 1, W. Hammond 2, J. Smithson 3, F. Shactleton 4, T. Chown 5, A. Gledstone 6, F. Willey 7, W. Stubble (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On Sunday, March 6th, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, 504 Stedman Triples (from Haley's Variation): E. J. Harding, senr., 1, C. Groves 2, J. J. Symons 3, A. Ringer 4, J. D. Harris (conductor) 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, junr., 7, J. W. Russell 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday, March 6th, for Divine service, 720 Plain Bob: A. Livermore (first 720) 1, F. A. Mitchell 2, H. Argent 3, G. Ambrose 4, F. Hayes 5, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 6.

ACTON.—On Sunday, March 6th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *Miss Smith 1, H. Wincote 2, C. Brown 3, R. H. Boddington 4, R. Fardon 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, W. Vickery 7, S. D. Breese 8. *First quarter-peal.—On Feb. 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. E. Smith 1, H. Wincote 2, C. Brown 3, S. D. Breese 4, Robt. Fardon (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, Robt. Holloway 6, W. Vickery 7, E. Easton 8.

HARPENDEN.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins., rung to welcome the Rev.

Rev. Andrew Keogh, a former Rector of Harpenden, who preached at the evening service: H. Jarman 1, W. Hill 2, A. Day 3, R. Newson 4, R. Coburn 5, G. Newson 6, B. Jarman (conductor) 7, C. Dellar 8. First quarter in method by treble, 3rd, 4th and 5th ringers.

LONDON.—At St. Mary-le-Bow, Stratford, for evening service, on Sunday, March 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Waghorn 1, T. Cranfield 2, R. Turner 3, A. Scambler 4, J. Scholes 5, R. Sanders (conductor) 6.

BURY ST. EDMUND'S, SUFFOLK.—At St. James's Cathedral Church (the Norman tower), for Sunday evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1277 changes), in 51 mins.: A. E. Moore (conductor) 1, J. Levitt 2, W. Goodship 3, F. Levitt 4, F. Eaton 5, W. R. Moore 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Roper (Croydon) 8, G. Lilley 9, H. Watson 10.

THE RINGER'S OFFICE.

CANON BAKER ON SERVICE RINGING.

Church bell ringers have much cause for gratification in the position that is now assigned to them. Not so long ago they were often looked upon as a necessary evil to be tolerated but not respected. A great change has now come upon the scene, as was evidenced by the recent vote in the National Assembly, when it was decided that ringers as well as organists should continue to be appointed by the incumbent, and not be handed over to the Parochial Church Councils. It was as gratifying as unexpected to hear the cries of 'Agreed, agreed,' when one was trying to enlarge on the idea that the ringer should be treated on the same footing as the organist. There should be something significant to us in that decision. For it was remarked of the organist that he is a kind of 'spiritual person.' His duties are related to the worship of the church; he is, in a sense, a minister of the sanctuary. And ringers are now recognised as holding an equivalent office in the church. So ringing for service demands the care and devotion which that recognition entails. It is up to us to show that the confidence reposed in us is not misplaced, by giving of our best in the invitation to worship, and by taking our part ourselves in that worship to which we call others. It is most opportune that at this time the Editor should call attention to this branch of our work, and proffer assistance to it in the publication of suitable touches. I do not doubt that the effort will be successful, and heartily wish it God-speed.

W. W. C. BAKER.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

A DATE TOUCH.
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23456	—	—	—	1

1386 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
with 12 7-4's, 4-6's and 6-7's.
23456

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45236	B & W
53246	B & W
23645	W
62345	I & O
36245	I & O
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Twice repeated.	
From 'The Clavis.'	

1280 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

	M	I	4th's	B	5th's	W	H
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43265	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
52436	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
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R. Lathbury.

1,008 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at All Souls' Church, Bolton, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Sandal on Saturday, March 12th, at 4 p.m. All ringers cordially invited to be present.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western District will be held at Keighley on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) available 2 to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in West Lane Schools.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 4. Service 5.30. Meeting 6. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Members and friends of the above branch have received an invitation from the Vicar to take tea at Bray on Saturday, March 12th. Tower bells available from 3. Service at the Parish Church at 5, and social in the Church Room at 6 o'clock.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Saltburn on March 12th. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at Darley's Café, Milton Street, at 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea in the same room. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea 2/- each.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Div. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at the Cathedral, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3. Service at 5. Tea at 1/6 per head in the Wolstenholm Hall at 5.45.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells from 3.30. Subscriptions (1/6) now due. Should be obliged if members would remit same to me.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Luke Road, Chiswick.—N.B.—Combined practices are held at Heston the 1st, Isleworth the 3rd, and St. Stephen's, Ealing, the 4th Saturdays in the month.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on March 17th and 31st, Southwark Cathedral on the 29th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on March 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A district meeting will be held at St. John of Jerusalem Church, South Hackney, on Saturday, March 19th. Ringing from 3.30 till 9.30 p.m. Service at 5.15 p.m. Tea obtainable near by. Record attendance requested.—E. C. Russell, Hon. District Sec., 57, Market Street, W.2.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me of their intention of being present not later than March 15th.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting at Sprotbrough (1 mile from Warmsworth tram) on March 19th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1/3 per head, to those who notify Mr. E. Stacey, Lower Sprotbrough, before March 16th.—H. Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at the Parish Church of St. Mary's, Harlow, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Annual subscriptions of 1/6 are now due.—F. Dench, Hon. District Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley Saffron Walden.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Nash, District Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Syston on Saturday, March 19th. Ringing from 2.30. Business meeting at 5.30. Tea can be obtained in the village.—H. E. Norman, Local Sec.

ALL SAINTS, BANSTEAD, SURREY.—The ring of eight—re-cast, re-tuned and re-hung by Gillett and Johnston—will be dedicated at 3 p.m. on March 19th. Applications from bands of eight wishing to ring should be sent to Mr. Fred Woodiss, Chipstead Road, Banstead, not later than March 12th. Tea provided.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Parish Church, Burnley, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—For the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk.—A general meeting of the Norwich Branch of the Association will be held at Fakenham on Easter Monday, March 28th. Dinner will be served at the Church Hall Rooms at 1.30 p.m., followed by the general business meeting, the Very Reverend the Dean of Norwich presiding. Dinner tickets 3/6 per head. Members intending being present must notify the same to the Secretary by Friday, March 25th. By kind permission of the Rectors, the ring of eight at Fakenham and the ring of six at Great Ryburgh will be available for the use of members.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Ipswich Branch.—A general meeting will be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday, March 28th. By kind per-

mission of the authorities, all rings of bells will be available. Business meeting (for the election of officers, etc.) immediately following dinner, which will be served at 2 o'clock, Day's Restaurants, Cornhill, at 3/6 per head. Members intending to be present at dinner kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, March 23rd.—E. Evans, Hon. Branch Sec., 21, Springfield Lane, Ipswich.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Monmouth on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells (8) available all day. Business meeting at 2.30.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting of the Division will be held at Burgess Hill on Easter Monday, March 28th. Tower open 2 p.m. and onward. Service at 4 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation) at 4.30 p.m. Half railway fare (maximum 2/-). Will those who intend to be present to tea please notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, March 22nd?—A. D. Stone, Div. Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Old Windsor on Easter Monday, March 28th, when members and friends will be welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Russell Napier, and the churchwardens of St. Peter's Church. Service at the Parish Church at 4 p.m., with an address by the Rev. Canon Coleridge, of Crowthorne. Tea at the Tapestry Hall at 5 o'clock. Will all those intending to be present please notify the Secretary by the 22nd inst.? Business meeting at 6 p.m., the Vice-President in the chair. By kind permission of the several clergy, the following peals of bells will be available for combined practice and touches. Teams will make their own arrangements to ensure good ringing. Slough, 10.30 to 11.30. Windsor St. John Baptist, 12 to 1. Old Windsor, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9. Curfew Tower, Windsor, and Clewer, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Whitby on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells (10, tenor 18 cwt.) available all day. Dinner will be provided at Hood Pier Cafe at 1 p.m. prompt. Members 2/6; non-members 3/6. Those intending to be at dinner please notify the Hon. Sec. not later than Wednesday, March 23rd. Any notice of motion or any alterations to rules must be sent in previous to this meeting, as per Rule IX. All friends kindly invited.—T. Meicalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual Meeting, St. Albans, Easter Monday.—Service in the Cathedral, 5 p.m. Address by the Rev. Canon Parnell, Vicar of Abbots Langley. 6 p.m. Tea in the Abbey Institute, followed by business meeting. Towers open as follows: Abbey, 12 noon (by arrangement with the steeple-keeper); others at 2 p.m. Ringing at six bell-towers earlier in the day by applying to me. If, dear reader, you are coming, please let me know, so that I can make ample arrangements for tea.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Streatham on Easter Monday, March 28th. The bells at St. Leonard's will be open for ringing from 2.30 to 5 p.m. and those at Immanuel

from 3 p.m. and after the business meeting. Service at Immanuel at 5 p.m. Tea in Mission Room at 5.30; meeting after. Those expecting to be present at tea are kindly asked to let me know not later than Saturday, March 20th.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. District Sec., 47, Beddington Grove, Wallington.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Deptford on Easter Monday, March 28th. Committee meeting 11.45 a.m. (St. Nicholas Vestry). Service at St. Nicholas 12.30 p.m. Address by the Vicar, Rev. T. W. Pitman. Dinner in Church Room, 1.30 p.m. Business after dinner. Towers open for ringing: St. Nicholas (8), St. John's (8), Lewis-ham (8), Woolwich (8), Greenwich (10). Dinner tickets 2/4, non-resident members 4/-. P.O. to be sent with application. Nominations of candidates for election as representatives to the Central Council must be signed by two members and sent to the Hon. Sec. before March 15th.—Fred. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, March 28th. The Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., will preside at the general meeting in the Chapter House at 2.15 p.m. He will unveil the Memorial Window in the Cathedral Cloisters at 3.30 p.m. and will give an address at the service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Vaulted Hall of the Deanery for all who notify me before Wednesday, March 23rd. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints' (10); St. Helen's (8); St. Nicholas' (6); and St. John's (6).—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Leicester, Easter Monday, March 28th. Towers open for ringing from 10.30 to 7.30: St. Martin's (10), St. John the Divine (8), St. Saviour's (8), St. Mark's (8), St. Peter's, Belgrave (8). Meat tea, 2/6 each, at the Bell Hotel, Humberstone Gate, 4.30 prompt. Meeting to follow. Social and smoking concert same place free to all, 7.45 to 10 p.m. All members for tea must be guaranteed by Tuesday, March 21st (see notices in Association Belfries).—H. E. Norman, Local Hon. Sec., 4, Berners Street, Leicester; A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Scarborough on Easter Monday, March 28th. Further details later.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. General Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The Annual Dinner and Concert will be held at The Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, Saturday, April 2nd, at 6 o'clock. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, can be obtained from Mr. J. D. Matthews, 130, Clonmore Street, S.W.18; Mr. F. Smith, 48, Mansfield Road, N.W.; Mr. A. Hardy, 37, Hubert Grove, S.W.9; Mr. B. Foskett, 1, Olive Road, N.W.2; Mr. R. Warner, Spitalfields Bell Foundry, E.1, and the Hon. Sec. The bells of St. Bride's will be available from 4 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Frindsbury (8) on Saturday, April 9th. Will Secretaries please forward their subscriptions before or at this meeting? Full particulars later.—Fred M. Mitchell, 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.— Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

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RAWMARSH, YORKS.—On Feb. 19th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1360 changes): Sam Thomas 1, F. C. Wilson 2, T. Winchcomb 3, F. Pickering 4, E. Pammenter 5, T. Cooper 6, H. Mortimore 7, H. K. White 8. All are members of the local band, of which Mr. Thomas is the instructor, and this was their first quarter-peal and the first attempt.

FULBOURN, GLOS.—On Monday, Feb. 21st, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Webb 1, Miss V. Shorter 2, J. Stalley 3, J. Page 4, C. E. Patten 5, C. Hall 6, G. Bridge 7, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 8. Longest length of Kent Major by all except conductor.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On Tuesday, Feb. 22nd, at 68. White Horse Hill, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 37 mins.: F. Groombridge 1-2, R. Brett Smith (conductor) 3-4, P. Brett Smith 5, T. Brett Smith 6, Cyril Brett Smith (aged 14 years 4 months) 7-8. This is the first quarter 'in hand' by all.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Monday, Feb. 28th, at St. Peter's Church, in 41 mins., a quarter-peal comprising 500 Plain Bob, 240 Kent Treble Bob, and 20 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor: S. J. White 1, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 2, A. C. Langford 3, H. Clark 4, G. H. Neville 5, C. J. Mann 6. Rang as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.—On Thursday, March 3rd, at St. Peter's Church, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 1 hour: G. Wines 1, F. Lasbury 2, H. Davies 3, H. Page 4, T. Hamlin 5, J. Cross 6, W. Page 7, T. Page (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by all the band.

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There still appears to remain in the minds of the officials of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, views, with regard to bells and bell hanging, which have long since been discarded by authorities who have made a special study of the subject. From time to time the Society returns to the attack upon modern methods of bell tuning and bell hanging, and a letter upon the subject, which we reprint in another column, appeared in the last issue of the 'Church Times.' Ringers have no quarrel with the Society in their efforts to preserve for future generations towers and bells which are relics of ancient days, but there is no reason why in this effort the Society should attempt to foist upon an uninstructed public ideas which in some cases are as antique as the objects of their attention. It detracts from the value of the really useful information which the Society desire to pass on to those responsible for bells and towers.

For instance, the statement that wooden bell frames are better than those of iron or steel is an idea exploded long ago, and the letter referred to, upon analysis, gives as the only reason in support of the claim, that wood is better for the sound of the bells, for, it would be observed, the writer says that 'apart from the question of sound, it is admitted that steel cages can be made which will be the cause of as little danger to an ancient tower as those of teak or oak.' Of course they can; and so can those of iron. It is a question of construction, for a badly constructed wooden frame will do just as much damage to a tower as a badly constructed iron one. The claim that wood is better for the sound of the bells has never been substantiated, and there is no more objection to iron on this score than there can be to the heavy castings in a modern grand piano. But if this is the net sum of the objections to putting in iron frames, what of the objections to wood which are not enumerated in the letter? It is true there are many fine wooden frames still in existence, but they are the exception. Wood frames shrink and warp, the external face perishes, tenons become hopelessly loose, and in course of time, without continuous attention, these frames become a much greater danger to an old tower than any properly constructed iron or steel frame would do in the same period.

If the views of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings predominated, especially with regard to bell frames, many fine old peals of bells would hang idle in their towers, neglected and useless, and finally unable to fulfil the purpose for which the pious people of a bygone age had provided them. There are other points in the letter referred to which could be refuted, such as the statement that the re-hanging of bells with bolts through the

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crown after the canons have been cut off, is 'nearly always the cause of damage,' but space forbids doing more than calling attention to the point of the letter, which is to induce church authorities to seek the advice of the Society, which, we presume, the public are expected to believe is 'authoritative and disinterested.' Here, we think, is an opportunity for the Central Council's Press and Towers and Belfries Committees to collaborate in some useful educational work.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 5, 1921, in Four Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS. 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	*JAMES ROSE 7
ARTHUR S. BOAR, M.P.S. ... 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 3	*GEORGE E. SYMONDS 9
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 4	*WILLIAM BURGESS 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 5	EDWARD EVANS 11
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ... 6	*FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, whose remains were interred in the Cathedral Church of St. James, Bury St. Edmunds, the previous day. * First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES. 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS Treble	*HARRY SEAR 7
ARTHUR J. NEALE 2	*JOHN W. CORNFORD 8
THOMAS NEWMAN 3	GEORGE CARD 9
WILLIAM H. TROBOLD 4	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 10
RICHARD N. RUNHAM 5	FRANK SMITH 11
†CECIL J. MATTHEWS 6	*JOHN MOBLE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

* First attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal in the method and first attempt.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION!

On Saturday, March 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN GATERS, 5043 CHANGES

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	WILLIAM JOINER 6
ARTHUR MASON 2	ALBERT HARMAN 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 3	AMOS W. CLARK 8
HERBERT J. SKELT 4	WILLIAM GROVES 9
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 5	REGINALD BROUGH Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

First peal as conductor on ten bells.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE GATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in A flat.

WILLIAM MESSAM Treble	JOHN WHITE 6
GEORGE MARRINER 2	ARTHUR C. OTWAY 7
JOHN BEAMS 3	EDWARD HULL 8
WILLIAM E. OTWAY 4	ARTHUR DEAN 9
JOHN HOYLE 5	WILLIAM LYNCH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TRING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, Feb. 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

O. BAYES Treble	A. DAY 5
F. REEVES 2	W. H. NEWELL 6
H. GOLDING 3	B. JARMAN 7
*H. GATES 4	W. G. REDMAN Tenor

Conducted by W. H. NEWELL.

* First peal of Triples.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Feb. 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... Treble	†EDWARD JENKINS 5
†ERNEST E. GRIMES 2	ERNEST E. LANHAM 6
†GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 3	THOMAS W. LAST 7
†LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. C. RUMSEY.

* First Surprise peal. † First peal in the method on a working bell.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

(CHELTENHAM PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.)

On Monday, Feb. 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

Tenor 9 cwt. in B flat.

WILLIAM T. PATES ... Treble	ALBERT W. HUMPHRIS ... 5
GEORGE H. PHILLOTT ... 2	JOHN PARSONS 6
HAROLD HALFORD 3	JOHN F. BALLINGER 7
WILLIAM BRINKWORTH ... 4	WILLIAM W. BASTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. F. BALLINGER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the esteemed Ringing Master (Mr. W. T. Pates), A. W. Humphris and the conductor. This peal was rung on the front eight.

MIRFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

BENJAMIN ROBINSON ... Treble	*HARRY BUCKLEY 5
*PERCY GOTT 2	*JOHN P. LAPISH 6
TOLSON CRAWSHAW 3	*ALLEN ROBINSON 7
ALBERT NORTH 4	*JOHN E. DAWSON Tenor

Composed by FRED ROBINSON. Conducted by ALBERT NORTH.

* First peal.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL COSLANY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. BASON ... Treble	ALBERT ROUGHT 5
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 2	JOHN E. BURTON 6
GEORGE A. SPARKS 3	CHARLES E. BORRETT 7
GEORGE P. BURTON 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method by all the band, also on the bells. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th. This composition is now rung for the first time and contains the 6th the extent each way in 5-6 without the 2nd and 3rd in 6th's.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, March 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED FALLON ... Treble	JOHN PERRY 5
HARRY FARLOW 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 6
CHARLES BEECH 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
JOSEPH E. SYKES 4	GEORGE H. DAWKES ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Bradney.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... Treble	WILLIAM G. ANKER 5
CHARLES WAITHMAN 2	GEORGE ROBERTS 6
WILLIAM KENT 3	BERTRAM LEEDHAM 7
JAMES GEORGE 4	JAMES REYNOLDS, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

FREDERICK J. JUDGE ... Treble	*HARRY PARKES 5
CHARLES TRIBE 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 6
FREDERICK G. BURDEN ... 3	GEORGE KENWARD 7
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 4	LUTHER HONESS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by G. BILLENNESS.

* First peal and first attempt. W. H. Lambert's 100th peal.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM LATTER ... Treble	ISAAC EMERY 5
JOHN RICE 2	ALFRED W. GROVES 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
WILLIAM WATTS 4	FREDERICK WHITE Tenor

Composed by the late C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

GEORGE WOODMAN ... Treble	JACK BRANCH 5
JOHN COOK 2	WESLEY PETTIFER 6
PETER CHARMAN 3	WALTER CHARMAN 7
*JOHN STANFORD 4	ALFRED CHARMAN Tenor

* First peal.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES H. PAGE ... Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
GEORGE A. SMITH 2	HARRY CHAPMAN 6
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
SAMUEL WOOD 4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

NESTON, CHESHIRE.
 * THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
 On Saturday, March 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART		Tenor 14½ cwt.	
*JOHN PERCY SCARRATT ... Treble	FRANK FOX 5	EDWARD HARRISON 2	ARTHUR NEWELL... .. 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	CHARLES COVENTRY 7	GEORGE R. JONES 4	CHARLES GRIMES... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. George R. Jones.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
 THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
 On Saturday, March 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.	
*SHIRLEY BURTON ... Treble	D. HAROLD ARGYLE 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	THOMAS H. VALLANCE 6
HARRY BROUGHTON 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 7
HARRY ARGYLE 4	FREDERICK H. DENTER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED H. DENTER.

* First peal of Major. First attempt for Major on the bells, which have been in the tower since 1792. The ringers thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. F. Cotton for making the necessary arrangements and having the bells ready.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
 THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
 On Saturday, March 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 25 cwt.	
WILLIAM BANKS Treble	GEORGE EDWARDS 5	ARTHUR WILES 2	ALBERT LONGLEY 6
HARRY COOMBER... .. 3	PERCY DENTON 7	ARTHUR READER 4	HARRY SEAL... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

This peal was arranged for H. Coomber, late captain of the Penshurst (Kent) band and now a member of the local company, and a non-resident member of the above Association. The ringers of 2 and 6 hail from Chiddingstone, Kent, the rest from Penshurst.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
 THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
 On Saturday, March 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 21 cwt.	
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	D. C. WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O. 5	EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... 2	*RICHARD STONE... .. 6
FREDERICK BURNETT 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.
 THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
 On Saturday, March 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.	
GEORGE R. HOLMES ... Treble	R. ALDER GOFTON 5
WILLIAM L. GOFTON 2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 6
RICHARD A. GOFTON 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
JAMES E. GOFTON 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.
 First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Tuesday, March 1st, 720 Bob Minor, with tenor covering: W. Nash (conductor) 1, G. Spencer, junr., 2, C. Collins 3, C. Nash 4, F. Nash 5, Rev. C. G. Ward 6, W. Tyler 7. First 720 by the ringers of 2, 3 and 5.

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

On Saturday, March 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.		Tenor 15½ cwt. 3	
WILLIAM J. MEERS ... Treble	HARRY DICKENS 5	HERBERT C. SPENCER 2	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON 6
JONATHAN PRESTON 3	GEORGE F. SWANN 7	THOMAS R. REEVES 4	JOHN E. PYWELL Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON.

First peal in the method as conductor.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
 THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
 AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.	
*WALTER J. BATTLE ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
†JAMES R. GRIFFIN 2	HERBERT LUDKIN 6
*WILLIAM WILCOX 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
 THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.	
GEORGE WHITING ... Treble	GEORGE FARNISH... .. 5
ALBERT FLEMING... .. 2	GEORGE FLEMING 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	WILLIAM T. LAST 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	ERNEST E. LANHAM Tenor

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD. Conducted by W. T. LAST.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Bishop Hodgson, of Ipswich.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
 THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 6, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
JOHN RICE ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
ARTHUR MASON... .. 2	GEORGE ELLIS 6
*WILLIAM WATTS, SEN. ... 3	†PERCY J. SPICE 7
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* 200th peal. † First peal in the method.

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

On Monday, March 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 16½ cwt.	
*MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... Treble	HERBERT W. LIDBETTER... 5	ROBERT HOLLOWAY 2	CHARLES J. TRICKER... .. 6
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 3	GEORGE SPENCER 7	THOMAS BEADLE 4	*WILLIAM J. DICKENS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SPENCER.

* First peal.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

**LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, March 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.		Tenor 10½ cwt.	
NEVELLE H. WIDDOWSON... <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH BAILEY 5		
ALLAN R. HICKTON 2	*CHARLES GEARY 6		
ALBERT H. WARD 3	WILLIAM R. DRAGE 7		
JOHN C. DICKENS... .. 4	EDWIN C. CHASTY <i>Tenor</i>		

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble, 2nd and 4th.
* First peal of Stedman with bob bell.

**DEPTFORD.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, March 8, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S ONE-PART.			
JOHN BILLING <i>Treble</i>	RICHARD A. RICHES 5		
GEORGE W. HARRIS 2	CYRIL V. EBBERSON 6		
WILLIAM H. DAYNES 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7		
THOMAS EASTERBY 4	EDWIN G. POPE <i>Tenor</i>		

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

This peal was arranged for Mr. C. V. Ebberson. It was also John Billing's first peal. He is not 15 years of age until March 23rd and great credit is due to him for the splendid way he rang throughout.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

**STOKE BRUERNE, NORTHANTS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Sept. 18, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
CECIL SARGENT <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM COCKINGS 3		
ARTHUR STAPLETON 2	REGINALD BAILEY 4		
HENRY STAPLETON <i>Tenor</i>			

First peal of Doubles by all except the conductor, whose first peal it was in that capacity.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, Nov. 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Kent, Woodbine, Merchant's Return, Oxford, Violet and New London.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
CROMPTON HOWARTH <i>Treble</i>	SAM HEYWOOD 4		
GEO. R. TURNER 2	JOHN BUTTERWORTH 5		
WALTER OATES 3	HARRY OATES <i>Tenor</i>		

Violet and New London Conducted by J. BUTTERWORTH.
The rest by HARRY OATES.

**MUCH MARCLE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5030 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, in 10 different callings.			
WILLIAM S. ENGLAND <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED T. POULTON 4		
SAMUEL ENGLAND 2	ROGER HARDWICK 5		
ERNEST COX... .. 3	HARRY E. COX <i>Tenor</i>		

Conducted by R. HARDWICK.

First peal by the local band.

**COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Feb. 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

10 different callings.			
HENRY HOLWELL <i>Treble</i>	JAMES WILSON 3		
WILFRED BROTHWELL 2	GEORGE STRAW 4		
WILLIAM H. CLARKE <i>Tenor</i>			

Conducted by W. H. CLARKE.

**SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(EASTERN DISTRICT.)
On Thursday, Feb. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Killamarsh, Tanner's Pleasure, Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 13 cwt.

*EDWARD S. FIELD <i>Treble</i>	HARRY RODMELL... .. 4
†ARTHUR M. S. FIELD 2	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 5
JAMES S. CALVERT 3	LEONARD RODMELL <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LEONARD RODMELL.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor. First 720 of Tanner's Pleasure by all the band. First peal of Treble Bob Minor on the bells.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, GRASSENDALE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR LINTOTT... .. <i>Treble</i>	JOHN ALLEN... .. 4
GEORGE R. NEWTON 2	WALTER HUGHES 5
THOMAS JENNION... .. 3	EDWARD CAUNCE... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Canon Harford, for 24 years Vicar of the neighbouring parish of Mossley Hill.

GEDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Monday, Feb. 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.			
*ISAAC GILBERT <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS HANNAH 4		
WILLIAM HANNAH 2	ARTHUR H. MUNSON... .. 5		
HARRY V. FLETCHER 3	*BERT MACKMAN <i>Tenor</i>		

Conducted by HARRY V. FLETCHER.

* First peal. Rung muffled for Professor Clifton.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob, three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Bob Minor, called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 4
CHARLES BAILEY... .. 2	*GEORGE LEE 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Arranged and rung by special request of the Rector with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Dr. Hodgson, the first Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, whose funeral took place at Bury St. Edmunds on the above date. * First peal in three methods.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS EVELYN STEEL <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED PRATT 4
CHARLES WM. CLARKE 2	CHARLES A. PRATT 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW... .. 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

Rung as a birthday peal to the Hon. District Sec., Mr. H. L. Harlow.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, March 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Delight, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.

ALFRED W. LINDSAY 1—2	*GEORGE CHERRY 4
FRANK W. CROFT 2	RALPH E. CROFT 5
WILLIAM J. CROFT 3	GEORGE T. CROFT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE T. CROFT.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Feb. 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5076 CHANGES:

Tenor size 18 in G.

ELLEN F. BAILEY 1—2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5—6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3—4	JAMES M. BAILEY 7—8
*FREDERICK W. BAILEY 9—10	

Composed by the late H. HUBBARD. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.
Witnesses: J. G. RUMSEY and A. WILSON.

* First peal of Stedman in hand.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1—2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5—6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM ... 3—4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7—8

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Umpire: PERCY J. LANGSTON.

First peal of Major on handbells by F. Claydon, and first peal on handbells by A. Saunders.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, March 6, 1921, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

IN KING'S COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES

*E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) ... 1—2	†W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5—6
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 3—4	†H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an inside pair. First peal in the method as conductor.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.) (SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

ST. GILES', CAMBERWELL, SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, March 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT 10, NORTHLANDS STREET, CAMBERWELL, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 in B flat.

ERNEST J. KING 1—2	ISAAC J. AITWATER 5—6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3—4	HORATIO J. GUMMER 7—8
ROBERT G. CHAPPELLE 9—10	

Composed by J. P. BRADLEY. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

Umpires: J. R. GAMMON and T. W. TAFFENDER.

First peal on handbells by Messrs. Gummer and Chappelle.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Witness: GEORGE JORDAN.

MORE SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday afternoon, March 6th, 720 Bob Minor: G. Green 1, F. C. Smith 2, A. Smith 3, H. Lilley 4, H. Evers 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6. Rang with the bells half-muffled, on the occasion of the unveiling of the war memorial to 27 parishioners who fell in the war. After the service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Green 1, W. J. Nevard 2, A. Smith 3, H. Evers 4, F. Featherstone 5, A. Catterwell (conductor) 6. Also 360 Bob Minor, with the bells unmuffled, with F. C. Smith (conductor) 6. The ringers hail from Langham, Harkesley, Colchester, Great Bentley and Stratford St. Mary.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.—On Sunday, March 6th, for the institution of the Rev. B. R. Blackburn, M.A., to the benefice of Cleator Moor, by the Lord Bishop of Carlisle, the following ringers from Egremont rang 576 Bob Major: W. Cook 1, Benson Douglas 2, Benn Douglas 3, J. J. Spedding 4, W. Douglas 5, J. Rothery 6, John Spedding 7, G. W. Tembey (conductor) 8. This band wish to thank Mr. Harry Chapman, of Manchester, for the help and encouragement he gave them, on his visit to Egremont in September last, when he managed to pull them through their first plain course on eight bells.

LEICESTER.—At St. Martin's, on March 6th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Royal: P. Harrison 1, S. Cotton 2, W. Mundy 3, S. Burton 4, H. Poole 5, L. Allen 6, H. Needham 7, H. Jonney 8, H. Broughton 9, F. Dexter 10. For evening service, 1,080 Cambridge Royal as above, with G. Cleal on 3rd. All St. Martin's ringers. The 1,080 was the longest touch in the county and by the band.

LONDON.—At St. Andrew's, Wells Street, for evening service, on March 6th, and also as a farewell to Cornelius Charge, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: P. E. Clark 1, E. J. Watson 2, H. Dyas 3, P. H. Smith 4, G. C. Iles 5, H. Belcher 6, W. H. Wood (conductor) 7, E. C. Russell 8. Composition by Cornelius Charge.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday, March 6th, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of the monthly attendance of the Mayor and Corporation. 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. P. Cross 1, T. Smith 2, T. Farr (1st quarter) 3, H. J. Hunt (1st inside) 4, A. J. Harman 5, C. Farr (1st quarter) 6, L. Stilwell (conductor) 7, J. H. Cropley 8. The first quarter-peal by local ringers, after 120 years of 'call-changes.'

CHRISTLETON RINGER'S DEATH.

We much regret to record the death of Mr. James V. Wright, which took place at his residence, Roadside, Christleton, Cheshire, on Sunday, February 8th, 1921, after an illness of only two weeks' duration, at the early age of 44 years. He leaves a wife and two little children, and mother, to mourn their loss. He was towerkeeper and conductor at the church, and at the funeral six of his fellow ringers acted as bearers, while Mr. Wm. Mayers, late conductor at the church, was in charge of the bells. There was a large number of mourners, and the church was filled by a congregation which assembled to show the high esteem in which he was held in the village and district. The deceased was identified with nearly all the activities of the church and village. Messrs. E. Channell, J. Morgan, H. W. Wilde, Ed. Harrison, Wm. Pierce, A. Harrison, S. Jones, Geo. Jones and R. Sperring, representing the Cathedral and St. Mary's, Handbridge, St. Mary's-within-the-Wall, Eockeston, Pulford and Waverton, were among those present. Deceased had rung 86 peals of Minor (in 3 and 4 methods), Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Union Triples, Oxford Bob Triples, Double Oxford Bob Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, Single Oxford Major, Double Oxford Major, Double Bob Major, Duffield Major, Double Norwich Major, Bob Royal and Kent Royal, and had conducted peals of Grandsire and Kent Major.

DEATH OF MR. A. J. PERKINS.

The death took place on January 20th of Mr. Acland J. Perkins, of Wallington, who had been a ringer at St. Mary's, Beddington, for over 10 years, but who before going to Beddington was steeple keeper at Romford, where most of his career was spent. The end came, after a long illness, from consumption, following lead poisoning, which deceased contracted while working at his trade of compositor.

The funeral took place on Thursday, January 27th, at Bandon Hill Cemetery, and was attended by Mr. J. D. Drewett (Master), representing the Surrey Association; Mr. T. H. Taffender (Master), and Mr. A. D. Barker (Secretary of the London County Association), and several local ringers. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by: T. H. Taffender 1—2, A. Clark 3—4, A. D. Barker 5—6, R. Whittington 7—8. The bells at Beddington were rung half-muffled on the Sunday after the death and a peal of Grandsire Triples after the funeral was unhappily lost owing to a miss-call. Mr. Perkins had rung many peals in his younger days, but his greatest work to the Exercise was the part he took in the development of the band at Romford, which included the Brothers Pys. During the last few years, Mr. Perkins had done little or no peal ringing, but found greater pleasure in ringing quarter-peals for Sunday services. He was a member of the Surrey and London County Associations and of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and formerly of the Essex Association.

HUDSON'S NEW LIGHT ON TREBLE BOB MAJOR
 MODERN IDEAS ANTICIPATED BY A HUNDRED YEARS.

The Yorkshire correspondent who called attention to the fact that the variations of Kent Treble Bob, such as Worcester (in which, to keep the tenors out of the slow, Oxford places are made when the tenors are before) were known to Hudson, of Sheffield, a century ago, sends us the following extract from Hudson's MS.:

To ring the course in the Kent system (which contains 8,000 changes) every time the tenor is coursing the treble down (to go in bell before) instead of making a fourth's and third's and down it must only make a third's and up, at the same lead end the 7th will pass the tenor in a fourth's place, and it must likewise make a third's and up which will keep the tenors together, and they will come home every 5 leads, the bell passing the treble in a 2nd's place will make a 4th over the tenor, and the bell leaving before a 4th over the 7th and down.

For a 5 lead course.

2345678	23456	Bob 36524	Bob 46532
4263857	Bob 26543	... 53462	... 54236
6482735	... 52364	... 45236	... 25346
4678523	... 35426		
6457382		Bob 46325	Bob 26435
5634278	Bob 36245	25634	35642
	... 23564	34562	42563

For a 5 lead course with a bob.

2345678	64352	62453	63254
	52436	53246	54326
	Bob 56342	Bob 56423	Bob 56234
4263857	42635	23645	34625
6482735	Bob 45362	Bob 25463	Bob 35264
46782	62534	63542	64523
6427583	34256	42356	23456
2654378			

For a dotted course end.

2345678
42635

These course ends produce 5184 changes of Hudson's New Light on Treble Bob Major. N.B.—The dotted course ends are got by calling a bob when the Tenors are behind. W. Hudson, Sheffield.

REHANGING REQUIRED.

After the induction service of the Rector of Staplehurst, Kent, the Rev. J. S. Clementson, on Saturday, March 5th, nine members of the Kent County Association made an attempt for J. J. Parker's 12-part peal of Grandsire Triples as a welcome to the new incumbent, but after ringing 3,934 changes in good style in 2 hours 20 mins., the conductor was obliged to call 'stand,' owing to the bad 'go' of the tenor bell, which badly needs rehangng. Great credit is due to Messrs. C. E. and P. G. Pope for their determined, though unsuccessful, attempt to keep the tenor going. It is worth mentioning that Holt's ten-part was lost a month before through the same cause. This was the longest length by A. Farrance, H. Head, J. Head and C. E. and P. G. Pope, who, together with the conductor (W. Wenban) belong to the Staplehurst band. It is hoped to get the tenor and 7th bells both rehung in the very near future.

LADIES' GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at the Parish Church, Portishead, on Saturday, March 5th. Only a small number of members attended, but they enjoyed and appreciated the warm welcome and kindness of the Portishead band. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. S. Briggs, who gave a very helpful address, based upon the principle that 'union is strength.' Miss Orchard spared time from her duties to act as organist, and Miss Gillingham had made arrangements for the excellent tea at the White Cot Dairy. To each of them the best thanks of the members is tendered. During the evening eight ladies took part in a touch of 168 Grandsire Triples. It is hoped to arrange for the June meeting to be held at Thornbury.

A YOUNG BAND'S PROGRESS.

The youthful band, under the tuition of Mr. A. T. Scrivens, at St. John's, Deritend, Birmingham, is making capital progress, and three of them recently scored their first quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. C. Scrivens (first quarter-peal on tower bells) 1, H. J. Fitter 2, F. W. Walker (first quarter-peal) 3, G. E. Martin (first quarter) 4, A. T. Scrivens (conductor) 5, C. A. Jones (first quarter) 6. A quarter-peal has also been rung on handbells, at 89, Dolman Street: D. Norman 1, W. C. Scrivens 2, A. E. Norman 3-4, A. T. Scrivens (conductor) 5-6. First quarter-peal on handbells by all.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

To-day is an interesting anniversary to us, for it was exactly ten years ago that the first issue of 'The Ringing World' appeared.

In the possession of that wonderful gift for 'tapping' changes, Mr. Arthur T. Morris, of Harwich, excels any other living man. His performances of peals of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major follow one another in rapid succession.

For skill he promises to rival the great Elijah Roberts, but whether he will ever be tempted to rival him in the powers of endurance remains to be seen. At the Derby Arms, Whitechapel, Liverpool, on March 23rd, 1837, Elijah Roberts tapped a 19,440 Treble Bob Maximus, commencing at 19 minutes to four in the morning, and finishing at four minutes past five in the afternoon—13 hours 23 minutes. The physical strength and mental ability and stamina required for such a task must be stupendous.

When are we likely to have another peal rung at New College, Oxford? It is many years since a peal was rung on the ten bells there. It is interesting to note that the anniversary of one of the earliest peals in the tower will occur next Tuesday, for on March 22nd, 1734, 6378 Grandsire Caters was rung there.

The famous ten bells of St. Margaret's, Leicester, are now at the Loughboro' foundry, and will be rehung in an iron frame for 12. It is intended, if funds permit, to recast the whole peal, the total cost of which would be upwards of £2,000. It was on these bells that 10,080 Caters was rung in 1777, after the same band had broken down at 5,000 on the same day. The record states that 'within half an hour they began again!'

St. Mary's, Nottingham, where the single-handed peal of Major was rung, as recorded last week, beat the Leicester peal, on March 3rd, 1778, with 10,260 Grandsire Caters. The tenor is reputed 35 cwt., but is most likely about 32. W. Doubleday Crofts, Attorney, composed and conducted the peal, and his gravestone is in St. Mary's Churchyard.

The recent reference in this column to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, in 1783, by the College Youths, leads a correspondent to point out that a peal board in the belfry at that church states that the Royal Cumberland Society rang the 'first true peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the bells in this tower,' on Saturday, January 30th, 1892, in 3 hours and 9 mins. The composition was C. Middleton's, and the conductor the late George Newson. Presumably they had some reason for believing the 1783 peal to be false. C. H. Martin, B. Foskett and F. Pitstow remain of the band that took part in the peal nearly 30 years ago.

Mr. E. Raddon, who succeeds Mr. J. J. Jones as hon. secretary of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild, has been a member of the Guild for the past 23 years, during most of which time he has been associated with St. Nicolas tower, Guildford.

The kind of record to be proud of is that of Mr. W. Watts, of Hayward's Heath, Sussex, and formerly of Stansted. His 200 peals include thirteen different Major methods, five Triple methods and peals in seven plain, seven Treble Bob and seven Surprise Minor methods, and he has conducted peals in most of them. If ringers generally emulated this example there would be much more variety, and, we think, still greater interest in ringing.

The Midland Counties Association has no fewer than 145 honorary members, and it is largely due to that fact that the association is in the healthy financial position that it now is. The ringing members number 742.

At St. Werburgh's, Bristol, a tablet has been unveiled in the belfry commemorating the safe return of the six men of the tower who served overseas in the European war. They were the Rev. C. C. Griffiths, C.F., M.C.; A. G. Adams, R.G.A.; H. W. Greenland, M.G.C.; R. Pike, 4th Gloucesters; A. J. True, R.G.A.; M. L. Ford, 4th Gloucesters. Representatives from a number of the Bristol towers were present at the unveiling ceremony, including the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association (Mr. W. A. Cave).

'In your issue of February 25th,' writes Mr. T. Houghton, Parish Clerk of Daresbury, 'it is stated that a peal of Bob Major was rung for evensong on the day of the opening of the bells of All Saints' Church, Daresbury. This peal contained 5,008 changes only. The Chester band is, therefore, the first to ring a 5,040 upon the bells.' This is, we think, rather splitting hairs. The claim in our issue of the 18th was that the 5,040 was 'the first peal of Major on the bells,' which could not obviously hold good, when a 5,008, equally recognised as a peal, had previously been rung.

On the resignation of Mr. Herbert Sheppard, after 11 years' service, Mr. Fred Colclough, of 1, Earl Street, Bilston, Staffs, has been appointed secretary of the Dudley and District Guild, and all correspondence in future should be addressed to him.

It is hoped that members and friends who propose to attend the Cumberland's Dinner on April 2nd will make application for tickets not later than 30th March.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

As Good Friday falls in next week, 'The Ringing World' will be published a day earlier than usual.

Correspondents are particularly requested to note that everything intended for insertion must reach the Editorial Office, 63, Commercial Road, Woking, not later than Monday.

TOUCHES OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

ANY LENGTH FOR SERVICE.

The title may be misunderstood if it is not explained. It is meant to suggest the question to conductors, 'Can you call any length for service? How many can call any number of courses of Stedman Triples, and at the same time know the course or part ends?' Undoubtedly there are some who are marvels in this direction; their minds are stored with numerous touches, which they never forget. Others are even talented enough to compose and bring round true touches of any length while ringing. These are, however, the very few. The average conductor has a very limited range of touches fixed in his mind, and generally looks others up as required. This often results in being unready when an emergency arises. Sometimes an attempt for a quarter-peal is being made, the conductor is prepared for this, but if a breakdown occurs shortly after the start, he is probably at a loss. He cannot remember a touch less than a quarter-peal and long enough to occupy the remaining time. As a consequence, two shorter touches are usually rung. The same thing occurs with shorter lengths. Say, a 756 is being attempted and fails early; the conductor does not know a 672 or a 588, and has to call a 504.

The object of this article is to enable every conductor to remember the calling of any number of courses, from a quarter-peal downwards, without any appreciable effort of memory. To enable them to do this, they only need, say, three simple callings, of one, two and three courses, all producing the same course or part end, and capable of being interchanged without affecting the truth of the touch.

To illustrate this, the course with bobs at 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, may be taken first. Readers will have noticed in the first Sunday Service page, a touch of 672, based mainly on this course. To the majority it would appear as a 672, and nothing more. In reality it is one of a series of touches, all produced in the same way from the above calling. The bobs 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, give, without alteration a five course touch. The course ends of this block are the same as the part ends of Thurstans' quarter-peal, and read from the fourth row of the six are:—

- 12345
- 23451
- 34512
- 45123
- 51234

Note that the cyclical order of rounds is preserved throughout, rendering the figures easy to remember. If the bobs at 5, 6, are omitted, it causes a shunt into a similar block, the course ends of which are reversed rounds, as follows:—

- 54321
- 43215
- 32154
- 21543
- 15432

The whole of these five bear what may be termed a two-part relationship to 12345. The result is that as soon as the two bobs at 5, 6 are omitted, the calling may be repeated from any course end up to the fifth, and the bells will come round. This gives a series of touches. In even numbers of courses, ranging from two to ten, and both course ends and calling may be remembered without effort.

To prevent misunderstanding, these touches may be again stated thus:—

- A=3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13.
- O=3, 4, 12, 13.

then—	O	repeated equals two courses.
	OA	" " four courses.
	OAA	" " six courses.
	OAAA	" " eight courses.
	OAAAA	" " ten courses.

It is not necessary that the O should come first, it may come at any desired course. In four courses and upwards the O at the second course gives 4-6 dodging together behind in both parts.

This plan of producing even numbers of courses may be further extended by the use of different courses as a basis, with an extra or omit. Thus, 3, 4, 5, 6, may be used as A, with 3, 4, as O; or 5, 8, 7, 8 as A, with 5, 6 as O; or 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13 as A, with 7, 8, 12, 13 as O. Again, lovers of odd-bob touches may use the following: 2, 4, 6, 12, 14 as A, with 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14 as O. It must be remembered, however, that these last named as compared with the first course 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, change the course ends and music completely.

This plan does not cover all the ground, and the conductor is called upon for a slightly greater effort of memory before his repertoire is complete. To obtain the odd and even numbers of courses still re-

quired, it is necessary to memorise the calling of two other blocks, the whole three being set out as follows:—

A.	B.	C.
231456	231456	231456
342516	536421	246351
3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13	7, 8, 12, 13	12, 13
	342516	536421
	5, 6, 12, 13	3, 4, 12, 13
		342516
		5, 6, 12, 13

All four times repeated.

These three blocks A, B and C, each represent a five-part touch, and their parts are interchangeable without affecting the truth of the touch; that is to say, any part or parts may consist of one course, as in A, two as in B, or three courses as in C, at the will of the conductor. Thus, without anything further, the conductor has touches of from 5 to 15 courses fixed in his mind. Some of these lengths can be got in more ways than one, without taking into account that they permit of considerable variation by transposition. As a matter of fact, the conductor has in these three blocks alone the means of improvising a great number of touches.

The method which requires the least mental effort is to take A as the basis up to 9 courses. Then, if 6 courses are required, one part is rung as in B; if 7 courses, two parts as in B; and so on up to 9 courses. For 10 courses and upwards B is the basis; for 11 ring one part as in C; two parts as in C for 12; and so on up to 14.

It should be noted that Thurstans' quarter-peal may not be substituted for C, as, with it, false rows cannot be avoided.

The manner in which and to what extent the idea can be further applied to this and other methods is too big a question to be dealt with in the present article, but if the plan appeals to the majority of those who call our service touches, and they make known their needs, it will be an incentive to composers to enlarge and no doubt improve upon the idea as here presented. JOSEPH W. PARKER.

CHURCH BELLS AND BELL HANGING.
SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANCIENT BUILDINGS
ON THE WARPETH.

In the last issue of the 'Church Times' the following letter appeared, signed by Mr. A. K. POWYS, secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings:—

The fact that certain rings of bells are not strictly in tune, according to modern musical theories, has often been made the reason for recasting fine rings of bells which had better have been left alone. For instance, the late Canon Simpson claimed that every bell should have certain concordant harmonies perfectly in tune with the main tone. Some of our finest bells fail to satisfy this test, while among those that do are many that are by no means satisfactory. Let bells stand on their merits. If they are good and pleasing, let them alone. Much can be done by cleaning off corrosion, and careful tuning. The splendid tenor bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Southwark and the Imperial Institute, do not possess Canon Simpson's requirements, but they are eminently satisfactory.

Many bells are cracked through having been rehung by bolts passed through holes in the crown, after the canons have been cut off, so as to increase the ringing leverages by raising the centre of gravity. Ringers constantly ask for this to be done. But it is vandalism in the case of an ancient bell, and nearly always the cause of damage.

Bells should not be recast without opinions being obtained from authoritative and disinterested sources, where historic and aesthetic, as well as purely change ringing considerations, have weight.

It is the considered opinion of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings that teak or oak frames are better than those of iron or steel. They are better for sound. They are generally heavier, but have more resilience, and for this reason transmit strains more gently to their bearing points. They do not require repainting, and are not subject to damage by lightning. Moreover, there are some very valuable and even beautiful mediæval frames still in existence in more remote churches, which ought by no means to be destroyed.

Apart from the question of sound it is admitted that steel cages can be made which will be the cause of as little danger to an ancient tower as those of teak or oak. Ancient tower walls are more often shattered by badly hung bells than by settlements due to faulty foundations, and from this point of view the essential qualities of a well-constructed cage of either timber or metal are:—(1) That the cage itself must be an independent structure, scientifically put together, so as to neutralise, as far as may be, the live forces set up by the swinging bells; and (2) that the cage should be securely fixed to the foundation platform without any other connexion to the tower; and (3) that the foundation platform should bear as evenly as possible on all the walls of the tower, being horizontally braced in itself.

What is really vital is that an architect of real and known experience in dealing with old churches, as well as the ringers and bell founders, should be consulted as to the planning and arrangement of the bell frame. There are many technical questions of first-rate importance that space will not allow of being dealt with here.

The necessary advice on such questions will gladly be afforded by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, while these and other bodies from whom like help can be obtained, among them the diocesan advisory committees lately formed in so many dioceses.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**RINGING AND FINANCIAL PROGRESS.**

The annual report and statement of accounts which is to be placed before the members of the Midland Counties Association at their annual meeting on Easter Monday shows that the organisation is not only making excellent progress, but is in a flourishing financial position. This, says the report, is due largely (a) to the generous support of old and new honorary members, to whom we extend our hearty thanks, (b) to the almost universal membership of all ringers in the district covered by the association, which is highly appreciated, and (c) to economies effected by your committee. Although we have no desire to build up a large reserve fund, we have thought it desirable to save a considerable outlay by postponing until next year the usual tabulated List of Performances by the association, when, it is hoped, the cost of a combined full report will not be such a formidable item as it would be at present.

Turning to the ringing side of the association, the report proceeds: 'We are very pleased with the progress made during the year under review, the re-appearance of Surprise peals being a most welcome feature. Superlative, Cambridge and Norfolk totalled nine Surprise peals, but the year's work culminated in a peal of London Surprise at Chesterfield on Boxing Day. These facts deserve the highest commendation, and recall the time when the M.C.A. was the pioneer in Surprise ringing. With the young blood making itself manifest we confidently look to the future. The committee are also glad to see the peals rung on the lower number of bells, 5 and 6. While congratulating those—mostly young beginners—who are just commencing their ringing career, we would impress upon them the necessity of progression. To ring a peal of Grandsire Doubles is creditable and deserves encouragement, but if the learner goes no further and only cares to keep on by repeating the same thing, it is to be deplored.'

The committee note with pleasure that companies generally are now ringing less common methods than before, and although some have not yet secured peals, there are many companies we feel confident will shortly add further laurels to the records of the association. It is also very pleasing to note the number of "first peals" by young members.

The total number of peals rung during the year was 91.

The year began with a balance in hand of £49 13s. 3d.; subscriptions from hon. members brought in £29 8s.; from ringing members, 243 14s. 6d., and from new life members £1 17s. 6d. Receipts from other sources amounted to £33 11s. 6d. The expenditure was £77 13s. 8d., leaving a balance in hand of £80 11s. 1d.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting of the Nottingham District was held at Ilkeston on Saturday, Feb. 28, about 40 members being present from Beeston, Botchesford, Bulwell, Balderton, Cotgrave, Daybrook, Derby, Duffield, Eastwood, Long Eaton, Nottingham and Ripley, as well as the members of the local band. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, and a plain course of Cambridge Surprise Major, were successfully brought round.

At the business meeting, the Vice-President of the district (Mr. A. Coppock) presided, supported by the Rev. Bell, Vicar of Ilkeston, who welcomed the ringers to Ilkeston.

It was proposed by Mr. W. E. White, seconded by Mr. T. H. Kirkby, that the president, hon. treasurer and hon. secretary of the association be nominated for re-election en bloc.

There were three nominations for delegates for the Central Council to go forward for election at Easter, viz., Mr. E. C. Gobey, Mr. T. H. Kirkby, Mr. A. Coppock.

It was decided that the next meeting be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on April 2nd.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. E. C. Gobey for the arrangements, was accorded on the motion of Mr. A. Coppock, to which the Vicar and Mr. Gobey suitably replied.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Ashton Parish Church on Saturday last. Twenty-two ringers were present. Mr. T. Wilde, of Hyde, was voted to the chair. He gave a hearty welcome to the visiting ringers, and said what a pleasure it was to come to Ashton to have a pull on the twelve bells.—Mr. A. Goringe, of Lewes, Sussex, was elected a non-resident member.—St. John's, Miles Platting, was selected for the next meeting on Saturday, April 2nd, this being the 9th anniversary of the opening of the bells at that tower.

The methods rung during the day were Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob.—Votes of thanks to the church authorities, to the local ringers for having everything ready, and to the chairman, brought the meeting to a close.

The time of the peal of Kent in the Gonville Variation, rung on January 17th, 1921, at Cambridge, and published in 'The Ringing World' for February 11th, was 2 hours 37 minutes.

NEW BELLS AT FULBOURN.**MEMORIAL TREBLES DEDICATED.**

Last Saturday afternoon, at Fulbourn, Cambs, the two trebles which have been added to the peal of six were dedicated by the Rural Dean. It had been arranged that the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, President of the Central Council, should perform the ceremony, but he was unfortunately prevented from doing so by illness.

The two bells are the gift of Mr. Reuben Moore, who has been churchwarden at this church since 1887, and were given in memory of the men from the parish who lost their lives in the great war. The work of hanging the bells has been carried out by Messrs. Day and Son, of Eye, Suffolk.

During the singing of the hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' the clergy, choir, and churchwardens proceeded to the belfry, and at the conclusion of the hymn, the two bells were dedicated. A course of Bob Major was then rung by E. Webb 1, J. Page 2, B. D. Buttress 3, Miss Shorter 4, A. E. Austin 5, W. H. J. Hooton 6, G. Bridge 7, A. G. Rivers 8, the congregation meanwhile singing the hymn, 'For all the Saints.' A very interesting and inspiring address was afterwards given by the Rural Dean, the service concluding with the hymn, 'Hark, hark, my soul.'

A short touch was then rung by the local band, after which the ringers and choir adjourned to the Assembly Room and partook of tea, generously provided by the Rector. A touch of Bob Royal was rung on handbells by H. G. Benson 1—2, Miss K. Jutson 3—4, R. Richardson 5—6, W. H. J. Hooton 7—8, M. C. G. Hooton 9—10, which was greatly appreciated, to judge by the applause that was given. This was followed by a course of Grandsire Caters, and a touch of Kent Royal.

Ringing on the tower bells was carried on to a late hour in various methods, from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Major. Further ringing also took place on the handbells, including Double Norwich Major, Double Bob Major, Kent Major, Kent Major, Bob Royal, Little Bob Royal, and Kent Royal. About 40 ringers were present, in addition to the local men.

DEATH OF MR. HORACE W. ABBOTT, LOUGHBOROUGH.

A ringer of the old Nottingham School, in the person of Mr. H. W. Abbott, passed to his rest a few weeks ago. For thirty years a member of the Midland Counties Association, he rang in his day with the veterans of Notts and Derby, who have preceded him to the land of shadows. He took part in the last peal rung at All Saints', Nottingham, over twenty years ago, and in 1893 rang beside the writer in an attempt for Sottanstall's 12,000 of Treble Bob. On that occasion—the late John W. Taylor, of Loughborough, was conductor—the peal was lost, after 10,400 had been rung in 6 hours 10 minutes. In the attempt, the late John Howe, of Derby; Ed. Robinson, of Nottingham; A. Millis and J. Buttery, all took part, and all are gone to dust. His ambition was to ring in a long length, and later on he accomplished his desire by ringing 7,001 of Caters at Loughborough, where he had come to reside, and 10,176 Treble Bob at South Wigston. He was one of the umpires in the 17,104 Double Norwich, at the latter place in 1904, being always willing to oblige.

The writer of this memoir places to the memory of the deceased a sincere friendship of many years, and the deepest regret at the breaking of the earthly tie. He was always a careful striker, and once in a peal could be depended on to 'stick it.' Advancing age brought internal ailments, and heart weakness compelled his peal ringing to cease. He had been a representative on the Loughborough All Saints' Church Council for a considerable number of years, and his demise breaks another link in the chain of the old order and the new.

In all, he had rung 56 peals for the Midland Counties Association. The writer recalls many pleasant recollections of his anxiety for the well-being of his fellow ringers. On the occasion of the Loughborough long peal, the deceased waited at the foot of the belfry from the eleventh hour till the coming-round at 12 hours 18 minutes, with a bag of ready-peeled oranges. He was the first man in the belfry, and was thrusting the fruit into the hands of every ringer! God bless the soul of Horace Abbott.—R.I.P. W. W.

AN ACTIVE SUFFOLK SOCIETY.

The Halesworth and Chediston Society have been entertained to supper by numerous friends, and following this the annual meeting was held, at which it was reported that four peals had been rung during the past year, the Sunday service ringing had been well maintained at both churches, Halesworth tower had been restored and new ropes provided.

The Rector (the Rev. H. C. Nowbery), who is president, expressed his appreciation of the ringers' regular attendance on Sundays, and the interest they took in that part of church work. He moved a vote of thanks to those who had subscribed to that evening's entertainment, and especially to Miss Stanford for collecting the funds.

All the officers were re-elected; Mr. S. Swan was elected an additional vice-president; Mr. E. F. Sewter an hon. member; and Mr. A. Peck, M.M., a member of the Chediston band.

Handbell ringing, recitations, etc., filled up the remainder of a most enjoyable evening.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

The touch of Stedman Triples, which we published on the first of these Sunday Service pages, has led to a very valuable contribution on the improvisation of service touches of Stedman Triples by Mr. Joseph W. Parker, of Sunderland. Conductors, we are sure, will welcome the article which appears on another page, for it supplies just that information upon the construction of touches which many conductors, budding and otherwise, have been wanting.

The special point about the quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, given below, is the simplicity of the calling by the bells 'before,' as these follow in regular order round the tower, only broken (of necessity) by two doubles in each part, viz.:

4 (with/a double), 5 (with a double) 6, 7, 2, 3, 4, 5.
 6 " 7 " 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.
 2 " 3 " 4, 5, 6, 7, 2, 3.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STANTON-ON-HINE-HEATH, SALOP.—On Sunday, March 13th, for evening service, 720 of Doubles, being four six-scores of Grandsire and two of Plain Bob: *S. France 1, W. Clay 2, *A. White 3, W. Lyce 4, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 5, H. Edwards tenor. *Longest touch in two methods. *Longest touch in two methods on a bob bell. Rung after meeting late for a quarter-peal.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Mary's Church, for evensong, on March 13th, 1,251 Stedman Caters, in 48 mins.: C. T. Coles (conductor), G. B. Lucas, H. Rumens, J. H. Wilkins, R. Maynard, senr., J. C. Adams, G. W. Fletcher, J. Armstrong and A. G. Crane.

STREATHAM.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Sunday, March 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: T. W. Welbourne 1, A. Walton 2, L. Attwater 3, H. J. Walton 4, J. Chapman 5, I. Attwater (composer and conductor) 6, G. N. Price 7, S. Gardner 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, March 13th, for evening service, 1,239 Stedman Caters (composed by G. R. Fardon): J. A. Trollope 1, J. Driver 2, W. Hollier 3, P. James 4, W. E. Judd 5, G. C. Iles 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8, W. Wood 9, P. Norton 10.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—Ely and St. Edmundsbury Association.—On Sunday, March 13th, at the Church of St. Vigor and All Saints, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, for evening service: E. Webb 1, J. Page 2, C. Hall 3, J. Giddens 4, C. E. Patten (composer and conductor) 5, A. Page 6, G. Bridge 7, B. D. Buttress 8. First quarter-peal of Kent Major by all the band except the tenor ringer.

DUNSTABLE.—On Sunday, March 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: F.

Ramsay 1, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 2, A. V. Good 3, H. E. Good 4, Canon W. W. C. Baker 5, A. G. Matthews 6, G. W. Heley 7, C. J. King 8. The ringers of the 3rd and 4th hail from Charing, Kent, the former having just taken up residence in Dunstable.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael's Church, Bath, on Sunday, March 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,264 changes) of Bob Major (composed by the late A. E. Seers), in 49 mins.: F. C. Rich (first in method) 1, T. Hogsflesh 2, T. F. King 3, G. Temple 4, C. Densley 5, H. W. Brown 6, G. H. Harding 7, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 8.

LONDON.—London County Association.—On Sunday, March 13th, at St. Giles', Camberwell, S.E., for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Carter (conductor) 1, J. R. Gammon 2, R. D. Marshall 3, C. J. Choct 4, W. H. Pickett 5, E. J. King 6, T. C. Tuffender 7, W. Rushden 8.

CHEESHUNT.—Hartfordshire Association.—On Sunday, March 13th, for evensong, at St. Augustine's Church, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): F. Downman 1, F. Lambert (first quarter-peal) 2, W. Mumford 3, W. Irons 4, G. Radley 5, F. Saban 6, W. Saban (conductor) 7, G. Gouldsmith 8.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, February 29th, on the occasion of dedication of war memorial, a 720 Bob Minor was rung previous to the service by six ex-service men: W. Butler 1, W. H. P. Mellin 2, R. E. U. Fisher 3, E. Bright 4, P. J. Langston 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6. After service the 'whole pull and stand,' by F. Dale, jun., F. Dale, senr., P. J. Langston, D. Elliott, W. Keeble and W. Elliott. For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: G. Rogers 1, W. Brinkley 2, W. Keeble (conductor) 3, P. J. Langston 4, H. Evers 5, W. Elliott 6.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, February 27th, at All Saints', Fulham, 1,269 Grandsire Caters: By J. W. Driver 1, H. Rowlands 2, W. H. Wood 3, W. E. Judd 4, W. H. Hollier 5, F. Skevington 6, H. Cook 7, A. Harding 8, C. Charge (conductor) 9, E. G. Edwards 10. Rung as a farewell touch to Cornelius Charge, who left the old country for Greyling, New Zealand, on March 10th.

SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, March 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Cartwright 1, J. Dowler 2, H. Williams 3, W. Cartwright 4, C. Webb 5, J. Eaton 6, H. Withers (conductor) 7, H. Parkes 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to Edward Bush, an old ringer and chorister at the above church, who died at the age of 76 years.

DARTFORD.—On Sunday, March 6th, for evening service, at Holy Trinity Church, 672 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Simmons 1, W. J. Wheadon 2, F. Ellis 3, E. Bates 4, J. H. Cheesman (conductor) 5, A. Bates 6, J. Wheadon 7, H. Audsley 8. All are members of the local band.

MAN'S NECESSITY.

BY THE MASTER OF THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

In St. John vi. 35, we read the words of Jesus Christ: 'I am the Bread of Life.' It is one of the great pronouncements. All life is one, since it emanates from His spirit the Lord and Giver of Life. But it is of different orders, as in the case of the rock, the plant, the lower animals and man. Each of these is dependent on its respective bread for its life under the Providence of God.

For the full and complete life of man, Jesus Christ is the necessity or the bread. Man is God-like, and therefore, he cannot live by the bread of any lower order, but by the bread as it comes to man in Jesus Christ, who, being the Incarnate Word, is the minister to man of 'every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.'

All that is wrong with the world now, shows the necessity for the bread, which is Christ. He must become as much part of our lives as the bread we eat, that we may get from Him the true idea of what God is like, that we may be rooted in His principles as being the only workable basis of conduct between man and man, and that we may always have within us an image of the Christ that we may become like unto.

And to make all this real to us He gave us the Sacrament of the bread and wine.

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1,260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

234567
 342567 4
 753642 1
 857234 5
 428357 1
 264357 4
 572436 2
 725436 4
 537264 3
 645723 2
 456723 4
 Twice repeated.

E. W. Carpenter

504 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

2314567 7 12
 25413 — —
 21435 — —
 Twice repeated.

1,260 STEDMAN TRIPLES

2314567 3 8
 43125 S —
 13524 — —
 23514 S —
 53412 — —
 45215 — —
 Twice repeated.

J. Carter.

1,263 STEDMAN CATERS.

231456789 5 16
 514362978* — —
 513264 — 2
 314265 — 3
 412365 — 2
 213465 — 2
 213564 S 1

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 round at hand.
 * Bobs at 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11
 A. Walker.

1,264 BOB MAJOR.

23456 W B M H
 23564 — 1 — —
 45235 — — — —
 53462 — 1 — —
 24536 — — — —
 52436 — — — —
 43526 — — — —
 54326 — — — —
 35426 — — — —
 42356 — — — —
 34256 — — — —
 23456 — — — —

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NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on March 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A district meeting will be held at St. John of Jerusalem Church, South Hackney, on Saturday, March 19th. Ringing from 3.30 till 9.30 p.m. Service at 5.15 p.m. Tea obtainable near by. Record attendance requested.—E. C. Russell, Hon. District Sec., 57, Market Street, W.2.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting at Sprotbrough (1 mile from Warmsworth tram) on March 19th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30.—H. Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at the Parish Church of St. Mary's, Harlow, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m. Annual subscriptions of 1/6 are now due.—F. Dench, Hon. District Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, March 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Nash, District Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Syston on Saturday, March 19th. Ringing from 2.30. Business meeting at 5.30. Tea can be obtained in the village.—H. E. Norman, Local Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Parish Church, Burnley, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—For the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk.—A general meeting of the Norwich Branch of the Association will be held at Fakenham on Easter Monday, March 28th. Dinner will be served at the Church Hall Rooms at 1.30 p.m., followed by the general business meeting, the Very Reverend the Dean of Norwich presiding. Dinner tickets 3/6 per head. Members intending being present must notify the same to the Secretary by Friday, March 25th. By kind permission of the Rectors, the ring of eight at Fakenham and the ring of six at Great Ryburgh will be available for the use of members.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Ipswich Branch.—A general meeting will be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday, March 28th. By kind permission of the authorities, all rings of bells will be available. Business meeting (for the election of officers, etc.) immediately following dinner, which will be served at 2 o'clock, Day's Restaurants, Cornhill, at 3/6 per head. Members intending to be present at dinner kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, March 23rd.—E. Evans, Hon. Branch Sec., 21, Springfield Lane, Ipswich.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Monmouth on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells (8) available all day. Business meeting at 2.30.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting of the Division will be held at Burgess Hill on Easter Monday, March 28th. Tower open 2 p.m. and onward. Service at 4 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation) at 4.30 p.m. Half railway fare (maximum 2/-). Will those who intend to be present to tea please notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, March 22nd?—A. D. Stone, Div. Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Old Windsor on Easter Monday, March 28th, when members and friends will be welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Russell Napier, and the churchwardens of St. Peter's Church. Service at the Parish Church at 4 p.m., with an address by the Rev. Canon Coleridge, of Crowthorne. Tea at the Tapestry Hall at 5 o'clock. Will all those intending to be present please notify the Secretary by the 22nd inst.? Business meeting at 6 p.m., the Vice-President in the chair. By kind permission of the several clergy, the following peals of bells will be available for combined practice and touches. Teams will make their own arrangements to ensure good ringing. Slough, 10.30 to 11.30. Clewer, 12 to 1. Old Windsor, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9. Windsor Parish Church, 7 to 8.30.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Whitby on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells (10, tenor 18 cwt.) available all day. Dinner will be provided at Hood Pier Cafe at 1 p.m. prompt. Members 2/6; non-members 3/6. Those intending to be at dinner please notify the Hon. Sec. not later than Wednesday, March 23rd. Any notice of motion or any alterations to rules must be sent in previous to this meeting, as per Rule IX. All friends kindly invited.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual Meeting, St. Albans, Easter Monday.—Service in the Cathedral, 5 p.m. Address by the Rev. Canon Parnell, Vicar of Abbots Langley. 6 p.m. Tea in the Abbey Institute, followed by business meeting. Towers open as follows: Abbey, 12 noon (by arrangement with the steeple-keeper); others at 2 p.m. Ringing at six bell-towers earlier in the day by applying to me. If, dear reader, you are coming, please let me know, so that I can make ample arrangements for tea.—G.W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Streatham on Easter Monday, March 28th. The bells at St. Leonard's will be open for ringing from 2.30 to 5 p.m. and those at Immanuel from 3 p.m. and after the business meeting. Service at Immanuel at 5 p.m. Tea in Mission Room at 5.30; meeting after. Those expecting to be present at tea are kindly asked to let me know not later than Saturday, March 20th.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. District Sec., 47, Beddington Grove, Wallington.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Deptford on Easter Monday, March 28th. Committee meeting 11.45 a.m. (St. Nicholas Vestry). Service at St. Nicholas 12.30 p.m.

Address by the Vicar, Rev. T. W. Pitman. Dinner in Church Room, 1.30 p.m. Business after dinner. Towers open for ringing: St. Nicholas (8), St. John's (8), Lewisham (8), Woolwich (8), Greenwich (10). Dinner tickets 2/., non-resident members 4/-. P.O. to be sent with application before March 22nd.—Fred. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, March 28th. The Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., will preside at the general meeting in the Chapter House at 2.15 p.m. He will unveil the Memorial Window in the Cathedral Cloisters at 3.30 p.m. and will give an address at the service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Vaulted Hall of the Deanery for all who notify me before Wednesday, March 23rd. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints' (10); St. Helen's (8); St. Nicholas' (6); and St. John's (6).—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A General meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Scarborough, on Easter Monday, March 28th. Tea will be provided in St. Mary's Schools, at a cost of 1/6 per head to all who notify Mr. J. R. Barton, 71, Caledonia St., Scarborough, not later than the first post Tuesday, March 22nd. Divine service in St. Mary's Church at 4.30 p.m.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, at St. David's Church, Bangor, at 2 p.m.—C. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley, Nr. Chester.

ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General meeting will be held at Cambridge, on Easter Monday, 28th March. Service at St. Mary the Great, 12.30, followed by lunch and business meeting at the Dorothy Cafe, Sidney Street. Arrangements for lunch can only be made for those who notify me by 22nd March, of their intention to be present.—A. E. Austin, Gen. Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Worksop, on Easter Monday. The eight bells of the Priory Church will be at the disposal of visitors from noon to 8.30 p.m. Tea at the Priory Gate House at 5 p.m. at a nominal charge of 1/- each to those who notify Mr. H. Haigh, 103, Gateford Road, not later than Wednesday, 23rd March. Will intending visitors please make a note of this? Members of kindred societies welcomed.—Sam Thomas, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on March 31st, Southwark Cathedral on the 29th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual general committee meeting will be held on Saturday, April 2nd, at 3.30 p.m., in the G.W.R. Temperance Institute, Reading (adjoining No. 1 Platform, G.W.R. Station). Will committeemen please notify their intention to be present or otherwise, so that arrangements may be made for tea afterwards. Notices of motion should reach Secretary at least 10 days before date of meeting.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The Annual Dinner and Concert will be held at The Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, Saturday, April 2nd, at 6 o'clock. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, can be obtained from Mr. J. D. Matthews, 130, Clonmore Street, S.W.18; Mr. F. Smith, 48, Mansfield Road, N.W.; Mr. A. Hardy, 37, Hubert Grove, S.W.9; Mr. B. Foskett, 1, Olive Road, N.W.2; Mr. R. Warner, Spitalfields Bell Foundry, E.1, and the Hon. Sec. The bells of St. Bride's will be available from 4 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A Ringing meeting will be held at Bucknall, on Saturday, April 2nd. Please notify me on or before March 26th, how many intend to be present from your Tower.—E. Steele, 109, George St., Sandford Hill, Longton, and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —Next meeting (quarterly), to be held at Melksham, April 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock service 4.30. Tea 5. Will ringers requiring tea advise me early.—Harold F. Brown, Hon. Sec., 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. The next Monthly meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—District meeting at Oakley, on Saturday, April 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45, for which 6d. allowed to members informing me not later than Tuesday, April 5th. Business meeting after tea.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Will members please note that the Annual general meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Saturday, April 16th? Full particulars will be announced later.—C. T. Coles, W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Leicester Meeting.—The Committee will meet at the Church House, St. Martin's East, 3 o'clock prompt.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Leicester. St. Martin's Tower will not be open for ringing until 12 o'clock.—H. Broughton, Hon. Sec., St. Martin's Society.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Mr. E. Raddon, 15, Baillie Road, Guildford, has been elected by the committee of the district to succeed Mr. J. J. Jones as Hon. Sec. of the district, and all communications should be addressed to him.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

PUBLICATION.

'AMONG THE BELLS.'—THE RINGING CAREER OF LATE REV. F. E. ROBINSON, M.A., Vicar of Drayton, Berks, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Part I. to XX. may be had singly at 6d. net. Unbound numbers 1. to XX. complete, 8s. 6d. Or the whole work bound in cloth for 10s. 6d. net. From MRS. ROBINSON, Fair Home, Wokingham.

RINGERS' WEDDING.

An interesting and pretty little wedding took place on Saturday, February 5th, at the Erdington Parish Church, the contracting parties being Mr. William John Meers, Ringing Master of the Erdington Parish Church Society, and a member of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, and Mrs. Agnes E. Martin, honorary member of the Ladies' Guild. The Rev. S. E. P. Needham, one of the assistant clergy, officiated. The bride, who was charmingly attired in a dress of fawn silk taffeta, with a hat to match, and carried a bouquet of red tulips, was attended by Mrs. J. Preston, hon. member of the Ladies' Guild; Miss E. W. Salter, hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild, Midland section, and Miss G. M. Ander-ton. The bride was given away by Mr. Jonathan Preston, hon. secretary of the Erdington Parish Church Society, an old and esteemed friend of the bridegroom. A large number of friends were present at the service, including the father and mother of the bridegroom, ringers of the Parish Church and their wives, etc.

After the ceremony various touches were rung on the bells, while the guests were departing, and afterwards rang a full peal of Sted-man Triples, which will be recorded in the usual place, to celebrate the occasion.

The reception was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston, Erdington, who had kindly placed it at the disposal of the happy couple, and a numerous gathering was there to welcome them, the party being joined by the ringers in the evening. An excellent repast was served, to which ample justice was done, and during the remainder of the evening various selections on the handbells and songs were enjoyed, Mr. W. B. Preston acting as accompanist. The health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by Mr. J. Preston, in happy terms, and was heartily drunk with musical honours.—The bridegroom responded to the toast, and very cordially thanked Mr. and Mrs. Preston for their kindness for making all the preparations for the day, and for placing their home at the disposal of his wife and himself.—Mr. Preston responded, saying that it gave them great pleasure to be able to make the day as pleasant as possible, and that they liked to make all ringers happy and welcome when they came to Erdington.

LATE NOTICES.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual general meeting will be held at Bedford, on Easter Monday, March 28th. Service in St. Paul's Church at noon, followed by luncheon and business meeting in St. Paul's Church Lads' Drill Hall, St. Loyaes (by kind permission), at 1 p.m. The Association will pay part cost of the luncheon. St. Paul's, St. Peter's and Elstow bells available from 9 a.m. Fine peal at Cardington, after 3 p.m. Bromham by request. Visitors cordially welcomed.—Edwd. P. Duffield, Hon. Gen. Sec., Sharnbrook, Beds.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next 6-bell contest and meeting will be held at Kirkheaton, on Saturday, April 2nd. Draw at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided (1/6 each) for those who notify Mr. Frank Hargreave, Shop Lane, Kirkheaton, on or before March 28th—Willie Frith, Secretary.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—At the Parish Church of St. Peter, on Tuesday, February 22nd, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2,520 changes), in 1 hour 33 mins.: *H. Smith 1, Arth. Ballard (conductor) 2, *H. Sibson 3, A. Cattell 4, *G. Tiffson 5, *E. Ankrett 6, H. Reeves 7, R. Barrows 8. * Longest touch in any method.

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PRESERVATION OF TOWERS & BELLS.

In the letter of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings which we reproduced last week, there are two things upon which the society dwells with emphasis. The first is a plea for the preservation of old bells. With this, all ringers will agree in principle, but it is seldom one finds more than one, or at any rate two, really old bells in a tower when augmentation or restoration takes place, and these are seldom bells of any quality in point of sound. Usually to retain them in a ring would be to spoil the whole, and the best way of preserving such bells is to take them out of the ring altogether and place them elsewhere in the Church for safe keeping, where they can be admired for their antiquity by future generations. In many cases, of course, the old bells have to be sacrificed towards the cost of the new, and it would be an act of practical utility on the part of the society if in these cases it provided the necessary funds to save these ancient bells.

The second point of the society's letter is the question of bell frames in which, as we pointed out last week, they give it as their considered opinion that teak or oak are better than iron or steel. The question of wood being better for sound is an empty theory which has never been proved in connection with a bell frame, and seeing that when a bell is struck by the clapper, the sound bow is well above the frame, it will be seen that the material of which the latter is made is most unlikely to have the slightest effect. But the question of sound is of little importance compared with the safety of the tower. One advantage which is urged by the society is that a wooden frame has more resilience, and for this reason transmits strains more gently to the bearing points. Now, if resilience means anything in this connection, it means springiness in the movement of the frame, and it has been proved by scientific experiment that when a bell swings in a spring frame the cumulative effect is a much heavier thrust or blow on the tower caused by the synchronising of the period of the spring in the frame and the period of the force due to the swinging of the bell. It has also been scientifically proved that the more rigid the frame and the more solidly its base is fixed so as to tie the tower walls, the less is the strain on the walls and the less the power of disintegration. The natural shrinkage of wood, the warping which must almost inevitably take place, and the consequent loosening of tenons, in course of time turn a wooden frame into a battering ram such as no well-constructed iron frame could ever become, and we should like to see these facts made as widely known to Church authorities as the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings has endeavoured to make its own questionable ideas. This could be done through the Central Council who could also offer to any needing advice the services of their Towers and Belfries Committee.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... Treble	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 2	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... 8
THOMAS FAULKNER ... 3	THOMAS LANGDON ... 9
WILLIAM J. KEMP ... 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 10
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 5	HERBERT LANGDON ... 11
HENRY G. MILES ... 6	WALTER E. PRIME ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung to celebrate the 33rd birthday anniversary of Mr. Edwin Horren, who was to have taken part in the peal, but was unfortunately prevented at the last moment through having contracted a chill.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.) (SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. WOOD ... Treble	*RALPH MACKRILL ... 6
WILLIAM E. JIDD ... 2	*ERNEST A. REEVE ... 7
WALTER G. MATTHEWS ... 3	*WILLIAM ESSERY ... 8
HORACE BELCHER ... 4	ERNEST BRETT ... 9
*ALFRED G. H. NEWMAN ... 5	HARRY MANCE ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by HARRY MANCE.

* First peal of Kent Royal.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH ... Treble	*JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 6
WILLIAM FISHER ... 2	BERT HORTON ... 7
JOHN JAGGER ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 8
GEORGE HUGHES ... 4	JOHN BARBER ... 9
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 5	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by JOSEPH SYKES.

* First peal of Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. B. Gough and W. Brittan. Mr. B. Gough, who has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal, entertained the ringers afterwards. Mr. W. Brittan is a prominent member of the local band.

GREENWICH, S.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY HOSKINS ... Treble	WILLIAM PYE ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... 2	ALBERT W. COLES ... 7
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... 3	HAROLD W. CLARK ... 8
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... 9
*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5	DALBY HODGSON ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY. Conducted by C. T. COLES.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Feb. 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH LAST ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
ALBERT FLEMING ... 2	*GEORGE FARNISH ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	WILLIAM T. LAST ... 7
GEORGE ABLITT ... 4	ERNEST E. LANHAM ... Tenor

Composed by J. H. BARRETT.

Conducted by W. T. LAST.

* First peal in the method.

**CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

CHARLES PAGE Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
GEORGE A. SMITH 2	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 6
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 3	RICHARD DEAL 7
SAM WOOD 4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

HODDESDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN THOMAS Treble	GEORGE RADLEY 5
CHARLES V. HARE 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
HORACE BELCHER 3	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 7
ALLAN R. MACDONALD ... 4	WILLIAM SABAN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. R. Macdonald. First peal in the method by all except treble and 7th; first by the Association and in the county.

POPLAR, E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, ISLE OF DOGS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.	
CHARLES T. CLARK Treble	GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN. ... 5
THOMAS H. HAWKINS... .. 2	HAROLD W. CLARK 6
JOHN THOMAS 3	ROBEN SANDERS 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	DALBY HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 6th.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 10 cwt.	
GEORGE P. BURTON Treble	CHARLES E. BORRETT... .. 5
JOHN E. BURTON 2	WILLIAM E. BASON 6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 3	GEORGE H. CROSE 7
*GEORGE MAYERS 4	FREDERICK W. CURTIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

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

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.	
JAMES F. GEORGE Treble	*WILLIAM H. JANES 5
ALLAN HICKTON... .. 2	CECIL J. BAKER... .. 6
ALBERT COPPOCK 3	HENRY HARRISON 7
*ALFRED MOSS 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

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**KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, March 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.	
†ROBERT BOTTOMLEY... .. Treble	*JOHN HALL... .. 5
JOHN EDMONDSON 2	ROBERT WM. JENNISON ... 6
*EDWARD GREEN... .. 3	*SMITH MURGATROYD... .. 7
HERBERT GREEN 4	†JOHN COULTON Tenor

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THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.	
*WILLIAM B. DUNCAN Treble	JOHN H. GODFREY 5
GEORGE A. SPARKS 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
BEN S. THOMPSON 3	FRANK R. COPEMAN 7
FRED J. HOWCHIN 4	WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, March 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.	
FREDERICK S. SANDERS Treble	HERBERT C. SPENCER... .. 5
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 2	WILLIAM J. MEERS 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	JONATHAN PRESTON 7
GEORGE F. GARRISON... .. 4	JOHN E. PYWELL... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Mr. George Henry Machin, who was for 43 years Churchwarden of the above Church, and who was interred at the Erdington Parish Church on March 11th, 1921.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.	
WILLIAM SEERLEY Treble	WILLIAM HODGETTS... .. 5
HUBERT EDEN 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD... 6
HENRY HODGETTS 3	FREDERICK W. BUNKLIN ... 7
*EDWARD P. ASHEY 4	†MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HUBERT EDEN.

* First peal of Major. † 100th peal.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
JAMES GOODSSELL... .. Treble	THOMAS HOAD 5
FREDERICK MORGAN 2	*GEORGE BILLENNESS 6
WILLIAM H. HOAD 3	EDWARD MILLS 7
JOHN BLAKE 4	LESLIE SINDEN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by G. BILLENNESS.

* Elected a member previous to starting. Messrs. Billenness and Blake belong to Hawkhurst, and the rest are local ringers. Rung for the wedding of Miss Christina Alma Booth, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Trayton Booth, of Robertsbridge, and Mr. Charles Creasy, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Creasy, of Southborough, Tunbridge Wells. The bride's father is captain of the Salehurst ringers, and the bridegroom was at one time a ringer at Salehurst Church.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, March 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. E. GROVE'S VARIATION.		Tenor 21½ cwt.	
*THOMAS WALTERS Treble	JAMES R. MACKMAN 5	CHARLES G. BOWKETT 2	JOHN J. JEFFRIES... .. 6
WILLIAM C. JONES 3	WILLIAM PAGE 7	WILLIAM ROUSE 4	GEORGE JACOBS Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

* First peal of Grandsire. Mr. J. R. Mackman was elected a member at a previous handbell peal attempt. Rung in honour of a visit by the Bishop of Worcester.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
*MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... Treble	JOHN COOK 5
WILLIAM SHORT... .. 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
*ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 3	GEORGE ELLIS 7
JAMES BURDFIELD 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
*LEWIS HOLROYD Treble	GILL SUTCLIFFE 5	JOHN NASH... .. 2	EDMUND SCHOFIELD 6
HARRY GREENWOOD 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT... .. 7	FRANK FIELDEN... .. 4	WILLIAM CRABTREE Tenor

Conducted by W. CRABTREE.

* First peal in the method.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Wednesday, March 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

SAMUEL PEARCE Treble	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 5
WILLIAM FISHER... .. 2	SAMUEL BAKER 6
WALTER GRINSELL 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
JAMES GEORGE 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.
Arranged specially for Mr. J. E. Sykes.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 14 cwt.	
JAMES E. GROVES Treble	WILLIAM PEART 5
*FREDERICK C. BENDALL 2	THOMAS J. ELTON 6
THOMAS TAYLOR 3	GEORGE F. SWANN 7
THOMAS H. REEVES 4	ELIJAH PAGETT Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Albert Mills, the local captain, who was prevented from standing in the peal owing to sickness.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 Woodbine, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 720 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
LEONARD W. HENBLING ... Treble	GEORGE M. GREENACRE ... 4
ALBERT J. LINCOLN 2	FREDERICK J. SMITH 5
NORMAN R. BAILEY 3	WILLIAM H. BALDRY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BALDRY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. J. Lincoln.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Killamarsh, Duke of Norfolk, Islington, Norbury Sandal, London Scholars and Kingston. Tenor 9 cwt.	
JAMES A. MILNER Treble	REV. A. T. BEESTON 4
JOHN P. FIDLER 2	JAMES FERNLEY 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 3	FRED HOLT Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

First peal for ringer of treble. Rung to celebrate the election of Mr. J. H. Jackson, of Disley, to the Chairmanship of the Branch. He generously provided refreshments after the peal.

WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob and Bob Minor.
Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN R. MAIN Treble	GEORGE BARFORD 4
LEONARD J. WYMAN 2	WALTER PERKINS 5
ANDERSON Y. TYLER 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to an excellent meat tea by Mr. and Mrs. A. Smart, to whom thanks are due.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's Bob College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES COCKINGS Treble	HERBERT ROBINSON 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	WILLIAM STOCK 5
ALFRED ROBINSON 3	GEORGE THEW Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

First peal on the bells in seven methods by a local band.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, March 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
IN THE GUILD ROOM, EDGAR TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	
WILLIAM PAGE 1-2	JAMES R. MACKMAN 5-6
WILLIAM POWELL 3-4	*WILLIAM C. JONES 7-8

Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

Witness: JOHN J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal 'in hand.' First peal 'in hand' by this Branch and first in Worcester for 24 years.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. J. NAUNTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALBERT J. NAUNTON 1	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4
*CHARLES BAILEY 2	*FREDERICK WADE 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	*GEORGE LEE 6

FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 7-8

Composed by THOMAS HERRY. Conducted by F. W. NAUNTON.
Witnesses: Mrs. A. J. & F. W. NAUNTON.

* First peal on 8 bells and first peal 'in hand.' First attempt for Major by the ringers of 5 and 6.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, March 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes, IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

ALBERT WALKER... .. 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES 7-8
THOMAS RUSSAN 3-4	"ALBERT E. NORMAN 9-10
GEORGE F. SWANN 5-6	JOHN NEAL 11-12

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Referee: MORRIS J. MORRIS.

* First peal of Cinques 'in hand.'

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes, AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3-4	GEORGE W. STEERE 7-8

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Witness: MRS. POLLING.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes, AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor size 14 in D.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3-4	GEORGE W. STEERE 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Witness: MRS. POLLING.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

HON. SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at St. Thomas' Church, Dudley, on Saturday, March 5th, when upwards of seventy members attended. There was ringing in the afternoon, and service was conducted by the President of the Guild, the Rev. A. H. Phelps, M.A., R.D. (Vicar of Dudley), who also gave an eloquent and interesting address. Afterwards an adjournment was made to the Schoolroom, where a bountiful tea was provided. Among those present were: Rev. A. H. Phelps, Mr. J. Mc D. Tait (people's warden) and Mr. J. Bayliss, and the following towers, among others, were represented: Bilston, Bradley, Brierley Hill, Coseley, Dudley, Birmingham, Handsworth, Sedgley, Stourbridge, Oldbury, Old Hill, Oldswinford, Kingswinford, Wood Green, Wednesbury, Tipton, Smethwick, Harborne, etc.

At the business meeting which followed, the President occupied the chair.—Mr. H. Mason, on behalf of those present, congratulated the president upon the honour which had recently been conferred upon him, by his appointment as Rural Dean of Dudley. He congratulated Mr. W. R. Small upon entering his 82nd year, and Miss S. Pigott upon regaining her health, after his illness.—These congratulations were unanimously endorsed.

The President expressed the pleasure it gave him, on behalf of himself, the wardens and Church Council, to again extend a hearty welcome to the Guild to Dudley.—Mr. Tait also welcomed the members to the church.—Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Arthur Spittle, Councillor H. Wilkes and Mr. A. Greenfield.

The Secretary (Mr. H. Sheppard) presented the annual report and balance sheet which were duly passed.

The officers were then elected as follows: President, the Rev. A. H. Phelps; vice-presidents, the Rt. Hon. Sir Arthur G. Boscawen, P.C., Rev. Canon Marriott (Vicar of Netherton), Rev. J. A. Price (Vicar of Coseley), Messrs. Arthur Spittle, Harry Mason, Councillor H. Wilkes, J. W. Naylor and J. Mc D. Tait; Ringing Master, Mr. John Goodman, junr. (Dudley).

Mr. Fred Colclough was elected hon. secretary, in the place of Mr. Herbert Sheppard, who has resigned, after eleven years' work.—A special vote of thanks was accorded him for his services and support.

Mr. B. Gough was elected hon. treasurer; Mr. A. E. Law and Mr. F. Evans, auditors; and Mr. W. R. Small as representative to the Central Council.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Kinver, subject to the usual consent being obtained.

At the close of the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the president for his kindness in conducting the service, for his able and inspiring address, for presiding at the meeting, and for the use of the Schoolroom, tower and bells; to the organist (Mr. Cutler) for

the musical part of the service; to the donors of the tea; to the ladies presiding at the tables, and those who had prepared and served the tea; and to Mr. Churchwarden Tait for his presence and support.—It was regretted that the Vicar's warden was not present with Mrs. Naylor, owing to an oversight as to the date of the meeting, as they fully intended being present.

The Vicar closed the proceedings with prayer, after which some of the members returned to the belfry and kept the bells merrily going till nearly nine p.m. The ringing was appreciated by the townspeople and visitors, after the long silence of the bells, owing to the unsafe condition of the spire.

OXFORD GUILD AT BRAY.

BIG GATHERING OF BERKS AND BUCKS RINGERS.

Berks and Bucks ringers from 15 towers met at Bray, on Saturday, in response to an invitation generously offered to their neighbours by the local society, when the mighty ring of six bells were put through their facings by expert and novice in various methods during the afternoon and evening. Choral service was conducted by the Vicar, who was assisted by the Rev. H. J. Wilson (Rector of Hitcham). Beginning his address without text, the Vicar simply stated: 'I am a ringer, speaking to church ringers. I wish to tell you what a special part you have to perform for Christian worship when carrying out the Sunday duty of the belfry. . . . The actual ringing is a real part of the service—the organist's music for the singing, the attendance at the altar, and minister's prayers, and all who attend to give their help are part of the same. . . . It is just as possible for ringers to worship by the pealing of bells as those who minister by other duties in the church.'

After referring to the important decisions made by members of the National Assembly last February, which were decidedly to the advantage of the ringer as a voluntary church worker, the speaker reminded his hearers that ringers are ministers of the church, and in their daily life, apart from their associations with tower and bells, should live up to an ideal, even if one came short of the standard attempted; and he asked them to help the ministers by their prayers and their work.

At the tea tables the 'home team' made gracious attendance upon their guests, the Vicar presiding over a comfortable party of 55—those who had taken a pull in Minor with the tenor, passing favourable comments upon their 'first cup.' Afterwards harmony reigned supreme.—Mr. Arthur Martin and his two sons, of Boyne Hill, gave a nice selection of tunes upon handbells (four each retained in hand). The boys also proved their cleverness by a course of Triples, double-handed, and were deservedly applauded.

Mr. W. P. Routh (chairman of Reading Branch) supported by Mr. Fowler (Cookham), paid a compliment to the ringers and the Vicar of Bray, with thanks for their hospitality. It was not the first time they had done so, and Mr. Routh hoped this sociable disposition would spread to other parts of the diocese.—The motion was accorded musical honours, the Rev. W. S. Riddlesdell and Mr. J. N. Beale replying. A double-handed course of Grandsize Caters followed by Messrs. Consey, Martin, Williamson, Mayne and Welling.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. H. Fussell), after thanking the Vicar for organising the service, and the use of the bells, made a few remarks concerning the welfare of the branch—such as prompt subscriptions, regular practices, the division of the branch, the annual meeting on Easter Monday, and the Diocesan Committee meeting at Reading on April 2nd.

At this stage there were several impatient hands eager to assert their prowess as 'big bell' men, and the belfry was again visited, the old tenor having to suffer Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, etc., but, when the bells were lowered in peal his 'home-note' seemed to say, 'Next man, please!' thus reminding us that a young man's glory is his strength.

USEFUL PRACTICE MEETING.

A very successful combined practice meeting was held on Saturday week at Wendover. The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, and 25 ringing members were present, representing the parishes of Amersham, Chalfont St. Giles, Wendover, Farnham Royal, Fulmer, Tring, and Iver Heath. The musical ring of six bells (tenor 14 cwt.) were found to be in good going order, and touches of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Bob Minor, Grandsize and Stedman Doubles were rung. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the capable manner in which the eleven-year-old son of Mr. J. Redrup, of Amersham, rang the treble in a touch of Bob Minor, having had his first lessons in ringing only last September.

EASTER VISITORS IN LONDON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—On Easter Sunday, the great festival of our Church, there will be the usual difficulty to man our towers, as our clergy are properly anxious we should. Many of us Londoners take advantage of the holiday to go away. May I remind our 'country cousins' of our too silent towers, and assure them, as visitors, that they would be most welcome in our belfries to help us fill the vacant places.—Yours faithfully, 'TEMPLE BAR.'

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. ROCHDALE BRANCH SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch, held on Saturday week at East Crompton, proved a more than usually interesting and successful gathering. Twenty-six members were present from East Crompton, Todmorden Parish Church and Unitarian; Milnrow, Newhey, Oldham, Glodwick, Middleton, Crossstones, Ashton St. Peter's, and Miles Platting. Touches of Kent and Oxford and Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles were rung in the afternoon.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. T. A. Walton), who gave the branch a hearty welcome. The Chairman, in a humorous vein, went on to remark that at one of his late parishes, in looking through the accounts of the church, he had noticed the bells had required a great amount of oil, but evidently on one occasion, in forgetfulness, they had given the 'show' away, as the entry read 'Ale is.' (laughter). Of course this was in 'ye olden days.' The ringers of to-day thought far more of the art and various methods of ringing, than of indulging in liquid refreshments frequently. Formerly, the ringers at that church had the habit of leaving the church before service commenced, but he was delighted to find this did not happen at East Crompton (applause).

It was decided that the next monthly meeting should take place at Balderstone, on Saturday, April 9th.

The members were very pleased to have their Branch Chairman, Mr. Samuel Stott, with them once more, after his recent illness.—Nine new members of the branch were elected from East Crompton, and prior to the conclusion of the gathering a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the tower and bells, and also to the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

Ringing was afterwards resumed.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of this branch was held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, when members from St. Nicholas' and St. Francis, Liverpool, Huyton, Grassendale, Walton, Garston, Bootle, Birkenhead and Oxtou, were present. Ringing commenced with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob, and was followed by service in church, conducted by the Rev. A. J. Mardouald, who gave an address.

At the business meeting, the Rev. E. C. Collier presided, and three new members were elected.—Bootle was chosen for next place of meeting.—A letter from the Rev. H. J. Elsee was read with regard to the Wigan branch, and it was proposed to hold a joint meeting in May to settle upon a dividing line for the two branches.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells; also to the Rev. E. C. Collier for presiding. Owing to the breaking of a bell wheel no further ringing could be done.

LOSS OF TOWERS TO PRESTON BRANCH.

A meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Houghton on Saturday last, but owing to the very wet weather there was not as good a muster as usual. Ringing commenced with a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Major, followed by a fine touch of Stedman Triples, one young member making his first attempt at the method with a very good result. The business meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. J. T. Miller, of Leyland.—Brindle in April and Croston in June were chosen for the next two meetings.

Considerable discussion also took place over the loss of three towers to the new Wigan Branch of the Association.

The question of an annual social gathering was left over for a more representative meeting, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells.

For the score or so of members who braved the elements it was a very pleasant gathering, and, in addition to the two methods named, touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Cambridge Minor and Bob Minor were also rung during the afternoon.

SURPRISE PRACTICE AT BURSLEM.

On Tuesday, March 8th, a party of ringers from Norton visited St. John's Church, Burslem, for a combined practice, and a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent. The ringing started with a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (with 15 hobs) successfully brought round by: R. Welsby 1, A. Lees 2, L. Pennington 3, J. Walker 4, J. Walley 5, W. P. Deane (conductor) 6. The rest of the evening was spent on Cambridge Surprise. The touch of Kent was the first for all except the tenor ringer. The Burslem ringers wish to thank the Norton ringers for the kindness they are showing to the Burslem men in visiting Norton to instruct them in ringing Surprise methods. In addition to the ringers mentioned above, the following also took part during the evening: T. Hilditch, T. Hurd, W. Bourne and G. Greenhill.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Monday, March 14th, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.; A. C. V. Gasson (St. Giles', Camberwell) 1, C. J. E. Gasson (St. Giles', Camberwell), first-quarter peal, 2. F. B. Crowder 3, G. Simmonds 4, W. J. Jeffries 5, R. Wood 6, T. A. Easterby (conductor) 7, R. Fosdike 8.

DEATH OF MR. A. C. VALENTINE.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD LOSES A WELL-KNOWN RINGER.

The death of Mr. Albert Cecil Valentine, of Stony Stratford, took place at 112, High Street, Stony Stratford, on Thursday, March 10th, after a short and painful illness. On Tuesday, March 1st, he was compelled to leave his work, and immediately took to his bed. On the following Friday pneumonia set in, and on Saturday his condition was so critical that his relatives were summoned. However, he lingered on to the following Thursday morning. The deceased was only 37 years of age, and leaves a widow. He was a very enthusiastic ringer, and had rung 102 peals in all the standard methods. As a conductor of peals in many powers he had considerable experience, and his loss is keenly felt in the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

On Sunday, March 13th, the bells of the Parish Church were rung, muffled, for morning and evening services.

The funeral took place on Monday, March 14th, the Rev. H. Last and the Rev. Greaves officiating. The hymn, 'Peace, perfect peace,' was sung, and Mr. W. Toms played 'O Rest in the Lord.' The wealth of floral tributes was evidence of the esteem in which Mr. Valentine was held by many friends and organisations in the locality. He was by trade a fitter and turner, and had been in the employment of Messrs. McCorquodale for twelve years.

The 'whole pull and stand' was rung 37 times after the funeral. After this a 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung by: J. Sear (Linslade) 1, E. Yates 2, H. Edwards (Calverton) 3, H. Sear (Bletchley) 4, T. C. Tomkins (conductor) 5, E. Lambert 6.

At the Parish Church, Wicken, Northants, on Monday, March 14th, 720 Grandsire Doubles and 360 Oxford Bob Minor were rung by: T. Read, L. Smith, T. Roberts, F. Case, H. Birdsey G. Cooper and A. J. Green, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Cecil A. Valentine, whose last peal, one of Surprise Minor, was rung on these bells.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT PRACTICE MEETING.

A well-attended combined practice for the Portsmouth District was held on Saturday, March 12th, at the six-bell towers of Shedfield and Wickham. The former tower was the first visited, and some of the 'locals' were assisted through some 120's Grandsire Doubles and touches of Bob Minor. Reinforcements then began to arrive, and the following methods were rung: Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and also a course of Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. W. Russell 1, J. D. Harris 2, D. C. Williams, F.R.C.O., 3, F. W. Rogers 4, E. J. Harding, senr., 5, G. Williams 6. About 4.15, the Rector (the Rev. E. S. Utterton), an honorary member of the Guild, visited the tower, and, after congratulating the ringers on their ringing, invited them to tea in the Rectory. This was gladly accepted, and the Rector was afterwards thanked for his hospitality. A move was next made to the neighbouring tower of Wickham. Here the ringers were met by the Rev. E. Bankes James and the Rev. E. H. Duke (Rector of Wickham), who is also a ringer. A full evening was spent in the belfry, during the course of which all the above-named methods were rung, as well as touches of Oxford Bob Minor and Worcester Treble Bob Minor, the latter the first in the method on the bells.

During the afternoon and evening members attended from Lee-on-Solent, North Stoneham, Portsea, Portsmouth, Shedfield, Southampton, Titchfield and Wickham.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

SUCCESSFUL FIRST MEETING.

The first meeting of this newly-formed society was held at Sprotborough, on Saturday last. Between 40 and 50 ringers were present, representing Arksey, Adwick-le-Street, Bentley, Barnsley, Conisbrough, Doncaster, Hatfield, Hanoy, Rawmarsh, Sprotborough, Tickhill, Thorne, Rotherham, Treeton and Wortley. Touches of Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening. A short service was held, at which the Rev. S. E. Smith (Rector of Sprotborough) gave an address: An excellent tea was partaken of in the School Room, and was followed by a business meeting, over which the Rev. S. E. Smith presided.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for his presence at the meeting, and also to the local band for such an excellent tea.—Ringing was continued until a late hour, and concluded with a well-struck 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor by the local band.

This is the first meeting of the kind which has ever been held at Sprotborough. The peal of six bells, with a tenor of 9 cwt., have done service for 150 years, having been cast in 1771 by Pack and Chapman, of London.

SLOUGH.—At St. Mary's Parish Church, on Saturday, March 5th, for the induction of the Rev. A. G. P. Baines, M.A., as Rector of Slough, a quarter-peat of Oxford Bob Triples, in 47 mins.; G. T. Leader 1, T. S. Smith 2, W. H. Fussell 3, A. W. Bateman 4, G. W. Bedford 5, W. Henley 6, F. T. Hooper (conductor) 7, A. Perryman 8. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese officiated, and the tenor bell was chimed on the admittance of the Rector.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT CUBITT TOWN.**

The North and East district met at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, Poplar, on Saturday, March 5th, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent by some 35 members. The eight bells were set going soon after three o'clock, and ringing continued until 5 o'clock, when a short service was held, at which an address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Hardy), whose discourse on the origin of bells was much appreciated. Tea was served in the Schoolroom close by, followed by the business meeting.—Five new members were elected, and Edmon-ton chosen as the place of the next district meeting.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) mentioned that the Central Committee had met a few days previously, and had fixed the date of the annual general meeting as April 16th, instead of on the Saturday after Easter. That meeting would be held at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch. The committee had also decided to issue the annual report, and in spite of the still increasing cost of same, to have a copy printed for each member.

The Chairman (Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P.), proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address at the service, and for the use of the bells.—This was seconded by the Hon. Secretary, and carried.—The Rev. J. H. Hardy acknowledged same with a few words of welcome to the association, and thanks to the local ringers for their good services to the church.

After a few courses of Stedman Caters, Stedman Cinques and Double Norwich Court Bob Major had been rung on handbells, the tower was again visited, and most of the Standard methods from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise Major were practised until 9 o'clock, when an end came to a very pleasant meeting.

MR. W. WATTS' 200 PEALS.

Seven Minor Methods, rung 7 (conducted 2); seven Treble Bob Methods, 13 (12); seven Surprise Methods, 17 (16); Grandsire Triples, 2 (1); Penning's Triples, 1 (1); Stansted Triples, 2 (2); Grandsire Caters, 5; Stedman Triples, 29 (13); Oxford Bob Triples, 2; Stedman Caters, 3; Bob Major, 8 (2); Bob Royal, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1 (1); Double Oxford Bob Major, 1 (1); Duffield Major, 1 (1); Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 16 (6); Kent Treble Bob Major, 12 (5); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 7 (2); Kent Treble Bob Royal, 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 31 (11); Cambridge Surprise Major, 16 (12); New Cambridge Surprise Major, 13 (6); London Surprise Major, 3 (3); Bristol Surprise Major, 2 (2); New Cumberland Surprise Major, 3 (3); total rung, 200; conducted, 102.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.**

The quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Twyford, on Saturday, March 5th, when a fairly representative gathering attended, despite the fact that the tower lies rather wide of the beaten track, and has to be reached by conveyance, or on 'wheel.' The following towers were represented: Bletchley, Beachampton, Calverton, Maids Moreton, Linslade, Pabbury, Stony Stratford, and Simpson, as well as the local ringers, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. Pearson), who had just previously changed livings with the Rev. Greaves, the latter having gone to the Isle of Wight. The address given by the Rector was much appreciated, especially his remarks concerning the organisation of the North Bucks Branch. After service, tea was partaken of in the School, having been arranged by the ringers' wives, and much credit was due to them for the way in which it had been provided at rather short notice. The usual business was transacted.

The Secretary expressed his thanks for the way the members had accepted the resolution passed at the previous meeting, as to advertising in 'The Ringing World' instead of sending individually to each tower. It showed that the towers were taking the paper, and he hoped the method would continue, as it was a saving in secretarial work.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his assistance in making the meeting a success, and to this he suitably responded.

A further visit to the tower for ringing was then made, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

VETERAN KENT RINGER DEAD.

The Kent County Association has lost one of its original members, by the death, on Feb. 20th, of George Finn, who passed away at the advanced age of 77 years. He had been a member of the Brabourne band since 1876, having previous to that belonged to Mersham. He was known not so much for his peal ringing, as for his good striking and willingness to help others in the art. In former years he assisted in rehanging various peals about the county. He was buried at Brabourne on February 24th, and followed to his last resting-place by, in addition to the family, ringing and other friends. The bells of St. Mary's were rung, half-muffled, on that date, and also before and after service on the following Sunday.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The publication of local performances has now been brought up to date, and we trust conductors responsible for sending in reports will in future do so immediately after peals have been rung, so that we may keep abreast of them. Those who ring peals on Saturdays should send in their reports to reach this office not later than the following Monday.

The same remark applies to meetings. If secretaries will send in brief reports to reach our office on Monday or first post Tuesday we will do our best to find room for them in the following Friday's issue.

On Sunday falls the anniversary of one of those great feats which characterised the rivalries of the College Youths and the Cumberlands in the latter part of the eighteenth century. This particular peal was 12,000 of Treble Bob Royal rung at Shoreditch on March 27th, 1784, by the Cumberland Youths, and was the culminating performance in the competition between the two societies. This Treble Ten record stood for over a century, and the wording of the tablet in the belfry is interesting.

Saturday, March 27th, 1784, the Society of Cumberland Youths rang in this steeple a compleat peal, consisting of 12,000 changes of Treble Bob Royal, with 60 courses, and was performed in 9 hrs. and 5 mins. The length of time and the masterly manner in which it was rung will remain a surviving honour to the performers. It is allowed by all competent judges in the noble art to be the greatest performance ever done on ten bells. The performers were: Geo. Gross 1, James Barnard 2, Francis May 3, Thos. Reeves 4, Isaiah Bray 5, James Patrick 6, Wm. East 7, Abraham Smith 8, Malachi Cannon 9, Allen Grant 10. Composed and called by George Gross, sen.

John Tichborne, a prominent Cumberland at that time, wrote the following lines on the peal, which are still preserved:—

Come, ringers all, and view this church, within the steeple door
Twelve thousand Oxford Treble Bob was rung in eighty-four,
In hours nine and minutes five, the Cumberlands did compleat,
And on the twenty-seventh day of March, the College Youths they beat.

Success unto the Cumberlands wherever they do go.

That they may always have success to beat their haughty foe!

The peal, which this performance eclipsed, was 11,080 by the College Youths on the same bells on May 19th, 1777.

Another anniversary which Sunday next provides, is that of 10,000 Grandsire Caters at New College, Oxford, on March 27th, 1815.

At Warsop, Notts, where there is a proposal to augment the existing four bells to eight, there is a change ringing band who practise 29 variations of four-bell ringing. We are asked whether any other band with only four bells can ring more methods than this.

After all, Mr. Ted Horrex was not able to take part in the peal in honour of his 83rd birthday. Influenza, which is no respecter of person, got him in its grip, and the veteran had to submit to the inevitable. The indisposition, however, was not serious.

The event was duly celebrated by a peal, twelve members of the Ancient Society bringing round 5,019 Stedman Cinques at Southwark. The ringer of the tenor was Mr. Walter Prime, who is 67 years of age, and from the form he showed is evidently still in his prime. At any rate, he demonstrated that a heavy tenor is not necessarily a young man's job. But Walter Prime was famous years ago at the back end.

And, by the way, although he is no novice, Bert Langdon's performance in putting the 11th through the peal in 3 hrs. 50 mins. was by no means a bad achievement.

In this column last week, reference was made to the weight of St. Mary's tenor bell at Nottingham. The original weight was 34 cwt 2 qrs. 8 lbs., but owing to the removal of the canons, she is slightly less now.

The figures of the peal of 10,260 Grandsire Caters rung in that tower in 1778 are still in existence, but the fact that they are not in W. D. Croft's handwriting makes it rather doubtful if he did compose the peal. Tradition says that both the Leicester and Nottingham peals were the work of a Leicester man.

Last week's reference to St. Margaret's, Leicester, has led a correspondent to send us the following extract from the 'Leicester Journal' of Friday, June 20th, 1806: 'The amateurs of the art of change ringing must regret that the musical bells of St. Margaret's are no longer engaged in that science. The society, it is said, plead the pressure of the times, and cannot afford to sacrifice theirs, without a little assistance; as a small subscription would be sufficient to defray the expenses attendant on those meetings. It is hoped the inhabitants will contribute to remove the impediment, and once more give a tone to that rational and interesting amusement.'

Mr. H. Middleton, of Norton, near Evesham, who recently underwent an operation in Evesham Cottage Hospital has now left that institution, and his many ringing friends will be glad to know he is on a fair way to recovery, although it will be some time before he will be able to resume his active life.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**THE PROPOSED AMALGAMATION WITH CLEVELAND.**

The annual meeting of the Northern Division of Yorkshire Association was held at Saliburn on March 12th. The bells of Emmanuel Church, by the kind permission of Archdeacon Lindsay, were available from 2 p.m., but owing to the stay of the treble being broken early in the afternoon, little ringing was done until after tea. Service was conducted by Archdeacon Lindsay, who gave an appropriate address.

Tea was followed by a business meeting, at which the Rev. C. C. Marshall, President of the Yorkshire Association, presided.—The Rev. E. Drage, M.A., Vicar of Pickering, was unanimously re-elected vice-president, the District Committee and the representatives upon the General Committee were also elected.

The Secretary reported that no further progress had been made in the attempted amalgamation of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire and the Yorkshire Associations, but a further resolution was passed, to be placed before the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association at their annual meeting at Whitsuntide, and it is hoped some definite steps will then be taken to bring about a satisfactory settlement of the subject.

A vote of thanks to Archdeacon Lindsay for the use of the bells, concluded the meeting.

During the evening the visitors enjoyed several touches of Grandsire, Kent, Plain Bob, etc., and though, owing to inconvenient train service, the meeting was not a very big one, the ringers present had a very happy time together, and will look forward to the next meeting, which, it is hoped, will be held at Whitty.

SOUTHERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held at the Cathedral, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 12th, and was very well attended, upwards of sixty members and friends being present from Sheffield Cathedral, All Saints', St. Maries' and Rannoor; Bolsterstone, Norton, Arksey, Ecclesfield, Dore, Doncaster, Conisborough Rotherham, Chesterfield, Eckington and Derby. The touches during the afternoon included Stedman Caters, Bob Royal, Treble Bob Royal, and a touch of Stedman Cinques for the service, at which the Ven. Archdeacon of Sheffield (the Rev. Leslie Carr, M.A.), officiated in the Cathedral, and gave a most impressive address. He welcomed the members of the association to the Cathedral Church, and trusted their visit would be blessed. He prayed that the members would be more assiduous in their duties, and give to Him who had been our help and guide through all this dreadful war the best of their talent. The preacher urged his hearers to think seriously of the great work they were doing for the Master's cause, as co-workers in the ministry of the church, for the furtherance of Christianity and the spread of the Gospel.

In the unavoidable absence of Mr. T. Hanforth, Mr. J. W. Peace admirably presided at the organ, and again brought out, by his wonderful skill, the great reputation of this instrument, which is claimed to be one of the best in South Yorkshire.

A most excellent tea was served in the Wolstenholme Hall by the ladies of the St. Peter's Society of Ringers, under the efficient management of Mr. Colne Harrison.

At the business meeting which followed, the vice-president (Mr. Frank Willey) was in the chair. Fourteen new members were admitted to the Association from Rawmarsh, 8; Arksey, 1; Norton, 1; Bolsterstone, 1; Sheffield Cathedral, 2; and Chesterfield, 1.

Mr. F. Willey was again unanimously elected vice-president for the forthcoming three years, and heartily thanked for his past valuable services, and in acknowledging the compliment, urged all present to put forward renewed efforts, and to give of their best as they had been urged to do by the Archdeacon in his address that afternoon.

Mr. C. H. Charlesworth (Bolsterstone) was elected to serve on the committee for the next three years, together with the retiring members, Mr. G. Lewis (Ecclesfield), and Mr. G. Clarke (Arksey), who were re-elected.—Messrs. G. Holmes and G. Lewis were appointed on the General Committee.

A very pressing invitation was put forward by Mr. G. Halksworth (the Ringing Master) to hold the next meeting in June at Doncaster.—This was seconded by Mr. W. Biggin (Norton), and on being put to the vote, was carried without dissent.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Archdeacon for his splendid address, also to the organist for his services, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. G. Halksworth.

The Rev. J. Amiens (Chesterfield) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the local company, and also to the ladies who had waited upon the company.—This was seconded by the Rev. B. E. Sheppard, a fine recruit fresh from Cambridge, and now on the Cathedral clerical staff.

This concluded the business, and some of the members wended their way back to church, and kept the bells going until nine o'clock. Others who had come further afield had to make tracks for home all too early and were very loth to leave such an interesting gathering.

LONG STANTON.—On March 14th, a quarter-peat of Doubles, in 45 mins., being two six-scores of Stedman, three of Plain Bob, and 5½ of Grandsire: L. A. Cook 1, F. J. Cook 2, Rev. H. B. Woolley 3, G. Crisp 4, C. W. Cook (conductor) 5. Also 360 Double Court, by the above, with the addition of W. Hawkes (treble).

BELLS AND FRAMES.**THREE CONTROVERSIAL POINTS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Your article last week in which you refer to bell frames and also bell tuning, emboldens me to offer a few comments. I regret that they are somewhat controversial, but on the other hand many may, on reflection, think that there is something in the points I endeavour to make.

These are three modern ideas which are generally accepted at their statement value, viz., that it is bad to wedge up frames to tower walls; that iron are infinitely superior to timber frames; that Simpson's method is the last word in bell tuning. Your article indeed admits to the two latter, and some correspondence in support of the first appeared recently in your columns.

I beg to be allowed to make the statement, that though there is an underlying truth in all three, I am certain that each can be met with a direct negative. I firmly hold this view now, after having been formerly of a different opinion, I am supported, too, by several of my ringing friends. The following points are purposely put with brevity:

- (1) That if the tower be a strong one, the frame is the better for being wedged up, but with judgment, of course.
- (2) That a properly designed hardwood frame is to be preferred to iron. It is equally strong and rigid, and by very far the more durable.
- (3) That any material tuning on Simpson's principle is offensive to a musical ear; inasmuch as it substitutes a brassy and nasal value for that beautiful liquid and harp-like tone which is the characteristic of a good English bell.—I am, yours faithfully,
E. ALEXANDER YOUNG.

PROPOSED PEAL OF EIGHT FOR WARSOP.

The bells of Warsop Parish Church are shortly to be augmented. The existing four bells were recast and rehung in an iron frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and reopened on April 27th, 1913. Provision was then made for more bells, but unfortunately the war intervened, and the proposal was temporarily abandoned.

A committee has now been formed to carry a scheme into operation. It is desired to put a new tenor (weight 10½ cwt.) and three trebles, to complete the octave, in the key of G.

The church is situated on a hill, and the tower, which is over 1,000 years old, can be seen, and the bells heard for miles. The ringers, now seven in number, are all members of the North Notts Association, and there are three honorary members. Change ringing is indulged in as far as four bells will permit, and 29 variations of the 24 changes are rung. The tower band are indebted to Mr. E. Morris, of Leicester, who arranged most of these methods.

DEATH OF A HERTS VETERAN.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Thomas Webb of Baldoock, Herts, who passed away at his residence, 11, Orchard Road, after a long illness, on Saturday, March 12th, at the advanced age of 85 years. Deceased had been a ringer at the Parish Church for nearly half a century, previous to which he was a ringer at Cottered, where he used to reside. He has not been able to take part in the ringing for the last ten years owing to ill-health.

The deceased had been a member of the Hertfordshire Association since its formation in 1884, and had taken part in three peals of Grandsire Triples, and one peal of Bob Major, the last peal he rang being Grandsire Triples in 1906, on his seventy-first birthday.

The funeral took place on the following Wednesday, the service being conducted by the Rev. Graham Dilley. Among the beautiful floral tributes was one in the form of a bell from his brother ringers. In the evening, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung, the bells being muffled as a token of respect.

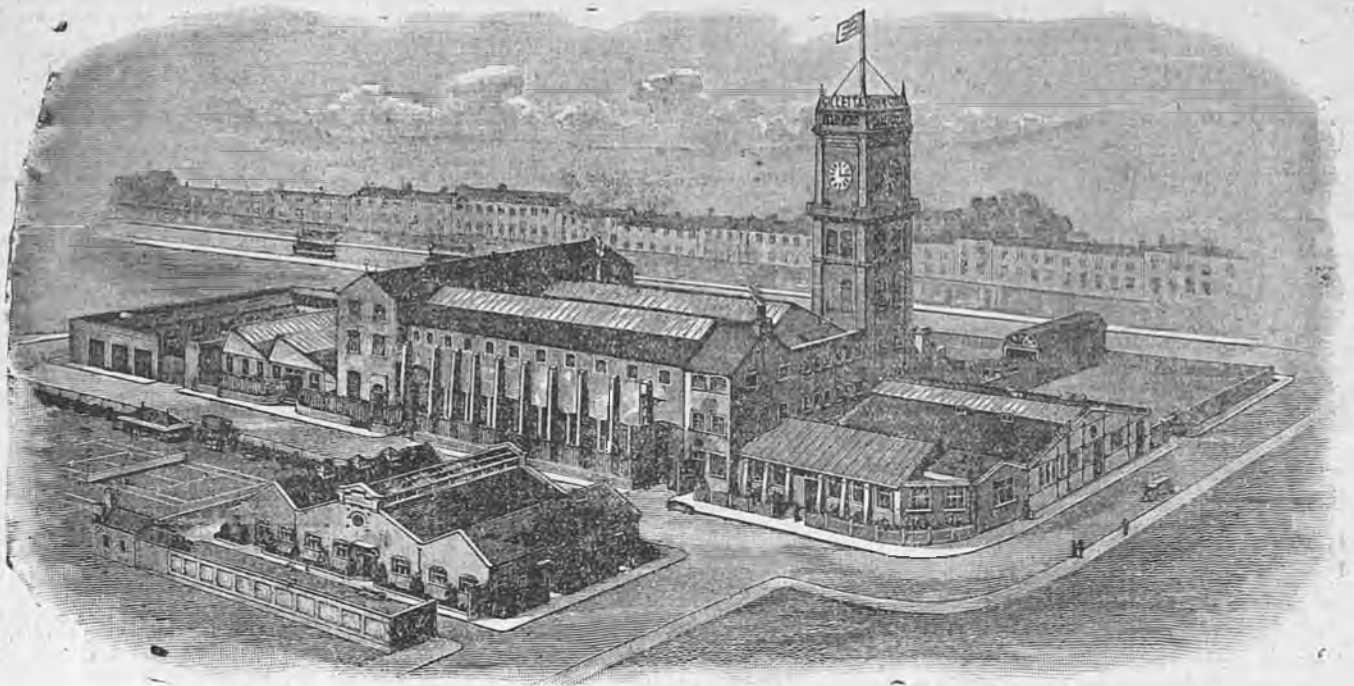
OXFORD SOCIETY.**PROGRESS OF ST. EBBE'S BRANCH.**

The past year has been a very successful one for the St. Ebbe's Branch, and must indeed be a record for the society. They have rung 110 complete 720's in fifteen different methods, viz., seven Surprise methods and eight plain, viz.: London Surprise, 9; Superlative Surprise, 6; Cambridge Surprise, 20; York Surprise, 2; Chichester Surprise, 2; Durham Surprise, 2; Worcester Surprise, 3; Canterbury Pleasure, 3; Double Oxford, 2; Kent Treble Bob, 15; Oxford Treble Bob, 14; Oxford Single Bob, 5; College Single, 7; Plain Bob, 16; and Double Court, 1. These were rung in nine different towers, but 70 720's were rung at St. Ebbe's. Since this company was formed in July, 1919, they have not missed a single Sunday for services ringing. The ringers taking part were: F. T. Clinkard, 107 720's; F. Beckett, 98; P. Taylor, 93; W. Harris, 93; W. H. B. Wilkins, 93; C. Colas, 64. Other visitors who took part were: G. Stone, H. Miles, T. Payne, H. Tolley, A. Browning, and W. Smith and W. Jeffreys.

THANET.—On March 10th, at St. Lawrence Church, Thanet, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Foster (first 500) 1, S. G. Twyman 2, L. Twyman 3, W. J. Jarman (conductor) 4, W. G. Birch 5, A. E. Jarman 6, J. Blythman 7, J. Jarman 8.

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BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, when members from Darfield, Wath, Felkirk, Wortley, etc., were present, with several local members.

The balance sheet was presented, and showed that after paying expenses the amount standing to the credit of the society is £7 9s. 2d.—This was considered satisfactory.—Mr. Normington, Cherry Tree Farm, Felkirk, was elected president; the treasurer, Mr. A. Panther (Wath), and secretary, Mr. C. D. Potter, were re-elected.—A general discussion followed on the question of the society being essentially for Minor ringing, and, a vote being taken, it proved that the meeting was in favour of this principle being given first preference.

The Secretary was instructed to write the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' stating that the society approve of the price of the paper being raised, so that the journal may continue in the interests of ringers and ringing.

A vote of thanks to Rector and churchwardens was passed, and Penistone was selected for the next meeting, on Saturday, Feb. 12th.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

A most successful practice meeting of the Woodbridge District was held at Wickham Market on Saturday, March 5th, when members, numbering about 25, attended from Aldeburgh, Blaxhall, Creetingham, Debenham, Grundisburgh, Hasketon, Leiston, Kelsale, Uford, and the local tower. The bells (6), which were placed at the disposal of members by the Rev. C. P. Heywood, were kept going throughout the afternoon and evening in various Minor methods, ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise.

The Vicar very generously provided tea for the ringers, which was much enjoyed and appreciated. Pettistree tower was also visited, and the meeting was one of the most successful ever held in the district.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Blaxhall, the District Secretary to make necessary arrangements.

MUFFLED BELLS.

DEATH OF THE BISHOP OF ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH.

Much muffled ringing was done throughout Suffolk as a last tribute of respect to the late Lord Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. Chief among this was the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.

Among the touches were the following:—

SUDBURY.—On Saturday evening, March 5th, 700 changes of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, and two short touches of Grandsire Triples for morning service on Mar. 6th. The ringers taking part were: G. Dixon, C. Clark, M. Silvester, S. Howell, W. Heard, A. Scott, D. Elliott (conductor); G. Tatum, A. Maxim.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Friday evening, March 4th, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of the Bishop's funeral, 864 Double Norwich Major, with the bells half-muffled: J. Hammond 1, S. Rowe 2, P. Woods 3, W. Groom 4, T. H. Chappell 5, G. Rowe 6, W. C. Rumsey (conductor) 7, E. F. Grimes 8.—On Sunday, March 6th, for morning service (with clappers muffled), 400 Double Norwich Major: E. E. Grimes 1, S. Rowe 2, P. Woods 3, W. Groom 4, T. H. Chappell 5, W. Ruffles 6, W. C. Rumsey 7, G. Rowe 8. For evening service, 1,280 in the same method, in 46 mins.: W. Groom 1, S. Rowe 2, P. Woods 3, G. Rowe 4, T. H. Chappell 5, W. Ruffles 6, W. C. Rumsey (conductor) 7, E. E. Grimes 8. Longest length in the method by the ringers of 2, 5 and 6.

DEATH OF A TENTERDEN RINGER.

We deeply regret to record the loss of John J. Manktelow, for many years secretary of St. Mildred's band of ringers, Tenterden. He was also a sidesman at the church, and a member of the Kent County Association. He had only rung about ten peals, but was always ready and willing to do his part for the Sunday Service ringing, and upon any other occasion when the bells were required. He had been in failing health for three or four years past, and latterly epileptic fits developed to which eventually he succumbed. The funeral took place at St. Mildred's Church on Friday, March 11th, when his brother ringers rang the bells, muffled, before the service, and after the interment, while in the evening several courses of Grandsire Triples were rung by: L. Beale, E. Burgess, E. Parsons, G. Sims, H. Baker, W. Savage, C. Tribe, O. Hodges. The deceased was 45 years of age, and leaves a wife and four sons to mourn their loss, and they have the heartfelt sympathy of the ringers, who will miss him very much.

MORE SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BIGGLESWADE BEDS.—On Sunday, March 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: C. F. Page (first quarter and first attempt) 1, W. Wagstaff 2, H. Summers 3, E. Shatton 4, A. Pratt 5, R. Olney 6, C. A. Pratt (conductor) 7, A. Franklin 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, March 20th, at the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins.: W. Ayles 1, Miss E. M. Burnett 2, A. G. Rose 3, W. Baker 4, L. W. Aitken 5, P. J. Cook 6, W. Tate (conductor) 7, F. O. Edney 8. Miss E. M. Burnett has the distinction of being the first local lady to ring a quarter-peal in any method. First quarter by W. Ayles and by A. Rose, who hails from Poole.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—West Wales Association. — At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 12th, in 1 hr. 12 mins., a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,921 changes): F. Stone 1, D. Rees 2, E. Stitch 3, W. Nulton 4, J. Bloxham 5, H. Perry 6, A. J. Pitman (composer and conductor) 7, F. Attwell 8. This composition contains the 24 67's at back stroke; also several 74's.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On Sunday, March 5th, for Confirmation service, a 720 Bob Minor: G. Petter 1, G. Elstone 2, Rev. E. B. James (conductor) 3, G. W. Steere 4, F. E. Daws 5, A. H. Pulling 6.

BALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's, West Baling, for morning service, Mar. 6th, and also as a birthday compliment to ringer of the 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: P. E. Clark 1, E. J. Watson 2, W. H. Stevens 3, H. E. Good 4, A. R. Macdonald 5, A. Harding 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, H. Belcher 8.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, 6th March, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 1260 Bob Minor: J. French 1, P. Marchant 2, W. Burrell 3, A. J. Pierpoint 4, A. Cansley 5, J. A. Hart (conductor) 6.

KENSINGTON.—St. Mary Abbot's Guild.—On Sunday, March 6th, at St. Mary Abbot's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. V. Sinkins 1, H. G. Miles 2, R. Holloway 3, P. Miles 4, A. V. Selby 5, W. E. Garrard 6, C. Charge (composer and conductor) 7, M. A. E. Take 8. Rung as a farewell to C. Charge, who started for New Zealand on March 10th, his brother ringers wishing him 'health and happiness' in his new home.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL WAR MEMORIAL.

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged in these columns	256	7	4
Branch Meeting (Olveston), Bristol	1	10	0
Remnant Tea and Social	0	3	0
Mr. R. Brough (Croydon)	0	5	0
Mr. York Bramble (Brighton)	0	5	0
Tortworth Tower (Wotton)	2	0	6
Stone Tower (Wotton)	7	5	0
W. K. Taylor (Wotton)	0	5	0
Chipping Sodbury (Wotton)	2	3	0
Branch Meeting (Wotton)	2	6	6
Holy Trinity, Cirencester	1	4	6
St. Philip, Anon, Bristol	1	1	0
Rev. M. E. Thorold, Bristol	1	1	0
Mr. W. Stafford, Bristol	0	10	6
Organ Recital, St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol	5	0	0
Gloucester Branch Meeting	1	10	0
Swindon Branch Meeting	1	10	0
Stroud Branch Meeting	1	6	0
Lieut.-Col. Gibbs, M.P., Bristol, W.	0	10	0
Amounts collected not yet received	4	0	0
Total	£300	3	4

MR. F. R. HIBBERT'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 4 (conducted 3); Grandsire Caters, 1; Erin Triples, 1 (1); Stedman Triples, 36 (3); Stedman Caters, 4; Stedman Cinqnes, 2; Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 12; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Double Norwich Major, 4; Superlative Surprise Major, 15 (2); New Cambridge Major, 3; Cambridge Major, 3; Cambridge Royal, 1; Bristol Surprise Major, 8; London Surprise Major, 3; total, 109 (conducted 9). Rung in 30 towers.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

PUBLICATION.

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A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

Our message this week is from the Lord Bishop of Sheffield, who has shown himself so keenly interested in the welfare of ringers. As Suffragan Bishop of Lewes he identified himself with the work of the Sussex Association, and since his promotion to Sheffield has in many ways shown how closely he follows the work of the ringing organisations in his populous diocese. In the midst of manifold duties, the Bishop has kindly found time to contribute an Easter message to the Sunday Service Ringers' page.

Among the individual 'long service' records which are worthy of mention are two from High Ercall, Salop. Mr. Thomas Breeze has rung the tenor at that church regularly twice every Sunday for 33 years, being absent only when illness necessitated. Mr. R. Hughes has been 'leader' at the belfry for practically the same length of time.

A correspondent has asked us the meaning of 1, 4th and 5th over the calling of a touch of Treble Bob on this page. '1' is to call the tenor into the slow; 4th to call the tenor to make the bob, and 5th to call the tenor in 5-6 up, which, of course, is the Wrong lead, if there be no bob.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS. — On Sunday, March 20th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and published on this page last week: F. W. Bond 1, W. G. Cook 2, F. J. Lewis 3, J. E. Waters 4, J. Butler (conductor) 5, H. Lewis 6, H. C. Bond 7, J. Hayward 8.

PRITTLEWELL. — On Sunday morning, March 13th, by the local company, a course of Treble Bob Royal. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Redwell 1, S. W. Corden 2, C. Chalk 3, W. Dowsett 4, H. T. Wilson (conductor) 5, G. E. Wilson 6, W. Dudley 7, H. M. Kebby 8.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY. — At the Parish Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas, on Sunday, March 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: A. C. Otway 1, W. E. Otway 2, W. Messam 3, H. Harman 4, E. Hull (conductor) 7, A. Dean 8. For evening service, 719 Grandsire Caters, in 30 mins.: W. Messam 1, G. Cook 2, A. C. Otway 3, W. E. Otway 4, J. Wyatt 5, J. White 6, W. Marks 7, A. Harman 8, A. Dean (conductor) 9, E. Hull 10.

CHRIST CHURCH, HANTS. — Winchester Diocesan Guild. — On Sunday, March 13th, at the Priory Church, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect and sympathy for the late Vicar Rev. W. Marshall, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins., for morning service: H. Lambert (1st quarter) 1, E. Hinton 2, L. Stone 3, G. Stone 4, F. Sparshott 5, W. Fowler 6, G. Preston (conductor) 7, H. Preston 8. For the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,266 changes), in 59 mins.: A. Heath 1, E. Hinton 2, L. Stone 3, R. Vincent 4, G. Stone 5, S. Best 6, F. Sparshott 7, A. Best 8, G. Preston (conductor) 9, H. Preston 10.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE. — Yorkshire Association. — On Sun-

day, March 13th, in 1 hour 12 mins., at the Church of St. Matthew, a date touch of 1,921 changes: F. Bradley (Halifax) 1, J. Tetterington (Bradford) 2, J. H. Mawson (Bradford) 3, Joe Greenwood 4, H. Wright 5, A. Wright 6, E. Wheeler (conductor), Bradford, 7, A. Jagger 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT. — At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, March 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 43 mins.: R. A. Poedike 1, T. A. Easterby 2, A. G. Bennington 3, S. Wright (St. John's, Peterborough) 4, J. Crowder 5, J. Law 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

PETERBOROUGH. — At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Sunday, March 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: V. Butler 1, F. Dainty 2, F. Cooke 3, Phyllis Hare 4, W. Cross 5, H. Beechey 6, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 7, T. Bowling 8.

PUTNEY. — At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, March 6th, 872 Bob Major from 'The Ringing World' of March 4th: *C. Moody 1, T. Bolton 2, C. Chocot 3, C. Collis 4, *H. Moody 5, W. Worsley 6, A. Jones 7, J. Herbert (conductor) 8. * Longest length in the method.

AN EASTER MESSAGE

BY THE LORD BISHOP OF SHEFFIELD.

On no Sunday in the whole year are the church bells so full of hope and joy as on Easter Day. You can almost hear in their music as it peals from the old church tower the glorious pean of the Resurrection, 'Jesus Christ is risen to-day.' On that day, more than any other, the Christians who hear them flock to the Sacred Feast in the House of God. Young and old they answer to the cry of the bells, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' The Risen Christ, the Saviour of the World, will be there, longing to meet His children, and enter into Communion with them. The sound of the bells not only bears witness to Christ's triumph in the past, His presence at the moment, and to the 'far-off divine event, to which the whole creation moves.' It provides a renewal of humanity here, if only we will rise to newness of life.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ which is to be.

Think on these things, ye that ring the bells on Easter Day, and you will ring better than you have ever done before.

LEONARD H. SHEFFIELD.

RUNGAY, SUFFOLK. — On Sunday, March 6th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, with tenor covering: H. Barrel 1, F. Sayer 2, E. Lincoln 3, T. Beckett 4, H. Fairhead 5, A. Williams (conductor) 6, C. Woods 7. Rung with half-muffled clappers, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

WORLESDON, SURREY. — On Sunday, March 6th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 720 of St. Clement's Minor, in 50 mins.: T. Schofield 1, C. Slyfield 2, Miss K. Avenell 3, G. Chandler 4, S. Petter (conductor) 5, H. Blackman 6. First in the method by all the band.

TONBRIDGE, KENT. — On Sunday, Mar. 6, the following touches were rung, with the bells half-muffled, to the memory of the late Canon C. G. Baskerville, who was for some years Vicar of Tonbridge. He died at Southborough at the age of 91 years, and was buried at

Tonbridge Cemetery on the previous Friday. Grandsire Triples and Stedman Doubles for morning service, the last 700 of Holt's Original, for evening service. Those taking part in the ringing were: A. Aylward, A. Cheal, C. Cooke, J. Draper, H. Harrington, W. Hollands, W. J. Wolfe, W. Stead, J. P. Cox (Seal Chart), and G. L. Stonestreet (conductor).

BARLEY, HERTS. — At St. Margaret's Church, on Sunday, March 6th, for confirmation service 600 Stedman Doubles and 480 Grandsire: W. Simons 1, K. Howard 2, W. Mansfield (conductor) 3, H. Howard 4, A. Howard 5. — On Sunday, March 13th, for morning service, 600 Stedman Doubles, conducted by R. Howard. Longest touch of Stedman on the bells.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS. — On Sunday evening, March 6th, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor: J. Chapman 1, A. Bolton 2, G. Olney 3, G. Emmett 4, H. Edwards 5, W. Eicombo (conductor) 6. The first 720 of Minor ever rung in the village by an entirely local band.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

464 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.
2345678 1 2 3 4 6
7326548 S — — —
5327648 S — — — S
7236648 — — — —
5243678 — S S S
2345678 — — — —
Contains 'Queen's' and Whittington's at hand stroke.
G. Hollis.

TWO 504's STEDMAN TRIPLES.
2314567
4317256 1 8
5517246 5
2314567 3 8
1354267 — —
4321567 — —
Each twice repeated.
J. Carter.

539 GRANDSIRE CATERS.
23456789
62354978 7 1 and 0 at 3 with S
42365 1 S and 8-9 S
34265 9 in 3
23465879 1, 3, 4 S
42365 8 in 3
34265 8 in 3
J. George.

464 BOB MAJOR.
23456 W B M R
35264 1 3
23456 — — —
832 BOB MAJOR.
23456 B 5th's 4th's
35264 1 — — S
42365 — — —
Three times repeated.
J. A. Trollope.

NOTICES.

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NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—For the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk.—A general meeting of the Norwich Branch of the Association will be held at Fakenham on Easter Monday, March 28th. Dinner will be served at the Church Hall Rooms at 1.30 p.m., followed by the general business meeting, the Very Reverend the Dean of Norwich presiding. Dinner tickets 3/6 per head. Members intending being present must notify the same to the Secretary by Friday, March 25th. By kind permission of the Rectors, the ring of eight at Fakenham and the ring of six at Great Ryburgh will be available for the use of members.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Ipswich Branch.—A general meeting will be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday, March 28th. By kind permission of the authorities, all rings of bells will be available. Business meeting (for the election of officers, etc.) immediately following dinner, which will be served at 2 o'clock, Day's Restaurants, Cornhill, at 3/6 per head.—E. Evans, Hon. Branch Sec., 21, Springfield Lane, Ipswich.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Monmouth on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells (8) available all day. Business meeting at 2.30.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting of the Division will be held at Burgess Hill on Easter Monday, March 28th. Tower open 2 p.m. and onward. Service at 4 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation) at 4.30 p.m. Half railway fare (maximum 2/-).—A. D. Stone, Div. Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Old Windsor on Easter Monday, March 28th, when members and friends will be welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Russell Napier, and the churchwardens of St. Peter's Church. Service at the Parish Church at 4 p.m., with an address by the Rev. Canon Coleridge, of Crowthorne. Tea at the Tapestry Hall at 5 o'clock. Business meeting at 6 p.m., the Vice-President in the chair. By kind permission of the several clergy, the following peals of bells will be available for combined practice and touches. Teams will make their own arrangements to ensure good ringing. Slough, 10.30 to 11.30. Clewer, 12 to 1. Old Windsor, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9. Windsor Parish Church, 7 to 8.30.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Whitby on Easter Monday, March 28th. Bells (10, tenor 18 cwt.) available all day. Dinner will be provided at Hood Pier Cafe at 1 p.m. prompt. Members 2/6; non-members 3/6. Any notice of motion or any alterations to rules must be sent in previous to this meeting, as per Rule IX. All friends kindly invited.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual Meeting, St. Albans, Easter Monday.—Service in the Cathedral, 5 p.m. Address by the Rev. Canon Parnell, Vicar of Abbots Langley. 6 p.m. Tea in the Abbey Institute, followed by business meeting. Towers open as follows: Abbey, 12 noon (by arrangement with the steeple-keeper); others at 2 p.m. Ringing at six bell-towers earlier in the day by applying to me. If, dear reader, you are coming, please let me know, so that I can make ample arrangements for tea.—G.W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Streatham on Easter Monday, March 28th. The bells at St. Leonard's will be open for ringing from 2.30 to 5 p.m. and those at Immanuel from 3 p.m. and after the business meeting. Service at Immanuel at 5 p.m. Tea in Mission Room at 5.30; meeting after.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. District Sec., 47, Beddington Grove, Wallington.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Deptford on Easter Monday, March 28th. Committee meeting 11.45 a.m. (St. Nicholas Vestry). Service at St. Nicholas 12.30 p.m. Address by the Vicar, Rev. T. W. Pitman. Dinner in Church Room, 1.30 p.m. Business after dinner. Towers open for ringing: St. Nicholas (8), St. John's (8), Lewisham (8), Woolwich (8), Greenwich (10).—Fred. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, March 28th. The Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., will preside at the general meeting in the Chapter House at 2.15 p.m. He will unveil the Memorial Window in the Cathedral Cloisters at 3.30 p.m. and will give an address at the service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Vaulted Hall of the Deanery. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints' (10); St. Helen's (8); St. Nicholas' (6); and St. John's (6).—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A General meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Scarborough, on Easter Monday, March 28th. Tea will be provided in St. Mary's Schools, at a cost of 1/6 per head. Divine service in St. Mary's Church at 4.30 p.m.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, at St. David's Church, Bangor, at 2 p.m.—C. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley, Nr. Chester.

ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General meeting will be held at Cambridge, on Easter Monday, 28th March. Service at St. Mary the Great, 12.30, followed by lunch and business meeting at the Dorothy Cafe, Sidney Street. The bells at St. Mary the Great, St. Andrew, and Chesterton, will be available during the day.—A. E. Austin, Gen. Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Worksop, on Easter Monday. The eight bells of the Priory Church will be at the disposal of visitors from noon to 8.30 p.m. Tea at the Priory Gate House at 5 p.m. at a nominal charge of 1/- each. Members of kindred societies welcomed.—Sam Thomas, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight Branch.—First meeting Easter Monday at St. Saviour's, Shanklin. Bells available. Business meeting 3.15.—W. Upton, Dist. Hon. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I. of W.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual general meeting will be held at Bedford, on Easter Monday, March 28th. Service in St. Paul's Church at noon, followed by luncheon and business meeting in St. Paul's Church Lads' Drill Hall, St. Loyes (by kind permission), at 1 p.m. The Association will pay part cost of the luncheon. St. Paul's, St. Peter's and Elstow bells available from 9 a.m. Fine peal at Cardington, after 3 p.m. Bromham by request. Visitors cordially welcomed.—Edwd. P. Duffield, Hon. Gen. Sec., Sharnbrock, Beds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Leicester Meeting.—The Committee will meet at the Church House, St. Martin's East, 3 o'clock prompt.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Leicester. St. Martin's Tower will not be open for ringing until 12 o'clock.—H. Broughton, Hon. Sec., St. Martin's Society.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on March 31st, Southwark Cathedral on the 29th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual general committee meeting will be held on Saturday, April 2nd, at 3.30 p.m., in the G.W.R. Temperance Institute, Reading (adjoining No. 1 Platform, G.W.R. Station). Will committeemen please notify their intention to be present or otherwise, so that arrangements may be made for tea afterwards.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next 6-bell contest and meeting will be held at Kirkheaton, on Saturday, April 2nd. Draw at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided (1/6 each) for those who notify Mr. Frank Hargreave, Shop Lane, Kirkheaton, on or before March 28th.—Willie Frith, Secretary.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The Annual Dinner and Concert will be held at The Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, Saturday, April 2nd, at 6 o'clock. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, can be obtained from Mr. J. D. Matthews, 130, Clonmore Street, S.W.18; Mr. F. Smith, 48, Mansfield Road, N.W.; Mr. A. Hardy, 37, Hubert Grove, S.W.9; Mr. B. Foskett, 1, Olive Road, N.W.7; Mr. R. Warner, Spitalfields Bell Foundry, E.1, and the Hon. Sec. The bells of St. Bride's will be available from 4 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A Ringing meeting will be held at Bucknall, on Saturday, April 2nd. Please notify me on or before March 26th, how many intend to be present from your Tower.—E. Steele, 109, George St., Sandford Hill, Longton, and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, April 2nd. Tower open 2.30. Service at 5.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. All those who intend being present kindly notify me by March 30th. The subscriptions for 1921 are now over due.—A. W. Groves, Div. Sec., 9 Sugden Road, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. The next Monthly meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cullompton on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (10) available at 2.30. Service at 4.45. Tea (1/-) in the Church Room at 5.15. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me before the previous Wednesday.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Next meeting (quarterly), to be held at Melksham, April 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock service 4.30. Tea 5. Will ringers requiring tea advise me early.—Harold F. Brown, Hon. Sec., 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Standish on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) ready 3.30. Meeting 6.30. Tea at 2s. per head to those who notify Mr. J. Gray, 9a, Church Street, Standish, before 29th March.—J. Halsall, Hon. Sec., 97 Platt Lane, Hindley.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Armley on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available from 4 p.m. Business meeting (for nominations) will be held in the White Horse Hotel at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A district meeting will be held at Chester-le-street on April 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m.—John G. Green, North View, Second Pit, Fence Houses.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells ready 2.30. Divine Service 4.30. Tea 5.0. Kindly notify me by Wednesday, March 30th, those requiring tea.—R. F. Turner, Hon. Dis. Sec., 160, St. Peter's Avenue, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—T. H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—The quarterly general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Monday, April 4th. Bells available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow at the Edinburgh.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—District meeting at Oakley, on Saturday, April 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45, for which 6d. allowed to members informing me not later than Tuesday, April 5th. Business meeting after tea.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Tyldesley, on Saturday, 9th April. Bells available 4.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, Saturday, April 9th, by permission of the Vicar (Rev. Sharp). Tea

will be provided by the Vicar for all who let me know by April 3rd.—w. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, Chiswick.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone (10), on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock with Address by the Vicar, Canon Hardcastle. Further particulars next week.—S. Hayzelden, Dis. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. Dr. Swindell. Tea in the Schoolroom at 6, 1/- each. Please send word not later than Tuesday, April 5th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The Half-yearly meeting will be held at Frindsbury, near Rochester, recently augmented to 8, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available from 3 to 9. Service at 5 conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. P. Pascoe, M.A. By kind invitation of the Vicar, tea will be provided in the Parish Hall, followed by the business meeting. All those wishing to partake of tea must notify me by first post Tuesday, 5th April, as provision will only be made for those sending in their names.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Will members please note that the Annual general meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch on Saturday, April 16th? Full particulars will be announced later.—C. T. Coles, W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next Monthly meeting of the above Branch will be held at Pucklechurch, on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5, at the Fleur-de-Lys. A char-a-banc will leave Old Market Street, Bristol, at 2.30 p.m. Members and friends requiring seats and tea please notify me as soon as possible.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 30th. Tea in Co-operative Hall at 5.15, at 2/- per head. Members wanting tea must send their names to their Branch Secretaries, on or before Tuesday, April 26th. Visitors to advise me.—Reginald Bond, Hon. Sec., St. Peter's Rectory, Lincoln.

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A PRACTICAL MEMORIAL SCHEME.

Most of the ringing associations have settled upon the form of memorial to their members who fell in the War, and in several cases the scheme has been carried through to a successful issue. In other instances the proposals are formulated and are awaiting the completion of the necessary funds. One or two more are not quite decided upon the form in which to perpetuate the memory of those comrades who made the supreme sacrifice; but a decision has just been come to by the Hereford Diocesan Guild, who have, at the suggestion of their Ringing Master, adopted a very practical scheme. They intend to recast the tenor at All Saints' Church, Hereford, a thirty-hundredweight bell, which has been cracked and silent for more than fifty years.

To carry out this proposal a sum of one hundred pounds has got to be raised, but there is every reason to believe that this amount will be forthcoming, if only because of the enthusiasm which is certain to be put into the project by Mr. Charles Edwards, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Fund, who has, during the last two or three years, done so much to awaken interest in ringing in the towers of Herefordshire. It is to Mr. Edwards that the initiation of the scheme is due, and he has already secured the generous help of a lady in the city who will bear the cost of the re-hanging and restoration of the whole peal if the ringers raise the £100 necessary for recasting the tenor. Mr. Edwards appeals to ringers both inside and outside the Hereford Guild to assist by subscriptions, and we have no doubt that many will readily respond. It is, of course, up to the members of the Diocesan Guild to rally to the support of the proposal, which will restore to them one of the finest peals of eight in the Diocese. With the revived interest for ringing which has recently been created in the Guild, there should be a generous response, and with the help from outside, there ought to be little difficulty in achieving the object aimed at.

Recently there have been numerous appeals made for help in raising funds for bell restorations, and we feel that Church authorities have a right to look to ringers, who enjoy the use of bells, for assistance in cases of need. Some associations have special funds devoted to this purpose, but they are usually very limited in extent. We should like to see this method of practical help further extended among ringing societies, and a useful sum could be provided by an annual voluntary levy among members, without imposing any severe tax. A donation given officially from an association to deserving and approved cases of restoration would demonstrate to Church authorities that ringers are willing to share the cost of putting bells in order as well as sharing in the enjoyment of them when restoration has been carried out.

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CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THORSTANS'. Tenor 14 cwt.	
GEORGE R. JONES Treble	*ARTHUR NEWELL 5
HARRY F. HOLDING 2	JOHN W. DAVIES 6
*HARRY OVERTON 3	RICHARD T. HOLDING 7
ROBERT SPERRING 4	FRANK FOX Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the colours of the late 8th, 9th, 23rd and 52nd Battalions of the Cheshire Regiment being handed over to the Mayor of Chester for safe keeping.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SPITALFIELDS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 33½ cwt.

HAROLD W. CLARK Treble	JOHN ARMSTRONG 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	REUBEN SANDERS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Armstrong.

LECKHAMPTON.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

THOMAS HUNT Treble	GEORGE WALTERS 5
FREDERICK A. PRAIT 2	WILLIAM TOWNSEND 6
ARTHUR CAUDLE 3	JOHN F. BALLINGER 7
ALFRED F. HUNT 4	WILLIAM HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by F. J. BALLINGER.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	ALFRED H. WATSON 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
DAVID COLLINS 3	HARRY HALL 7
*ERNEST CURTIS 4	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. D. Collins, one of the five surviving members of the band that rang the 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob on June 6th, 1892, at Debenham.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.) (SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THORSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.	
JEFFREY R. GAMMON Treble	ISAAC J. ATTWATER 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	HARRY MANCE 6
ROBERT G. CHAPPELLE 3	WILLIAM H. PICKETT 7
ERNEST J. KING 4	*HERBERT SPINK Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

First peal on tower bells by J. R. Gammon, who rang his first two peals in less than 24 hours. * First peal.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*EPHRAIM W. RANDES... ..Treble	JOHN OLDHAM 5
JOHN SWINFELD 2	THOMAS H. VALLENCE 6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
*ROLAND O. POLLARD 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringer of the treble hails from Hugglescote, 2nd Burton-on-Trent, 3rd and 4th Nuneaton, 5th Loughborough, remainder Leicester.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

OWEN H. GILES ... ..Treble	D. C. WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O. 5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 2	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 6
CHARLES J. FRAY 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... ..Tenor

Composed by HARRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to C. A. Valentine, of Stony Stratford, Bucks, formerly a respected member of the North Stoneham ringers, 1907-1908.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
(St. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 19, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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

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

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 19, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A flat.

ROBERT SPERRING ... ..Treble	ARTHUR NEWELL... .. 5
EDWARD HARRISON 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
FRANK FOX 3	WALTER THOMAS... .. 7
AUSTIN GREGORY 4	ROBERT GREGORY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN OLDHAM ... ..Treble	HAROLD G. JENNEY 5
WILLIAM THORLEY 2	HARRY BROUGHTON 6
GEORGE CLEAL 3	SHIRLEY BURTON... .. 7
W. ERNEST CARTWRIGHT ... 4	WILLIAM SMITH ... ..Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BROUGHTON.

First peal in the method away from tenor by ringer of the 2nd, for whom the peal was arranged. W. Smith has now rung every bell in the tower to a peal.

SHEPHERD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

*PERCY HARRISON ... ..Treble	EDGAR VALLENCE 5
HARRY BROUGHTON 2	THOMAS H. VALLENCE 6
*HAROLD POOLE 3	JOHN OLDHAM 7
*SHIRLEY BURTON 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. Quickest peal on the bells. The composition has the 5th 12 times W. and R., and the 6th 18 times W. and R., and is now rung for the first time.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent, Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WALTER MILLER, JUN. ...Treble	REGINALD ABBOTT 4
EDWARD JENKINS... .. 2	PERCY POTTER 5
ERNEST CURTIS 3	HARRY HALL ... ..Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal in seven methods on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Curtis, who belongs to the local band.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 32 six-scores with extremes, 10 of Grandsire each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

THOMAS BENT ... ..Treble	HORACE OVER 3
ERNEST MORRIS 2	ROWLAND BARROW 4
ARTHUR CATTELL... ..Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, which were the gift of the late Charles Brook, Esq., in 1868. They are most difficult to handle owing to the clock case and cross bars just above the ringers' heads.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN BAYLISS ... ..Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

* First peal of Minor.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, College Exercise Woodbine and two 720's of Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES NUNN ... ..Treble	ALPHETS BERRY... .. 4
EDWARD YOUNGS... .. 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 5
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	WILLIAM ROSE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 16, 1921, in One Hour and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At 90, BLACKMAN LANE, LEEDS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART.

JAMES R. KEMP 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	JOHN AMBLER 7-8

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON. Attested by F. TURNER.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.) (SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)
ST. GILES', CAMBERWELL, SOCIETY.

On Friday, March 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
IN THE TOWER OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
CAMBERWELL, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in B flat.

ERNEST J. KING 1-2	ISAAC J. ATTWATER 5-6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 3-4	ALBERT C. V. GASSON 7-8

JEFFERY R. GAMMON 9-10

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.
Umpires: JOHN CARTER and R. G. CHAPPEL.
First peal by J. R. Gammon, whose age is 13 years.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, March 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT STATION BUILDINGS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In five methods, viz., 12 each of Plain Bob and Original, six each of Canterbury Pleasure, College Single and Grandsire.

*WILLIAM HARRIS 1	DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4
REGINALD HARRISON 2	PERCY LANE 5-6

Conducted by D. T. MATKIN.
Witness: WILLIAM BENIAMS.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles in five methods 'in hand,' for the Guild and in the county. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Harris.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very successful and instructive meeting of the North-Western Division was held at St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, Harlow, on Saturday, March 19th, about 30 members being present from Harlow Common, Edmonton, Great Munden, Hunsdon, Bishop's Stortford, Stansted, Saffron Walden, Cambridge, Stapleford, Newmarket, Chelmsford, Brockley, Roydon, Nazeing; also the local company. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major were successfully brought round. The thanks of the meeting are due to Mr. W. Hobbs, of Harlow, for kindly arranging tea in the Parish Room at such short notice.

At the business meeting which followed, the District Master (Mr. F. Pitstow) presided, supported by the General Secretary and late Secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association (Mr. A. E. Austin and Mr. T. R. Dennis). Several new members were elected, including Miss V. Shorter and Mr. R. Lathbury as life members.

It was decided that the next meeting be held at Wenden.

The Rev. W. Errington, of Hunsdon, suggested that his neighbouring towers should organise periodical meetings to help each other.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells was accorded, on the motion of Mr. F. Pitstow.

During the ringing, the Vicar (the Rev. J. L. Wilkinson) came into the belfry and congratulated the ringers on the beautiful ringing he had heard, and informed the secretary he would like to become a member of the association.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Violet, College Exercise and Woodbine and 2 each of Kent and Oxford. Tenor 16 cwt.

MISS NORA E. SHORTER ... Treble	GEORGE ILLMAN 4
ALBERT ELLIS 2	GEORGE ELLIS 5
ARTHUR KNAP 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

ASH, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent, Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Single Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*WILLIAM DENYER ... Treble	HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 4
ALBERT J. CROUCHER 2	*HENRY TINSEY 5
ALFRED J. CROUCHER 3	SAMUEL PETTER Tenor

Conducted by H. J. CHAFFEY.

First peal on the bells. * First peal.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)
On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Grandsire, Double-Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE GARDNER ... Treble	JOHN TAYLOR 4
HARRY O. WHITE 2	CHARLES AYLETT 5
HUBERT SUMMERS 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

First peal in seven methods on the bells, also by all the band.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*FRANK R. COPPEMAN ... Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
*ALBERT ROUGHT 2	*NORMAN R. BAILEY 7
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 3	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 8
CHARLES E. BORRETT 4	*GEORGE MAYERS 9
*WILLIAM E. BASON 5	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

* * First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. Fred. J. Howchin's 200th peal.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*CLAUDE DAVIES ... Treble	†WALTER HUGHES 6
*EDWARD LLOYD 2	*EDWIN BREEZE 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	*JAMES MARTIN 8
*HERBERT LODKIN 4	HENRY W. WILDE 9
*THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... 5	*EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal of Royal as conductor. This is believed to be the first ten-bell peal by this Association in Wales.

HINTS FOR BEGINNERS.

FIRST STEPS IN THE ART.

As an old contributor to these columns, I desire at the beginning of these notes to express the pleasure it gives me once again to have the opportunity, afforded by the enlargement of the paper, to do something, however small, to help along the campanological road those who are taking their first steps. First steps are always difficult, and the early obstacles that are often encountered by those who desire to pursue our art sometimes prove so insuperable that the beginner, feeling that the task is beyond his capacity, either gives up ringing, or remains content to be a call change ringer or a tenorman. Then, too, there are young bands eager to make progress, but who, without the help of an instructor find themselves 'bunkered' at some difficult spot, when with just a little external aid they might go ahead rapidly and achieve success and reap the pleasure which this brings. These are primarily the people that I am enjoined by the Editor particularly to write for, and I will endeavour to do my best to help them.

These articles are not intended to be a text-book on change ringing, but just a series of chats to assist the beginner by putting into simple language hints that will help him solve the many problems that invariably face those who attempt change ringing on scientific principles. Neither will these chats run quite like a serial story, for not everybody who is likely to gain any small amount of knowledge from my feeble pen, is at this moment tackling a subject about which they have absolutely no knowledge whatever. While there will be a kind of main current of instruction for the absolute novice, there will be digressions for the benefit of others who have already made a beginning with change ringing, and for whom something more than the purely elementary is required. And on this point let me say that I invite any ringers who are seeking help in the art to write to me of their difficulties, and, if I can assist them, I shall welcome the opportunity.

It is hardly necessary for me to say, perhaps, that the essence of all ringing is good striking. I would far rather hear well-struck rounds than badly struck changes, and the first step of every aspirant in the art should be the perfect mastery of his (or her) bell. Change ringing requires a good eye, for we have to depend upon what is known as 'ropesight,' in order that the bells may be placed in the right order, but it also requires a good ear so that one may know whether one's bell is being struck in exactly the right position to ensure an even 'beat' with the rest. 'Sight' and 'ear' may not and probably will not come to one immediately, but both may be attained, and I would impress upon the beginner that he may start to acquire the latter as soon as he can ring a bell in rounds. To get a rhythmic beat the bells need to be struck so that the spaces which separate them are equal, the only variation being that there should be a slightly longer space after all the bells have completed a whole pull. In other words, the bells ring two rounds, one at handstroke (when the bells are pulled by the sally), and one at backstroke (when they are pulled by the rope end), in even time, but between the blow of the tenor at backstroke and the lead of the treble at handstroke there should be a slight pause, equal to about the space of another bell or a little more. The sequence would, therefore, run like this—

1234567812345678 1234567812345678 1234567812345678

It is only by adopting this plan that a 'beat,' which is the essence of accurate striking, can be obtained and maintained, and to those who desire to become good change ringers (and by this I mean those who wish their bell ringing, as distinct from their method ringing, to be good) I would say 'don't attempt change ringing until you have absolutely mastered this fundamental requirement.'

Having mastered good round ringing, the next step is to acquire the ability to strike a bell well in changes; and change ringing requires, generally speaking, moving one's bell into a fresh position at each pull. Some bells have to move one place 'up,' that is, further away from lead and others one place down, that is, nearer to lead. Obviously this means changing the 'time' of one's pull, compared with that which is required in rounds, the bell having to be 'held up' slightly each time it goes a step further from lead, and pulled in somewhat quicker as it goes a step down towards lead. Good practice in this may be got by ringing at every handstroke the change 21436587, and at every backstroke 12345678. This may be varied by the treble leading and the tenor covering in order to maintain a better beat, thereby causing the handstroke change to be 13254768, while the backstroke is, again, rounds. This practice enables a ringer to get the 'feel' of his bell in changes, and, if good striking is attained, it is an important step towards securing good ringing when half-pull methods are adopted.

The next stage in progress can be taken by learning what is known as plain hunting. The general principle involved in change ringing is that as many bells as possible move in each 'change,' or 'row.' If we have six bells there are three pairs which can change. Starting from rounds, 123456, we then have 214365. But if we change the three pairs again we come back

to the rounds from which we started. To avoid this we change the two middle pairs on the second occasion, leaving 2 to strike one more blow at lead and 5 to lie one more blow behind and producing the change 241635. This procedure of changing alternately all three pairs, and then the two middle pairs can be followed six times, and if that is done we get the rows of changes shown at the side. If you will examine these figures you will notice, taking the treble as an example, that at each pull you 'hold up' over all the bells in turn, which takes you one place further from lead each time until you reach the last place of all. Then you turn round, and, putting in one more blow, go down by the same regular steps that you went up, getting one place nearer lead each time, and striking over the bells in the same order in going down as you did in going up. After having taken all the bells one at a time, the treble is at last back again at lead, and, when it has completed a whole pull the bells come round. This is termed plain hunting, and all the bells in the example go through exactly the same process, except that they start at different points, some beginning by hunting up and others by hunting down.

CONDUCTOR.

YORKSHIRE SURPRISE.

A MUSICAL AND INTERESTING METHOD.

Yorkshire Surprise, the first peal of which in Royal was rung at Chesterfield on January 29th, was composed by Mr. Arthur Craven in 1898, but few peals of it have been rung, although the method deserves a wider attention than it received.

All peals of Superlative without reverse courses will run to Yorkshire Major, while there are no false course ends to Royal or Maximus if the tenors are kept together. This gives the method an advantage over Cambridge, as it is possible to have the 6th the extent 'home.'

MAJOR.										ROYAL.									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	1	4	3	6	5	8	7			2	1	4	3	6	5	8	7	0	9
1	2	4	6	3	8	5	7			1	2	4	6	3	8	5	0	7	9
2	1	6	4	8	3	7	5			2	1	6	4	8	3	0	5	9	7
2	6	1	4	3	8	5	7			2	6	1	4	3	8	5	0	7	9
6	2	4	1	8	3	7	5			6	2	4	1	8	3	0	5	9	7
2	6	1	4	8	7	3	5			2	6	1	4	8	0	3	9	5	7
6	2	4	1	7	8	5	3			6	2	4	1	0	8	9	3	7	5
6	4	2	7	1	8	3	5			6	4	2	0	1	8	3	9	5	7
4	6	7	2	8	1	5	3			4	6	0	2	8	1	9	3	7	5
4	6	2	7	1	8	3	5			4	6	2	0	1	8	9	7	3	5
6	4	7	2	8	1	5	3			6	4	0	2	8	1	7	9	3	5
4	6	7	8	2	5	1	3			4	6	0	8	2	7	1	9	3	5
6	4	8	7	5	2	3	1			6	4	8	0	7	2	9	1	5	3
6	8	4	7	2	5	1	3			6	8	4	0	2	7	1	9	3	5
8	6	7	4	5	2	3	1			8	6	0	4	7	2	9	1	5	3
6	8	4	7	2	5	3	1			6	8	4	0	7	9	2	5	1	3
8	6	7	4	5	2	1	3			8	6	0	4	9	7	5	2	5	1
8	7	6	4	2	5	3	1			8	0	6	9	4	7	2	5	1	3
7	8	4	6	5	2	1	3			8	0	8	9	6	7	4	5	2	3
8	7	4	5	6	1	2	3			8	0	6	9	4	7	2	5	3	1
7	8	5	4	1	6	3	2			8	0	8	9	6	7	4	5	2	3
7	8	4	5	6	1	2	3			0	9	8	7	6	4	2	5	3	1
8	7	5	4	1	6	3	2			9	0	7	8	4	6	5	2	1	3
8	7	5	4	1	6	3	2			9	0	8	7	4	5	6	1	2	3
5	8	1	7	6	4	3	2			9	0	7	8	5	4	1	6	3	2
8	5	7	1	6	3	4	2			9	7	0	8	4	5	6	1	2	3
5	8	1	7	3	6	2	4			7	9	8	0	5	4	1	6	3	2
5	1	8	7	6	3	4	2			9	5	7	1	8	0	6	3	4	2
1	5	7	8	3	6	2	4			5	9	1	7	0	8	3	6	2	4
1	5	7	8	2	6	4				5	9	7	1	0	3	8	2	6	4
1	5	7	3	8	2	6	4			5	9	1	7	3	0	2	8	4	6
1	5	7	3	8	2	6	4			5	1	7	3	9	2	0	4	8	6
1	5	7	3	8	2	6	4			1	5	3	7	2	9	4	0	6	8

5040 ROYAL, by SAM THOMAS.

23456	M	W	H
42356	—	—	—
65324	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—
62453	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—
32546	—	—	—
43526	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—

Contains the 6th its full extent home. Rung at Chesterfield Jan. 29th, 1921, conducted by its author.

5088 MAJOR, by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

23456	W	H
35264	B	—
63254	—	—
25634	—	—
62534	—	—
53624	—	—
63324	—	—
36524	—	—
23564	—	—

Twice repeated. First rung at New Mills, April 13th, 1903. Conducted by Sam Thomas.

STEDMAN TRIPLES BY ODD BOB.
A TRIP INTO THE REALM OF FIGURES.

Come with me, away from all this jarring tumult. Come into Fairy Land—even into the Fairy Land of Stedman, where the methods cease from troubling and the Lead Ends are at rest.

But I must first warn you that I do not offer to give you a map of that mystic land, but only to act the humble part of a guide and lead you along the trackway that I have followed as a holiday task.

We must start from the 'Brushwood Pile' of solid fact which has been collected in the past; but do not let that damp your ardour. We will visit strange places—aye, and even reach the Lily Lake—the Lily Lake where the Islands slide, and—who knows?—perhaps also make our way along the 'Thirty mile fide' to its very last milestone, the one on which is inscribed the mystic motto, 'This is all,' and where all the peals come round.

But we must come back to the Brushwood Pile, from which we will take all the Plain Courses of Stedman.

Now I know that the experts say that there are no plain courses of Stedman, and, theoretically they are right, maybe. But who cares? This is Stedman Triples we are dealing with. The same old Stedman that we have known and rung and sworn by all our lives, aye, and maybe, sworn at too, when things went awkward in the slow. And we are going to ring it still and ever call it Stedman. So let us get back to our plain courses.

Here they are. Three hundred and sixty in all, and a nice little pile to handle. Fortunately, however, they arrange themselves nicely into six groups with sixty in each, as follows:—

- I. 1 2 3 4 5 6 3 8 9 10 11 5 13 14
- II. 10 11 4 5 7 5 6 8 14 10 11 12 13 14
- III. 10 11 5 7 12 7 5 13 14 10 2 3 8 14
- IV. 1 2 6 6 6 3 12 13 9 1 2 6 13 9
- V. 10 2 7 12 3 12 7 8 14 1 2 7 8 9
- VI. 1 11 12 3 4 4 4 8 9 1 11 4 8 9

I. is the skeleton of Hudson's famous sixty courses. Notice the repetition of the 3 and 5. It is by substituting 7 and 12 in their places respectively that all the twin bob peals have been composed. I call them the Baby Q sets, and they are equally ready to do their work in any other course where a 3 or a 5 appears.

The other five courses are so cross that, as far as I know, no one has yet been able to bring them to reason. But by a judicious use of bobs and singles, other courses have been produced which are available for peal construction.

Of all these the following is the most useful that I have tried:—
1—10, 2, 3, 6—11, 12, 3, 4—5, 6—13, 9—14.

These I call Mr. Carter's courses, as I believe that he was the first to produce them. Incidentally I may mention that I found them quite independently, and had already put them together into my twenty part peal, before I learnt that he had been over the same ground before.

2314567 14 Notice the repetition of the 3. The Baby Q sets
3426175 1 will, therefore, work. In the specimen course I
— 3461275 10 have introduced a 7 for a 3 when the seventh bell is
4137652 2 in the slow, and by this bobbing we have thirty
— 4176352 7 true touches of two courses each, and all called
— 1643752 8 alike.
— 1637452 11 Now attention, please, for we are going off the
6715324 12 old road. Let us examine the five sixes in which
6752143 3 the seventh does her slow work.
7264531 4 You see that they come from two different plain
— 7245631 5 courses, 12, 3, 4, being in VI., and 5, 6 in II. If
2573416 6 we call a bob as the seventh comes in we shall
— 2534716 13 have a 4 instead of a 12, and then leaving out the
5421367 9 bob in the middle of the slow work we shall return
— 5413267 14 to our original place as:—4, 5, 7, 5, 6. There are
two 5's here. The Baby Q sets will remove the first, and it now
reads:—4—12—7, 5, 6. Write them side by side and compare them
thus:—

1637452	—	11	1637452	—	11	
6715324	—	12	—	6714352	—	4
6752143	—	3	—	6743152	—	12
7264531	—	4	—	7361452	—	7
—	7245631	—	5	7315624	—	5

What do you notice? That all the rows are different! No! no! not that. A boy scout would not have given so soft an answer. Look at 6. She is in the slow with 7 at all the sixes whose characters we have changed.

Hence it follows that if I make this alteration in the calling every time that I find the 6th in the same position (2nd's place) at an 11. All the 4's with the 6th in the slow, which were in the third row, will move to the first, while all the 12's will drop into the second row.

And what has happened to the third row of the changed part? Instead of a 3, we now have a 7 with the sixth in the slow.

But 3 and 7 are always willing to oblige. The Baby Q sets will change one into another at a moment's notice. We have only to look for 3671452, where the 7th is in quick, and its nine brethren with 3 in the same place, and we shall get rid of the ten 7's that repeat and put back the ten 3's that we have dropped. By this process we

change the form, and the number of the thirty true round blocks that we had, but the resulting touches are as true as were the original thirty.

This I call a Giant Q set, and it deserves its name, for it alters 26 courses instead of 4 as the Baby Q sets do.

There are six Giant Q sets in all—one for each of the working bells. Let us use the one that we have already examined, with the sixth in the slow.

Oh, here we are, I told you so. Here we are at the Lily Lake, where the Islands slide. Four and twenty Islands! Four and twenty round blocks, all ready to slide, and the Baby Q sets still ready to push them about.

Let us try how we can push them into one long line to form the thirty mile ride—the peal that we are seeking to put together.

A	B	C	D	E	F
2314567	4263157	6412357	3214667	3126457	4621337
3426175	2346671	4263173	2485176	1635274	6146276
— 3461275	— 2356471	— 4251673	— 2461376	— 1652374	— 6152473
4137652	3627514	2147636	4127563	6217543	1267534
— 4176552	— 3671245	— 2173436	— 4175263	— 6276143	— 1275634
— 1643752	— 6134752	— 1524736	— 1542763	— 2561743	— 2516734
— 1637452	— 6147352	— 1547236	— 1527463	— 2517643	— 2567134
— 6714352	— 1765423	— 6134623	— 5716234	— 5724196	— 6723614
— 6743152	— 1762634	— 5786124	— 5783142	— 5742261	— 6732416
— 7361452	— 7213546	— 7682341	— 7354621	— 7365612	— 7451332
— 7315624	— 7235146	— 7628641	— 7346521	— 7364512	— 7413532
— 3572146	— 2574961	— 6374215	— 3574315	— 3471625	— 4376125
— 3521746	— 2543761	— 6342715	— 3624715	— 3415725	— 4381725
— 6134267	— 5234761	— 3261457	— 6431257	— 4632157	— 3142657
— 5142367	— 5304217	— 3214637	— 6412337	— 4621357	— 3126457

But first let us notice their nature. A and B are five-part touches and have been so shaped by the Giant Q set. There are two other five-part touches like them, which can be produced by transposing 2 with 3 and 4 with 1 at the course end.

This gives us four round blocks containing twenty courses. C, D and F are as they were, and all the other courses can be had by transposing them from the course ends of A. So we have four five-course touches and twenty-two part touches.

Now set the Baby Q sets to work, and all will soon be done. First of all I notice a bad blot in A. There is a six bob set. However, the Baby Q sets can soon deal with that; we will leave out the first two of the set. This allows the sixth to go on up behind, and we find ourselves in column D, and by leaving out the two corresponding bobs there we shall be able to return again. The two places are marked P in the courses. We have now introduced two 3's instead of two 7's; these must be found and bobbed out. They come up in C and E, and I have marked them B to show that two bobs must be introduced at these two rows.

Making these alterations every time that we come into these positions we find that the whole twenty-two round blocks affected gather themselves together and become two long five-part round blocks each called alike.

—	231456	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	14
a.	641235	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
d.	312645	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
b.	462135	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
d.	321465	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
e.	514236	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

And the whole peal is now in four round blocks: These two five-parts, and the two shown in B. Remains to put them together.

Turning to B, we find that of the two 3's in each course only one can be replaced by a 7. The other is involved in the Giant Q set and must not be changed.

Alter, then, the calling of the following Baby Q sets.

3417526	e	4713526	e
3467251	e	4763251	e

The extras will join one of the two B's on to one of the long parts, and the omits will join the two long parts together. Thus the peal is in two parts, and an obliging S at 11 in the first course will join the two together. Let me give a table of course ends of the callings used, and by lettering them we shall save much space in writing it out.

	231456	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	14
a	641235	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
b	514236	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
c	614325	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
d	514236	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
e	614325	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
f	612435	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

THE PEAL.

231456				
251643 S	24513 a	461253 b	562314 b	
312654 f	145623 d	512463 d	423651 c	
423615 f	265413 b	324156 e	563241 b	
534621 f	154283 d	614325 a	432561 d	
145632 f	342516 e	243615 d	125346 e	
641235 S	652341 a	163425 b	635124 a	
312645 d	123564 c	234165 d	251634 d	
426315 d	435216 e	541326 e	361524 b	
536421 a	625431 a	613452 a	215364 d	
146532 a	354621 d	534612 d	453126 e	
256143 a	264531 b	164352 b	613452 a	
316254 a	345261 d	543162 d	534612 d	
462135 c	152436 e	213546 e	164352 b	
321465 d	642153 a	653214 a	543162 d	
514236 e	521643 d	132654 d	231456 e	

The first of the two courses marked S is produced by
2 6 10 (11S) 13 17

And the second by
2 4 6 (8S) 9 11

There is 'The thirty mile ride.' What do you think of it? May you reach the last milestone as safely in the tower as I have done on paper. And so the schoolmaster bids you all adieu and returns to his boys.
E. B. J.

GATESHEAD PARISH CHURCH RINGERS.

The annual meeting of this ancient Corporation was held in the belfry on March 9th, the Rector (the Rev. H. S. Stephenson) presiding. It was decided to raise a levy among the members towards a war memorial for fallen comrades in the Durham and Newcastle Association.

Mr. J. Stuart, of 24, Lincoln Street, Gateshead, who has been a ringer for 40 years, was unanimously re-elected captain, and Mr. E. S. Kell, hon. secretary.

In accordance with the spirit of the times, it was decided to open the belfry to ladies. Mr. Stuart would be very glad to hear of churchmen or churchwomen who would like to learn the ancient craft of ringing. The present peal of bells dates from 1788, and replaced an older one.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The March meeting of the above was held at Sandal, near Wakefield, and attracted a goodly number of members. Good ringing prevailed, there being plain methods for beginners, while many more intricate variations, dear to the hearts of Minor ringers, were tried and brought round. One member who had travelled 40 miles, in the hope of ringing Sandal Exercise at Sandal, was able to place 720 of this method to his credit.

The following towers were represented: Anston, Barnsley, Darfield, Cropton, Wragby, Wakefield (Cathedral), Pontefract, Horbury, Wath, Sandal, etc. At a brief business meeting, held in the tower, several members were elected.—Felkirk was selected for the next meeting, to be held on April 9th.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. A. A. Davies), churchwardens and local ringers for the use of the bells, terminated the meeting.

EDENHAM VICAR'S DEATH.

We regret to announce the death of the Rev. Arthur Howard Galton, M.A., for 17 years Vicar of Edenham, Lincs, who died in London on February 20th, after a serious operation performed three weeks previously.

After cremation, the remains were taken to Edenham, and interred in the village churchyard on Feb. 24th. The service in the old church was attended by the choir and ringers, and by most of his parishioners, for the deceased gentleman was a friend to all. A lover of bells, the late Vicar was an honorary member of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and his place as incumbent will be hard to fill.

After the interment, the bells were rung half-muffled to 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and a touch of Single Court by T. L. Bainbridge, J. Osborne, W. Mills, G. Mills, H. Cunnington, A. Holmes, A. Sneath. The bells were also rung muffled for the service on the following Sunday morning.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Tuesday, March 8th, 720 Bob Minor: W. Bower 1, H. Fawcett 2, F. A. Tansley 3, E. Scattergood 4, H. Door 5, E. G. Gobey 6. First 720 by the treble and 5th ringers.—On Saturday, March 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Harrison 1, J. F. George 2, E. C. Gobey 3, E. Scattergood 4, H. Door (first 720 of Kent) 5, F. A. Tansley 6. Also 240 of Oxford, and a course of Cambridge Minor conducted by E. G. Gobey.

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BELL ROPES, MUFFLES, &c.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

In accordance with our promise that, as soon as we had wiped off the arrears of peal reports, we would introduce new features, so this week we are pleased to open up a new series of articles for beginners by an old contributor. By these articles we hope to cater for those who are struggling in the early stages of the art.

We invite beginners to let us help them with their ringing difficulties. Any suggestions as to points upon which help will be valued will be dealt with by 'Conductor' as far as is possible.

The anniversaries of the deaths of two famous Cumberlands occur next week. Twenty-five years ago next Thursday George Newson joined the great majority, and the gap which his death caused has not even yet been filled. It is five years next Wednesday since Henry Dains passed away, and it is interesting to recall that the 18th of this month will see the 27th anniversary of the long peal of Double Norwich, 13,440, rung in 8 hrs. 16 mins., at Romford, in 1894, in which these two men took part.

The first peal of Treble Bob Royal was rung on April 7th, 1741—one hundred and eighty years ago. This was at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, and was one of the noteworthy achievements of the Eastern Scholars.

April 7th is also the anniversary of another wonderful peal—or part of it: for it was on April 7th and 8th, in the year 1761, that James Barham and the men of Leeds, Kent, rang the famous 40,320 Bob Major in 27 hours. Barham was the conductor, and thirteen men are said to have taken part in the peal. Barham, who died in 1818, at the age of 95 years, is said to have rung 112 peals—an extraordinary record for those early days.

New youthful records continue to be set up, and following upon the performance of one young London ringer who scored Stedman Cinques as his first peal, and of another whose first two tower bell peals were Treble Twelve and Stedman Cinques, comes the achievement of Geoffrey Gammon, who at thirteen years of age begins his peals with Stedman Caters on handbells overnight and Stedman Triples on tower bells next day! It does not look as if we need fear for the future of the art in the Metropolis.

In connection with the handbell peal, it is worthy of note that Mr. John Carter, who was one of the umpires, recorded the calls and course-ends of the peal as they came up, without recourse to the manuscript, and he pronounced the peal a good performance.

The time of the peal at Framlingham on February 16th was 5 hrs. 7 mins., and not 3 hrs. 17 mins. as published.

The total of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association Memorial Fund given in our last issue should have read £290 3s. 4d., not £300 3s. 4d.

J. R. Mackman, of Worcester prison, wishes to receive communications from ringing members of prison staff with a view of arranging for a prison service peal.

Can this record be beaten? Mr. W. Clifford, senr., of Beeston, rang his first peal of Kent Major on April 3rd, 1909, in celebration of his 60th birthday. Since then the following 'first in the method' peals have been rung by him all on working bells: Stedman Triples in May, 1909; Oxford Treble Bob, November, 1910; Double Norwich, March, 1911; Superlative Surprise, March, 1912; Norfolk Surprise, February, 1914. The war then intervened, but since the return of the men, he has mastered Cambridge Surprise, although the peal has not materialised yet, and to-day, at the age of 72, we find him tackling London Surprise with all the energy and enthusiasm of a youth. Another curious record at the time the Norfolk Surprise peal was rung, was that it constituted another member of the company's seventh peal, rung in seven different methods.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM DORAN.

VETERAN CUMBERLAND PASSES AWAY.

Death has removed one of the oldest members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, in the person of Mr. William Doran, of West Ham. Mr. Doran was well known among London ringers, and in days gone by took part in a considerable number of peals. Although associated with the West Ham tower, he was also a member of the Leytonstone band from its formation in 1898, and will be much missed from the practices of this active company, with whom Mr. Doran had rung a large number of 720's in Surprise and other methods. A tragic feature of Mr. Doran's death is that it took place almost at the same time as that of his wife, and the couple, united in death as in life, were buried together last Friday week.

Mr. William Miller, the respected Ringing Master of St. John the Baptist's Society, Leytonstone, has also sustained a severe bereavement by the death of his wife, whose funeral took place on Monday of last week. After the service the 'whole Pull and stand' was rung in her memory by the local men, with the assistance of Mr. E. J. Butler, and the same evening a deeply muffled peal of Minor was attempted as a last mark of respect to Mrs. Miller and the late Mr. and Mrs. Doran. The peal came to grief near the end of the fifth 720, after two hours' ringing, and when 720's of Lincoln, Ipswich, London and Wells Surprise had been successfully rung. The band was: W. Riches 1, G. Dawson 2, A. Prior 3, E. Smith 4, J. Moule (conductor) 5, W. Theobald 6.

BELLS AND BELL HANGING.

A REPLY TO THE S.P.A.B.

The following letter has been sent to the 'Church Times,' in reply to the letter on bells and bell hanging, which appeared in that journal from the Secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings:—

'Sir,—It may be true that bells have been recast in order to fulfil the 5-tone principle of the late Canon Simpson that were better bells before the recasting, and some good old bells that were not far off being correct to this principle have been so-called tuned to the Simpson principle, and made far worse than they were. The Simpson principle is, all the same, the most musical, and certainly the one to go in for in the writer's opinion; but it must be done properly and give the true octave hum note, the other harmonics being the 3rd and the 5th.

'Granted that the tenor bells in London that Mr. Powys speaks of are fine, which they are; they would be finer if they were tuned on the Simpson principle. The tenor at the Imperial Institute was cast by a noted founder, and weighs 38½ cwt., and is not Simpson tuned; the tenor bell at Waltham Abbey is the same weight within a pound or two, and by the same founder, and is Simpson tuned; and, in the writer's opinion, is by far the better bell. The present bells at the Royal Exchange are Simpson tuned, the old ones were not; could there be any comparison?

'Mr. Powys speaks of certain concordant harmonics perfectly in tune; does he not mean harmonics? Harmony, I think, is the blending of one or more notes, and are not harmonics the components of the whole resultant tone?

'As regards the hanging of bells in iron frames, has Mr. Powys ever come across an instance where an iron frame has done damage to the tower? The writer has come in contact with damage done by wooden frames. A properly constructed iron frame supports the tower; by the fact of the supporting girders being anchored in the walls and cross braced, one wall cannot move without the other, thus making the tower and frame one unit. A wooden frame does not do this.

'I should like to know why an iron frame affects the tone; my own experience leads me to think an iron frame improves it. Mr. Powys further says that wood frames are generally heavier; some of the very old frames certainly would be heavier than some so-called metal frames that I have come across, but a modern wood frame would be lighter than a modern metal frame to carry the same weight bells, providing the latter was of proper calibre.

'No one is keener to preserve ancient buildings than the writer, and the way to preserve our grand old English towers, in the writer's opinion, is to hang the bells in metal frames, bolted direct to steel girders anchored in the walls and cross braced wherever you can get them in. But this work must be done by a competent firm.'

J. H. B. HESSE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I do not know what claim Mr. Alexander Young has to write with regard to the engineering or musical side of bells. One can only imagine that his letter is written solely with the view of having the three modern ideas which are generally accepted at their statement value clearly proved all over again. The more emphasis laid on them, the better!

Now, Sir, you have dealt very clearly indeed with point (2) in your leading article this week, and point (1) has been emphatically brought out in correspondence a few weeks ago. With regard to the question of Simpson tuning, may I give the opinion of two of my friends, one a professional singer, the other a most accomplished pianist, who know nothing whatever of bells or bell ringing except the result outside the tower. One said of the bells of St. Stephen's, Clapham Park: 'We love to hear the bells at St. Stephen's; they are the most beautiful bells we have ever heard.' The other told me of the bells of St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, that they were the loveliest toned bells she had ever heard. And both these peals are tuned on the principle which your correspondent alleges to be offensive to the musical ear!

Further comment seems unnecessary.

CECIL H. CLARKE.

The Vicarage, Chiddingfold, Sussex.
March 28th.

A LINK WITH SQUIRE PROCTOR.

One of the few remaining links with the famous Bennington band, associated with Squire Proctor, has passed away, in the person of Mr. Charles Shambrook. This company were among the pioneers of Surprise ringing, and in addition to the Standard methods they rang London Surprise fifty years ago. Few connected with that band remain to-day, and Charles Shambrook, who had lived many years near the old church, was laid to rest under the sound of the bells he loved so well. The bells were rung muffled after the funeral, two of the deceased's old comrades taking part in the farewell touches.

TWO PEALS OF 5,003 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By JAMES GEORGE.

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This peal has the 6th the extent alternately behind the 9th and 8th in the titlums and hand stroke home positions.

PRESENTATION AT SOWERBY.

On Saturday, March 19th, a well-attended meeting was held at Sowerby, and touches in a variety of methods were rung during the afternoon. After the transaction of routine business, Mr. H. Barker made a presentation to Mr. W. Crabtree, who has achieved the distinction of conducting peals in all the Standard methods. The gift was also in recognition of his help and the interest he has shown in cultivating the art of change ringing. — Mr. Crabtree suitably responded, and gave young ringers much encouraging advice.

A nice touch of Kent Treble Bob and another in a Surprise method concluded a very interesting meeting.—The Vicar (the Rev. R. Marie) kindly entertained the visiting ringers to tea.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX. — At St. Deny's Church, on Tuesday March 8th, for evening practice, 2,018 Grandsire Triples: J. Holder 1, C. Harman 2, E. Bishop 3, H. Hammond 4, E. Bishop, senr., 5, G. Brasier (conductor) 6, F. Hammond 7, W. Hammond 8.

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**THE CROYDON
BELL FOUNDRY
1921.**

BANSTEAD BELLS.

ONE OF SURREY'S FINEST PEALS.

Rehung in an iron and steel frame of new design, which provides a wonderful rigidity, the bells of Banstead, Surrey, have been returned on the Simpson principle, and are now claimed to be one of the best rings of eight in Surrey. Banstead has possessed bells for centuries. In the returns of church property made in the reign of Edward VI. there were 'V belles in the steeple.' These bells were recast at various times, and probably from 1638, at least there have been in the tower, six bells, augmented to eight in 1892. The most interesting of the existing bells is one (the 6th) cast by Robert Mot, and inscribed 'Robertus mot me fecit 1585.' Bryan Eldridge, of Chertsey, cast the present 3rd in 1638, and inscribed the bell, 'Gloria Deo in Excelis,' and William Eldridge, his successor, cast the tenor in 1661. 'William Carter made me 1615,' is the inscription on the 4th, while the 7th is a bell cast by subscription in the year 1756, and is by Lester and Pack. The two trebles were added by John Warner in 1892. There has been a wonderful transformation in the sound of the bells since they passed through the Croydon Foundry, and at the reopening on Saturday week the ringers present, who assembled from numerous towers in Surrey, London and Hampshire, warmly praised the work of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Capt. F. E. D. Acland has been largely responsible for getting the work done, and the parish is greatly indebted to him for having secured such an improved peal.

The re-dedication service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Hunter, Rural Dean of Leatherhead, who, after the opening hymn, explained, from the chancel steps, how bells came to be used in the Church, directing attention to the fact that, as early as the fifth century, they were in use in Italy. He reminded his hearers of the Old Testament description of the priest's vestments on which were sewn little golden bells, which rang as he went into the Sanctuary, letting the people know that a service was about to commence. He was of opinion that bells should be used much more, at, for example, times of birth, baptism, death and burial, and particularly at the time of the consecration of the sacred elements in the Lord's Own Service, in order to let the people unable to attend the service know what was taking place, so that they could be present in spirit, if not in person. Addressing the ringers, he spoke of the sacredness of their office, and expressed the hope that they would each and all carry out the work with reverence and godly fear. He was himself a member of the Surrey Association of Change Ringers, and always felt proud of the splendid spirit of brotherhood which existed amongst ringers, and especially amongst change ringers.

The following were then formally admitted members of the All Saints' Banstead Bell Ringers' Guild: Capt. F. E. D. Acland, Messrs. J. Hobson, W. C. Goddard, J. Martin, F. G. Woodiss, H. A. Matthews, B. E. G. Farley, R. I. George, W. H. Hounsham and W. Low.

Canon Hunter, with the Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Hopkinson, and the members of the Guild, then proceeded to the belfry, where Capt. Acland gave a short history of the bells. Canon Hunter re-dedicated them, and a touch of Grand sire Triples, consisting of 504 changes, was rung by the following: F. G. Woodiss, Banstead, 1; Major J. H. B. Hesse, Haslemere, 2; Charles Dean, Croydon, 3; W. H. Joiner, Mitcham, 4; J. B. Williamson, Ventnor, 5; A. J. Trappitt, Beddington, 6; Arthur Dean, Leatherhead, 7; R. I. George, Banstead, 8. This touch, conducted by Mr. Arthur Dean, was faultlessly rung.

The Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Hopkinson (International football and hockey player) gave a hearty welcome to all the visitors, and expressed appreciation of the honour all these ringers had done to Banstead by coming to assist at the re-opening of their bells. He could not refrain from referring to the part played by Captain Acland in the carrying out of this scheme. Unfortunately he (the Vicar) was not musical, and the whole scheme and its consummation had rested on Captain Acland's shoulders. There were three experts in the room, and he proposed to call on them to say a few words—Captain Acland about 'Ideals,' Mr. Johnston about 'Means,' and Major Hesse about 'Methods.'

Captain Acland is a cousin of Charles Acland Troyte, to whom so many ringers are indebted for their first insight into change-ringing through his excellent book. The latter's brother, Captain John Acland, the ex-president of the Salisbury Guild, who is now over 80 years of age, was unfortunately prevented from attending, but a letter of congratulation from him was read by Captain Acland, who quoted many sound maxims which the veteran had sent as a message to the meeting. Captain Acland went on to express his pride in the bells and his thanks for the hearty co-operation of Mr. F. Woodiss, who is training the new band, and concluded by saying that he could not thank Mr. Johnston enough for the efficiency of the work and the generosity with which he had treated them throughout the transaction.

Mr. Cyril Johnston followed by suggesting that the means were a matter more for the churchwardens than for him. He told how he had found the local men diligently practising rounds on the previous Monday, and thanked them and the band which rang the first touch for having opened the bells in a manner worthy of a good peal. His staff and he felt special interest in any Surrey bell scheme, as they were Surrey men themselves; and it was encouraging to find that Surrey people did not have to go outside their own county to find a foundry able to give them the best that could be done.

Major J. H. B. Hesse followed with the Vicar's 'thirdly and lastly brethren,' and expressed his gratification at the tone and go of the bells.

The last and most graceful act was relegated to Mr. J. D. Drewett, Master of the Surrey Association, who proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Acland for her generous hospitality, and to the ladies who assisted her.

Ringing was then continued till the hands of the clock were nearly at nine, and was remarkable for the excellence of the striking throughout. Seasoned 'first-nighters' voted the Banstead opening as one of the best they had attended.

The tower is somewhat difficult from the point of view of sound, and it speaks well for the founders' ingenuity in so arranging the work as to ensure success within and within. The bells are in the key of E flat, and are tuned on the true 5-tone Simpson principle, and the blending of the harmonies of individual bells and of the 8 bells together is perfect and almost organ-like in effect. Many ringers present considered this to be the finest work the Croydon foundry has produced. The bells are hung on ball-bearings in a rigid steel frame, and the treble stay will bear witness to their good going. The tenor weighs 21 cwt., and is fitted with Major Hesse's spring clapper.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT DEPTFORD.

The annual meeting of the Kent County Association was held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, on Easter Monday. Several causes combined to make the attendance very poor. The day was rather cold and cheerless, and, after the rain in the morning, the streets of Deptford looked particularly driab and dreary; not at all as it was in the days of Elizabeth, a land of green lanes and orchards, when England's Navy anchored almost beneath the shadow of the church tower. One of the speakers at the dinner insisted that Deptford, as belonging to Kent (in spite of the London County Council) was a part of the 'Garden of England.' The Chairman understood him to have said 'Garden of Eden,' and, in responding to the toast of the Archbishop and Clergy, with special thanks to the Preacher, expressed unwillingness to depreciate the locality in which it was his lot to live and work, but a friend of his, so far from regarding Deptford as part of the Garden of Eden, described it as 'a hell of a place.' The cost also of railway travelling no doubt kept many away, so that less than 60 members put in an appearance.

The bells at Lewisham, St. John's, Deptford, Woolwich and Greenwich were open for ringing, besides St. Nicholas. The usual programme was carried out.

A most inspiring service was held, the Assistant Curate (Rev. J. W. Wilkinson) reading the prayers, and the Vicar (Rev. T. W. Pittman) giving the address. The organist of the church attended and some of the choir to lead the singing. In the course of the service the hymns 'Jesus lives,' 'Ye servants of the Lord' and 'For all the saints' were sung.

A collection for the Association War Memorial was made during the last hymn.

The dinner was held in the Gymnasium of the Albury Institute, quite close to St. Nicholas, and the business meeting, which followed, was for the most part purely formal, except for the reading of the secretary's report and the contested election of Central Council representatives. Seven candidates had been nominated, but the voting went strongly in favour of those who had been elected three years ago, viz.: Messrs. Barnett, Cheesman, Groombridge and Canon Helmore.

The report and balance sheet showed that, with the exception of the War Memorial, every department of the Association's work was flourishing, and an earnest appeal was made on behalf of the 'Ringing World.' 'With such a large membership as we now possess (over 1,000 practising members resident in the county), Kent,' added the report, 'ought to be able to give valuable help to insure the due sustentation of the ringers' paper. . . . The world would not come to an end, perhaps, if the "Ringing World" were forced to put up its shutters; but for ringers it would be little short of a catastrophic disaster.'

HELP WANTED.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE, STOCKBURY, KENT.

This very poor parish, with a population of 450, mostly agricultural labourers, has to raise £155 for repair of five bells. About £35 has, so far, been raised from the parish and neighbourhood; £50 has to be taken from a fund specially needed for other work in the church; and at least £70 is still required. Will readers of 'The Ringing World' help us to raise this sum? Donations should be sent to the Rev. H. T. Young, Stockbury Vicarage, near Sittingbourne.

VISITORS TO LONDON.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On behalf of the 'Country Cousins' of Temple Bar (of whom I am one), may I ask him to supply a list of churches in or around the Metropolis, where help is needed on such occasions, so that we shall know where to make for, otherwise we might walk about for a month or two without being able to give the required help, and at the same time add to our list of churches at which we have had a pull. It is too late for Easter, but what about future festivals?
Chelmsford. H. W. KIRTON.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

After the restraint imposed by the season of Lent the bells from hundreds of churches pealed out their Easter message on Sunday with a sound of new-found joy. Many scores of touches worthy of record were rung, but they must be sent to us promptly if they are to appear.

There is a melancholy interest in the composition of a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples given below. It was picked out in the trenches in Flanders by the late A. P. Wakley.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—At Christ Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, 672 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. T. Holding 1, H. F. Holding 2, R. D. Langford 3, G. H. Crawley 4, A. Crawley 5, H. Overton 6, J. H. Riding (conductor) 7, R. T. Holding 8.

SHREWSBURY.—On Easter Day, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 minutes: W. J. Taylor (conductor) 1, W. Brookes 2, F. W. Taylor 3, G. Scarratt 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, A. Teckoe 6, A. Fullick 7, H. Jones 8.

IOKLETON, CAMBS.—On Easter Day, at the Parish Church, for the 8 o'clock celebration, 720 Oxford Bob: P. Webb (conductor) 1, R. Clements 2, F. Bowtell 3, J. Webb 4, A. Lilley 5, F. Griggs 6. For morning service, 240 Kent; for evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob: L. Brookes 1, R. Clements 2, P. Webb (conductor) 3, J. Webb 4, W. Flitton 5, A. Lilley 6.

CHESHUNT (Hertfordshire Association).—On Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: D. Tucker 1, G. Andrews 2, W. G. Darlington 3, G. Maxim 4, F. Jeff 5, C. Diller 6, G. B. Lucas (conductor) 7, R. Smith 8.

STONY STRATFORD.—On Easter Day, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor; for evening service, a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of 720 Oxford Bob and 540 Plain Bob: H. Birdsey 1, T. Roberts 2, F. Case 3, L. Smith 4, T. Read 5, A. J. Green (conductor) 6. Longest length of Minor by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 5.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, for morning service, 724 Bob Major: W. Pierce 1, R. W. Thompson 2, F. O. Lambert (conductor) 3, W. Kerrison 4, C. Moss 5, J. Howard 6, J. Larter 7, A. H. Took 8.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary's, on Easter Day, for morning service, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Moody 1, H. Whanslow 2, C. G. Choct 3, H. Rowland 4, H. Moody 5, W. Langdon 6, E. Cassell (conductor) 7, C. Colliss 8. The above are all service ringers.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Hollier 1, H. G. Owen 2, G. C. Iles 3, F. Skevington 4, W. Judd 5, A. Harding 6, J. Driver (conductor) 7, G. F. Edwards 8.

HERTFORD.—Hertfordshire Association.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Easter Day, 672 Stedman Triples: A. E. Creasey 1, R. Dore 2, H. J. Gray 3, V. Neale 4, J. Ladley 5, G. Gray 6, H. Baker (conduc-

tor) 7, A. E. Akers 8. Rung for Divine service, also as a birthday compliment to R. Dore.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins.: R. A. Fosdike 1, E. J. Pannett 2, A. E. Bennington 3, J. Law 4, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 5, J. Crowder 6, J. B. Crowder 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

WINDSOR.—On Easter Day, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, by local band: J. Crofts (1st quarter) 1, T. Smith 2, T. Farr 3, H. F. Hunt 4, A. J. Harman 5, C. Farr 6, L. Stilwell (conductor) 7, J. H. Cropley 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—On Palm Sunday, 1,346 Stedman Caters, in 57 mins.: F. Hayes (composer) 1, H. Butler 2, G. White 3, E. Markham 4, J. W. Wilkins 5, G. Twitchen (conductor) 6, F. Boxell 7, J. Gransbury 8, S. T. Goodchild 9, H. C. Ingram 10.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—On Sunday, March 20th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes: E. H. Simpson 1, G. Titterton 2, H. Haigh (longest length in the method) 3, H. Stott 4, J. Mawson 5, J. F. Harvey 6, T. B. Kendall (conductor) 7, H. Hutley 8.

MAJCKET DEEPIING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 20th, for evening service, at St. Guthlac's Church, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Double Court Bob Minor, 1260 changes: A. E. Sneath 1, H. M. Day (conductor) 2, J. Landon 3, H. W. Holmes 4, W. A. Day 5, G. Wells 6. First quarter of Minor by ringers of treble, 3rd and 4th.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, March 20th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 48 mins.: W. J. Meers 1, J. Preston 2, J. W. Pemberton 3, G. F. Swann (conductor) 4, H. C. Spencer 5, C. Stanbridge 6, A. Gardner 7, H. Dickens 8. Rung for the 73rd birthday of Mr. C. Stanbridge, of Ward End, Birmingham.

LINSEADE, BUCKS.—On Sunday, March 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Union Triples: G. White 1, F. Dedman 2, W. Jeffs 3, J. Sear 4, A. Vickers 5, W. Dedman (conductor) 6, F. Vickers 7, A. E. Seddon 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 6 and 7. First quarter-peal of Union on the bells, and first by all the band.

SOUTHGATE.—Middlesex County Association.—On Sunday evening, March 20th, in 48 mins., at the Church of Christ Church, Southgate, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): D. Pink 1, A. R. Glascock 2, N. A. Tomlinson 3, G. Bester 4, J. Armstrong (conductor) 5, J. E. Miller 6, W. Pickworth 7, H. Miller 8, G. W. Fletcher 9, A. G. Crane 10. Longest touch on 10 by treble man. First quarter of Grandsire Caters by all except 5 and 7. First of Grandsire Caters as conductor.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 20th, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, S.E., 1,280 of Kent Treble Bob Major: J. R. Gammon (first quarter-peal of Major) 1, J. Carter 2, R. G. Chapple 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, E. J. King 5, H. W. Hibbert 6, W. H. Pickett 7, H. J. Gummer 8.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

BY THE REV. CANON PAPILLON.

'Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath Day'—keep holy; i.e., hallow it; regard it, and let others see that you regard it, as a day set apart for rest and refreshment, spiritual and bodily; a day different from others, and to be observed as such. That is the principle of Sunday observance, as stated in the opening words of the Fourth Commandment; and that principle still holds good, however much its application varies in detail with changing circumstances or ideas. The commandment was first given to men in times very different from ours; and some of its details have long been out of date. But that does not affect the principle, nor our duty as Christians of seeing that it is kept: our duty especially, who live amid a reaction from over strict Sabbatarianism in the past leading, as we all see, to dangerous laxity and disregard of Sunday. Keep the Sunday: in spirit always, by making it different from other days; by avoiding unnecessary work or pleasure; by taking opportunities for worship provided in church or chapel; by a change of dress, or any other outward indication, however trivial; by a quiet family walk with wife or children. Ringers especially, who have now won recognition as Church workers, no longer among the 'black sheep' of a parish, see that you deserve your recognition and live up to it. Remember that you keep holy the Sabbath Day!

T. L. PAPILLON.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1040 BOB MAJOR.

25456	W	B	H
35264	—	—	3
32654	—	—	2
25346	—	—	2
25456	—	—	2

F. W. Rogers.

1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

234567	
532746	5
675432	1
536724	3
365724	4
S423576	2

Five times repeated.

Late A. P. Wakley.

567 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

231456	
213465	3 4 6 7 10
312654	4
314265	13
214562	S4 13
312465	13
213564	4 13
214365	13

Round next change.

W. Shepherd.

720 DOUBLE NORWICH.

23456	1	4	5	6
34256	—	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—	—
26354	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—	—
52364	—	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	—

J. Hunt.

MORE SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CHARING, KENT.—On Easter Day, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 25 mins.: G. Shoebridge 1, H. Good 2, S. Hopper 3, W. Good 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, H. Good 6. S. Hopper belongs to Ashford, and this was his first attempt on an inside bell in any method.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, March 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cafers (1,259 changes), in 50 mins.: J. Freeman 1, S. F. Millward 2, F. Deacon 3, J. Metherell 4, H. Key 5, W. Sibley 6, F. Wilford 7, W. Rogers (conductor) 8, G. Flavel 9, A. Monk 10. Rang for morning service, and also as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the 2nd.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Sunday, March 20th, for a Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (adapted from Holt's ten-part): A. J. Bartlett 1, T. Attwell 2, T. Luff 3, Mrs. Hazelden 4, G. Luff 5, W. Brockhurst 6, C. Hazelden (conductor) 7, G. Wheatley 8. For evensong, 336 Grandsire Triples: Miss Mabel Attwell 1, A. J. Bartlett 2, T. Luff 3, Mrs. Hazelden 4, G. Luff 5, T. Attwell 6, C. Hazelden (conductor) 7, G. Wheatley 8. Miss Attwell's first touch of Grandsire Triples.

LONG STANTON.—On Palm Sunday, for evensong, 720 Double Court Minor: W. Hawkes 1, L. A. Cook 2, F. J. Cook 33, Rev. H. B. Woolley 4, Geo. Crisp 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 20th, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): —, Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, W. H. Stevens 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackrills 5, F. Skivington 6, C. Hunt 7, J. Willmott 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, March 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: R. A. Fosdike 1, C. J. E. Gasson (St. Giles', Camberwell) 2, A. C. V. Gasson 3, J. Law 4, E. J. Pannett 5, G. Simmonds 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

LATE NOTICES.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—Est. 1824.—Southern District.—The next Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 16th, at St. Mary's, Lambeth. Tower open from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dist. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Tyne District.—The Monthly meeting will be held at Wylam, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. All those requiring tea please notify me not later than Thursday, April 7th.—Edward Lowrey, Sec., West Tyne District, 8, Hawthorn Terrace, Walbottle, Newburn.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Withycombe Raleigh, Exmouth, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Withycombe, Lympstone, Littleham. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Jubilee Hall (1/- each). Visitors please notify before April 6th.—J. C. Oke, 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—S.W. District Branch.—Next Quarterly meeting will be held at Holbeton, Plymouth, on Saturday, April 9th. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bells available Yealmpton, 6; and Holbeton, 6. Will those who intend attending the meeting please notify me before April 5th? Tea 1/-.—E. W. Marsh, 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wotton-under-Edge, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

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ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

—The Annual Dinner and Concert will be held at The Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, Saturday, April 2nd, at 6 o'clock. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, can be obtained from Mr. J. D. Matthews, 130, Clonmore Street, S.W.18; Mr. F. Smith, 48, Mansfield Road, N.W.; Mr. A. Hardy, 37, Hubert Grove, S.W.9; Mr. B. Foskett, 1, Olive Road, N.W.2; Mr. R. Warner, Spitalfields Bell Foundry, E.1, and the Hon. Sec. The bells of St. Bride's will be available from 4 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual general committee meeting will be held on Saturday, April 2nd, at 3.30 p.m., in the G.W.R. Temperance Institute, Reading (adjoining No. 1 Platform, G.W.R. Station). Will committeemen please notify their intention to be present or otherwise, so that arrangements may be made for tea afterwards.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next 6-bell contest and meeting will be held at Kirkheaton, on Saturday, April 2nd. Draw at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided (1/6 each) for those who notify Mr. Frank Hargreave, Shop Lane, Kirkheaton, on or before March 28th.—Willie Frith, Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, April 2nd. Tower open 2.30. Service at 5.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. The subscriptions for 1921 are now over due.—A. W. Groves, Div. Sec., 9 Sugden Road, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. The next Monthly meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cullompton on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (10) available at 2.30. Service at 4.45. Tea (1/-) in the Church Room at 5.15.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —Next meeting (quarterly), to be held at Melksham, April 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock service 4.30. Tea 5. Will ringers requiring tea advise me early.—Harold F. Brown, Hon. Sec., 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Standish on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) ready 3.30. Meeting 6.30. Tea at 2s. per head to those who notify Mr. J. Gray, 9a, Church Street, Standish, before 29th March.—J. Halsall, Hon. Sec., 97 Platt Lane, Hindley.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A district meeting will be held at Chester-le-street on April 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m.—John G. Green, North View, Second Pit, Fence Houses.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells ready 2.30. Divine Service 4.30. Tea 5.0.—R. F. Turner, Hon. Dis. Sec., 160, St. Peter's Avenue, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—T. H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—The quarterly general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Monday, April 4th. Bells available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow at the Edinburgh.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow, on April 5th (election of Central Council representatives). St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 14th and 28th. *St. Paul's Cathedral, on April 19th, and Southwark Cathedral, on April 26th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—District meeting at Oakley, on Saturday, April 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45, for which 6d. allowed to members informing me not later than Tuesday, April 5th. Business meeting after tea.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Tyldesley, on Saturday, 9th April. Bells available 4.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, Saturday, April 9th, by permission of the Vicar (Rev. Sharp). Tea will be provided by the Vicar for all who let me know by April 3rd.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, Chiswick.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. Dr. Swindell. Tea in the Schoolroom at 6, 1/- each. Please send word not later than Tuesday, April 5th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The Half-yearly meeting will be held at Frindsbury, near Rochester, recently augmented to 8, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available from 3 to 9. Service at 5 conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. P. Pascoe, M.A. By kind invitation of the Vicar, tea will be provided in the Parish Hall, followed by the business meeting. All those wishing to partake of tea must notify me by first post Tuesday, 5th April, as provision will only be made for those sending in their names.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A Joint Meeting of the Luton and Bedford Districts will be held at Ampthill and Maulden, on Saturday, April 9th. Meet at Ampthill at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman and H. L. Harlow, Hon. Dist. Secs.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next Meeting will be held at Felkirk, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tenor 10 cwt. Tea will be served in the Old School in the Churchyard, 5.30. Tickets 1/- each, but application must be made before April 8th to Mr. C. Mornington, Cherry Tree Farm, South Hiendley, near Barnsley. Nearest Railway Stations, Royston Midland Railway and the Ryhill Halt on G.C.R. All ringers are welcome.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A Meeting will be held at Barkway, on April 9th, when the bells (8) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at The Wheatsheaf Hotel, 5.30. Business meeting after.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dist. Sec., Little Munden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next Monthly meeting will be held at Balderstone, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells ready at 3, meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 99, Hunter St., Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A Meeting will be held at Bootle, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells ready at 4.30, meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A Meeting will be held at Wiveliscombe, on Saturday, April 9th. Service in the Parish Church at 3 p.m. Meeting at 3.30. Tea to follow. Bells available all the afternoon and evening.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., Dunkery, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The next Meeting will be held at Puttenham, on Saturday, April 9th; 6 bells, available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.30. Members 9d., Visitors 1/6.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Rd., Guildford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual District meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available at 3. Service at 5, with address by the Vicar, Canon Hardcastle. Tea at the Cafe Restaurant, Middle Row, at 5.45. Business meeting after. All subscriptions must be paid at this meeting. All those intending being at the meeting must let me know not later than Tuesday, April 5th. St. Michael's Tower (6) will also be open.—S. Hayzelden, Hon. Dist. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The next Meeting will be held at Hardingstone, on Saturday, April 9th. Usual arrangements.—Sid. J. Lawrence, Dist. Sec., 7, Castilian Terrace, Northampton.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Saxmundham District.—A Quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Peasenhall, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (6) of the Parish Church available 2.30 till 9 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—George Wilson, Hon. Dist. Sec., 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next Monthly meeting of the above Branch will be held at Pucklechurch, on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5, at the Fleur-de-Lys. A char-a-banc will leave Old Market Street, Bristol, at 2.30 p.m. Members and friends requiring seats and tea please notify me as soon as possible.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 23rd Annual general meeting will be held at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, on Saturday, April 16th. At the service at 5 p.m., the sermon will be preached by the Rev. A. Taylor, Vicar of St. Bride's, Fleet St., E.C. Tea at 6 o'clock, followed by meeting, at which business of importance will be discussed, and four representatives to the Central Council elected. The following towers will be open for ringing:— St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, from 2.30 to 5 p.m., and after the meeting, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, from 3 to 4.45 p.m., and from 8 to 9 p.m. A charge of 1/6 will be made for tea, and all requiring same must advise either of the Hon. Secs. not later than Monday, April 11th.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood St., E.17; W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Rd., W.4, Hon. Secs.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting will be held at West Ham Parish Church, on April 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service by the Vicar at 5.30. Tea in the Church Room at 6 p.m., followed by business meeting.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland Section. — The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', West Bromwich, on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea will be arranged at a small charge for all who notify me not later than Wednesday, April 13th. All are welcome.—E. W. Salter, 10, Station Rd., Erdington.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 30th. Tea in Co-operative Hall at 5.15, at 2/- per head. Members wanting tea must send their names to their Branch Secretaries, on or before Tuesday, April 26th. Visitors to advise me.—Reginald Bond, Hon. Sec., St. Peter's Rectory, Lincoln.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

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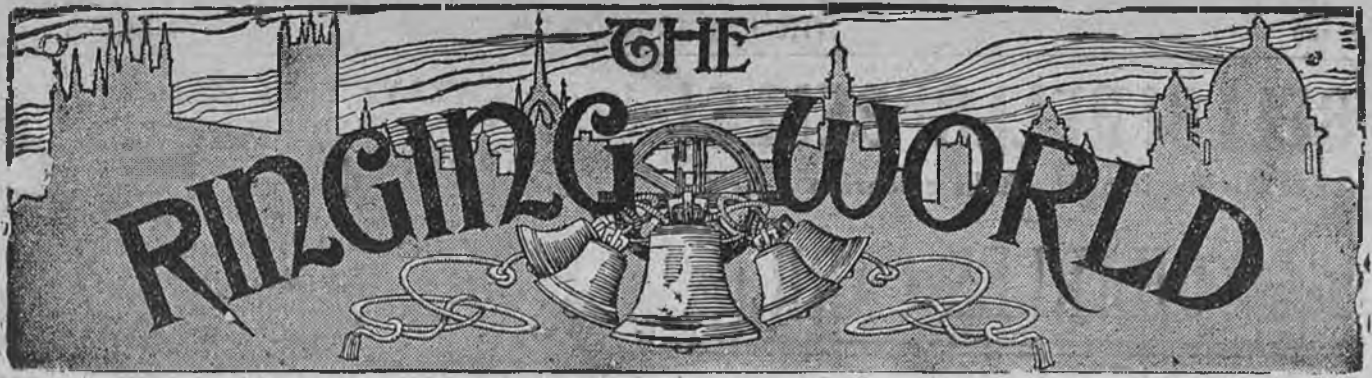
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EASTER MEETINGS.

The Easter meetings were this year of a very gratifying kind. For the most part they were attended by almost record numbers, and in the few cases where the gatherings failed to come up to expectations in point of attendance they certainly provided satisfactory evidence that the work of the past year has been one of steady advance all along the line. And, after all, while a big gathering at an annual meeting is an excellent indication of the vitality of a society, it is the progress spread over the whole year which forms the chief testimony as to whether an association is a really live one. In the case of the Hertford County Association, both the large attendance at the festival and the splendid progress which the Hon. Secretary was able to report testify to the growing enthusiasm and the uninterrupted advance which is being made in this well managed society. It is most interesting to notice how individual bands are forging ahead, and the promise of the future of the association is most encouraging. The Kent Association, holding its meeting in one corner of the county, failed to attract as large a gathering as usual, but the report of the Hon. Secretary showed what splendid work had been done during the year.

It was only to be expected that at many of the Easter meetings reference should be made to the new Parochial Church Councils. Thanks to the prompt warning given by Canon Baker, which roused the Exercise to action, and the unexpected intervention of Lord Phillimore, the proposed severance of the ties between ringers and incumbents was removed from the Councils (Powers) Bill, but the fact that the ringers are to remain under the control of the clergy, as they have been through the past centuries, does not remove the desirability of their being represented upon the Church Councils. The ringers are a not unimportant body of Church workers, and they should do their best at every church to see that they have representation upon the new Church authority, if only for the reason that some clergy, desiring voluntarily to place the management of everything connected with the personnel of the Church in the hands of the Council, or, at any rate, to consult it in all things, may be inclined to act, with regard to the ringers and ringing, upon the suggestions of the new authority. In such cases it is essential that the ringers' views should be heard, and therefore the warning uttered by numerous recent speakers, that ringers should see that they are placed upon the parochial electoral roll, and that one at least of their number in each parish is nominated for a seat on the Council, is not entirely unnecessary. Ringers are, for the most part, a slow-moving body, but here is a matter which seriously concerns them, and they should realise their responsibilities and act up to them.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.
On Monday, March 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5191 CHANCES:

Tenor 26 cwt.	
GEORGE ORCHARD 2	WILLIAM HASTINGS 7
FRANK COLE... .. 3	WILLIAM HALK 8
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	ALFRED HANNIS 9
CHARLES J. GARDINER 4	WALTER FARLEY... .. 10
THOMAS BALDWIN 5	JOHN F. BALLINGER 11
ALBERT WRIGHT 6	RUPERT SHARP Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

CHELMSFORD.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Four Hours and Six Minutes,
AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES:

Tenor 34½ cwt.	
*HAROLD W. CLARK 2	*JOHN ARMSTRONG 7
*JOHN THOMAS 2	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 8
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 3	†WILLIAM J. NUBBS 9
*WILLIAM HEWETT 4	*ALBERT W. COLES 10
CHARLES T. COLES 5	RECEN SANDERS 11
ISAAC G. SHADE... .. 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside' also first peal in the method in the county.

TEN BELL PEALS.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.
On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.	
FRANK COLE... .. 2	HARRY SMITH 6
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER 7
HERBERT SCRIVENS 3	GEORGE ORCHARD 8
WALTER FARLEY... .. 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER 9
ALBERT WRIGHT 5	ALBERT SMITH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

CHELTHENHAM.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Monday, March 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES

Tenor 23 cwt.	
WILLIAM T. PATES 2	HAROLD HOLFORD 6
GEORGE H. PHILLOTT 2	CHARLES H. AUSTIN 7
ALBERT W. HENPHRIES 3	GEORGE WALTERS 8
JOHN AUSTIN 4	ERNEST E. DAVIS 9
JESSE GILLET 5	WILLIAM W. BASTIN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(St. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)
On Tuesday, March 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.	
ARTHUR E. WILKINS 2	WILLIAM H. THOMAS... .. 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
PERCIVAL W. CAVE 3	WILLIAM A. CAVE 8
EDWIN J. RIDLER 4	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. 9
HARRY BROWNJOHN 5	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. Tenor

Composed by JOHN A. BERFORD. Conducted by G. CONDICK, JUN.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb.

JOHN BEAMS Treble	JOHN WHITE... .. 6
*ARTHUR MASON 2	ALFRED H. WINCH 7
GEORGE MARRINER 3	JOHN HOYLE... .. 8
THOMAS MILES 4	ARTHUR DEAN 9
JOHN HOWES 5	WILLIAM LYNCH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

First peal on the bells. Great credit is due to Mr. T. Miles who, in his 73rd year, rang perfectly throughout, his first peal in this tower being on April 23rd, 1869—the celebrated peal of four fathers and four sons. * First peal of Grandsire Caters.

FULHAM, LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, March 31, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES W. DRIVER Treble	GEORGE C. ILES 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 2	FRANK SKEVINGTON 7
WILLIAM H. WOOD 3	ARTHUR HARDING 8
HORACE BELCHER 4	ALBERT W. COLES 9
WILLIAM E. JUDD 5	*PERCY E. CLARKE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON. Conducted by F. SKEVINGTON.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. Mr. W. E. Judd was elected a member of the Middlesex County Association previous to starting for the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 25, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HENRY DANIELS Treble	CHARLES DYSON 5
WILLIAM HARRIS 2	SAMUEL NEWMAN 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	THOMAS BALDWIN 7
JESSE GILLET 4	WILLIAM DRINKWATER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This peal was rung with the bells muffled. Grandsire was substituted after meeting short for Stedman Triples.

FLEXTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD F. DEAL Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 5
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 2	SAMUEL WOOD 6
ROBERT J. DAVIES 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
SAMUEL GREENHALGH 4	WRIGHT JOHNSON... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Herbert Collier, a member of the local company, to Miss E. Podham. The band was subsequently entertained to tea at the home of the bride.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT 5
ALFRED B. PECK 2	ALFRED W. GROVES 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	OLIVER SIPPETIS... .. 7
ARTHUR MASON 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by KEITH HART.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

(ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 26, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.

†REGINALD POLE... .. Treble	*SAMUEL SNELSON 5
†JAMES E. LILLEY 2	*ALBERT L. SHORT 6
†GEORGE W. BROWN 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7
CHARLES R. LILLEY... .. 4	WILLIAM D. WASE Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal. † First peal on tower bells, also on eight bells and first attempt. J. E. Lilley is only 13 years of age. He is the youngest ringer to ring a peal for the Salop Guild, in the county of Salop and the Hereford Diocese.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Day, March 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

CHARLES ABLITT Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 5
JOSEPH LAST... .. 2	ALBERT A. FLEMING 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING 7
CHARLES E. FISHER 4	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

HARRY HALL Treble	CLEMENT J. MORE 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 6
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY... .. 7
GEORGE ARCHER 4	ERNEST E. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

HARRY OVERTON... .. Treble	JOHN W. DAVIES 5
FRANK FOX 2	ARTHUR NEWELL 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
HARRY F. HOLDING 4	*EDWIN VICKERS... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal and made a member of the Guild.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	REV. W. R. INGHAM 5
HARRY F. HOLDING 2	HARRY OVERTON... .. 6
JOHN W. DAVIES... .. 3	ARTHUR NEWELL... .. 7
FRANK FOX 4	GEORGE R. JONES Tenor

Composed by WM. SHIPWAY. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

FRESTWICH, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

SAMUEL GREENHALGH. ... Treble	FREDERICK PAGE... .. 5
SAMUEL WOOD 2	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 6
JOSEPH LOWE 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
RICHARD F. DEAL 4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HARRY PAGE... .. Treble	FREDERICK LASBURY 5
GEORGE WINES 2	JAMES CROSS... .. 6
WILLIAM BISS 3	TOM PAGE 7
FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN ... 4	WILLIAM PAGE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by H. PAGE.

First peal in the method by the ringers of 3 and 4, who hail from Cardiff. Rung as a birthday compliment for the conductor, and also for T. Page, jun., and Miss M. Page, son and daughter of the ringer of the tenor, and Miss Winnie Biss, daughter of the ringer of the 3rd. The conductor entertained the band after the peal.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.	
CHARLES TRIBE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
FREDERICK G. BURDEN 2	WILLIAM WENBAN 6
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
*CHARLES H. SONE 4	*OWEN HODGES Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
LEONARD J. WYMAN 2	GEORGE BASFORD 6
ANDERSON Y. TYLER 3	*JOHN R. MAIN 7
GEORGE LINES 4	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal in the method on an inside bell. First in the method on the bells.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM COOK Treble	GEORGE MARRINER 5
WILLIAM H. CORBETT 2	GEORGE COOK 6
ARTHUR MASON 3	ALFRED H. WINCH 7
ALFRED H. BROWN 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

100th peal for Surrey Association by A. H. Winch.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 1/2 cwt.

LEONARD SHAW Treble	WILLIAM HARRISON 5
ALBERT HELLIWELL 2	JAS. H. CHARLESWORTH ... 6
SAMUEL HARRISON 3	*GEORGE HILL 7
ARCHIE BREARLEY 4	†JOHN R. BREARLEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. R. BREARLEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells, and the first in the method ever rung in the county of Derbyshire. Rung as a memorial peal on the first anniversary of the death of the late Mr. David Brearley. All the band hail from Bolsterstone with the exception of George Hill from Hoylandswaine, and all owe their best thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for so kindly providing tea afterwards. No. 1477 of the Y.A.C.R. Report.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRONDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

FRED COLCLOUGH Treble	WILLIAM FISHER... .. 5
WALTER GRINSELL 2	JAMES ADAMS 6
BENJAMIN GOUGH 3	JOHN A. BROWN 7
HERBERT SHEPPARD 4	THOMAS JUSTICE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. BROWN.

This peal was rung as the quarterly peal for the above Guild, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Fred Colclough, also in honour of his election as honorary Secretary to the above Guild. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea after the peal by Mr. and Mrs. Colclough, and wish to take this opportunity of expressing their sincere thanks to them for their kind hospitality.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 1/2 cwt.

†CHARLES F. SAYER Treble	*FREDERICK WADE 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 2	ALFRED H. WATSON... .. 6
*EDGAR BAILEY 3	ERNEST LINCOLN 7
THOMAS BECKETT 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by F. W. NAUNTON.

† First peal. * First peal of Major on tower bells. First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor's 100th peal. Composition No. 116 C.C. Collection, and has only 5 and 6 in 6th's at course-ends.

BARNES, SURREY.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.) (SOUTHERN DIVISION.)
On Tuesday, March 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

ERNEST H. COOK Treble	RALPH MACKRILL 5
*HARRY BARRETT 2	CHARLES F. W. HUNT 6
FREDERICK H. CROOK 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON 7
WILLIAM H. WOOD 4	*JOHN WILLMOTT... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples, and first peal in the method on the bells.

POPLAR, E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 29, 1921, in Two Hours Forty-two Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, ISLE OF DOGS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 1/2 qr.

THOMAS H. HAWKINS... .. Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	*WILLIAM H. DAYNES 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	HAROLD W. CLARK 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 4	DALBY HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to ringer of Treble. * First peal of Stedman.

SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-LESS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 1/2 in E.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	WILLIAM TAYLOR 5
JAMES ARMSTRONG 2	FRED HARWOOD 6
ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG ... 3	ROBERT SANDERSON 7
ARTHUR BAILEY 4	EDWARD ARMSTRONG Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by EDWARD ARMSTRONG.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Mr. William Martin, father of the Branch Sec., who was interred at Walton-le-Dale on the above date.

**SALDHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, March 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.**

*TRAYTON BOOTH 2	FREDERICK I. LAMBERT 5
CHARLES TRIBE 2	*THOMAS HOAD 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	*WILLIAM H. HOAD 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First attempt for a peal of Major. Mr. Booth, the captain of the local band, has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

**MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, March 29, 1921, in Four Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Dionysius,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 7488 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.**

ARTHUR CATTELL 2	FRED STANFORTH 5
TOM TEBBUTT 2	JOSIAH MORRIS 6
WILLIAM ROGERS 3	WILLIAM J. ALLEN 7
FRED WILFORD 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Longest peal on the bells and in this method by the Association. The composition with parted tenors has 22 courses each 648, 658, 678, and now rung 'in full' for first time. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and local company for having all in readiness for the peal.

BROMLEY, KENT

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.**

*ALFRED JAMES 2	ARTHUR MASON 5
GEORGE DURLING 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 6
GEORGE F. JAMES 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	GEORGE HUXLEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal of Stedman.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Tuesday, March 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.**

BENIAMIN FOSKETT 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM J. NEDDS 6
ALBERT W. COLES 3	HARRY KILBY 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	GEORGE M. KILBY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 31, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Ranmoor,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.**

SAM THOMAS 2	J. E. L. COCKEY 5
WILLIAM BURGAR 2	JAMES EVINSON 6
JOSEPH OSGUTHORPE 3	JAMES A. DIXON 7
FRANCIS WARD 4	CHARLES HAYNES Tenor

Composed by E. TAYLOR. Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

This peal was arranged for the 40th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, March 19th, 1881, but was unsuccessful. Messrs. W. Burgar and J. A. Dixon rang the same bells in both peals and the composition was also the same.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES ABLITT 2	FRANK L. FISHER 4
ALBERT FLEMING... .. 2	CHARLES E. FISHER 5
GEORGE PRYKE 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and Bob Minor.

REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Treble	GEORGE BASFORD 4
WALTER PERKINS 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE... .. 5
LEONARD J. WYMAN 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(NOTTINGHAM BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS HORTON... .. 2	JOHN W. KIRTON... .. 4
REV. C. J. STURTON 2	HENRY CLOXTON... .. 5
ARTHUR WARD 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

This peal was arranged for the ringer of the 5th, who is a native of East Bridgford, and whose first attempt it was to ring a peal.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, in 10 different callings. Tenor 18½ cwt.

HORACE BOSWORTH 2	THOMAS TOWNSEND 4
FRANK W. LACK 2	THOMAS H. TOWNSEND 5
DONALD SMITH 3	GEORGE FRANKLIN Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TOWNSEND.

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

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 30, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	†JACK SADDINGTON 4
*RONALD F. LAWRENCE ... 2	†ERNEST PALMER... .. 5
†R. WILLIAM LAWRENCE ... 3	CECIL CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by CECIL CHAPMAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor on an inside bell.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 31, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 120's called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*RONALD F. LAWRENCE ... Treble	JACK SADDINGTON 3
MATT. HOBBS 2	R. WILLIAM LAWRENCE ... 4
CECIL CHAPMAN Tenor	

Conducted by MATT HOBBS.

* First peal of Doubles.

ANCIENT LONDON BELLS RESTORED.**THE PEAL AT ST. ANDREW'S, HOLBORN.**

The famous bells of St. Andrew's, Holborn, were reopened, after thorough restoration, on Sunday morning, and, in the opinion of those competent to judge, now form one of the noblest peals in London. The ceremony was incorporated in the morning service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Edwin Bedford, M.A. The sermon was preached by the Rector of St. Clement Danes (the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, M.A.). After the reading of the second lesson, the clergy, preceded by the choir, proceeded to the west end of the church, where the dedicatory prayers were read, followed by a short touch on the bells by eight members of the London County Association, under the leadership of the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender). — The Rector, in his address, reviewed in a most interesting manner the history of bells, the growth of change ringing, and the increase of bell restoration work, remarking upon the great work and reforms carried out all over the country by the Change Ringing Associations. He mentioned that St. Andrew's had especial interest for him as the neighbouring parish, and especially owing to the many points in common between the two churches. The restoration of the two buildings was carried out under the supervision of the same architect, Sir Christopher Wren, their previous organs were built by the same man, their Communion tables were of similar design, and each tower possessed a Sanctus bell cast by Robert Mot, of the Whitechapel Foundry, the one at St. Clement's dated 1588, and that at St. Andrew's, 1587. Lastly, both rings of bells had been restored by the same eminent firm.

At the conclusion of the service, the bells were rung to various methods, including Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob.

The bells are a peal of eight (tenor 27 cwt.) in the key of C sharp, and were cast at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1731. They were a recast of a former ring, and it is known that bells were rung in this tower to celebrate the victory of Agincourt.

When the existing bells were hung in 1731, they were put back into the old framework, which was altered and rebuilt to accommodate the recast ring. When the present restoration was taken in hand by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the tenor and 5th were found to be cracked in the crown, and the old framework in too poor a condition to satisfactorily carry the bells. The tenor and 5th have now been recast, the other bells cleaned of all corrosion, and the whole ring tuned and rehung with entirely new fittings and framework. The bells are hung with iron headstocks, and the bearings are of new grease retaining type. The framework is a massive cast iron structure, mounted on a foundation of steel girders, the foundation being amply cross braced to form one unit, and the whole frame is perfectly rigid. The 'go' was very favourably commented upon, and the tone of the bells, after their cleaning and tuning, was considered to be exceptionally fine, especially the recast tenor, and many who were present were of the opinion that the bells constituted the finest eight in London.

Arrangements are being made to have the bells regularly rung for Sunday services.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**SUFFOLK BRANCH'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.**

The first annual meeting of the Suffolk Branch of the Norwich and Ipswich Association was held at Ipswich on Easter Monday. Dinner was served at Day's Restaurant, followed by a business meeting, presided over by the Rev. Canon H. A. Douglas-Hamilton (Vicar of St. Mary-le-Tower), who was supported by the Rev. W. Pearson (Henley), Rev. H. Drake (Ufford), Rev. W. H. Lilley (Bramford), Rev. C. A. Barnes (St. Matthew's, Ipswich), Mr. E. F. Hollamby, Mr. J. Mott, (Ringing Master), Mr. E. Evans (Branch Secretary), Messrs. F. C. Lambert, C. E. Fisher and Wm. Rose (District Secretaries), etc.

The Secretary reported that since the adoption of the branch schema by the Association, general meetings had been held at Henley, Woodbridge and Leiston. Meetings for practice had been held at 24 towers. Since the last general meeting the brothers Bailey, of Leiston, had added to their long list of performances double-handed peals of Stedman Caters, the first by five brothers in any Association. The Company at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, had rung a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal and one of Maximus, thus being the first in post war as pre-war to score a peal in this method on 12 bells, and they were now looking forward to scoring a peal of Double Norwich Maximus. The Association closed the year 1920 with a membership of 990, and a total of 178 peals, of which number Suffolk could claim 111. It was a matter for congratulation that the proposed inclusion of bell ringers in Clause 6, Section 3, of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Bill was not carried, and that they were still under the control of clergy in charge of parishes, who alone could withhold permission for the bells to be rung.

The retiring officers were elected en bloc: the Revs. Hamilton, Barnes, Lilley and Powell, with Mr. E. F. Hollamby, were elected honorary members, and Messrs. Ward, Berry, Botwright, Smith, Ling, Field, Lee and Thompson ringing members.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**CENTRAL DIVISION AND THE ASSOCIATION'S FINANCES.**

Despite the inclement weather prevailing on Easter Monday, the annual meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex Association at Burgess Hill was well attended by a fairly representative gathering. The musical ring of eight was kept going during the afternoon and evening in methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise. A bright service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. B. Jameson, M.A.), who, choosing as his text, Numbers x. 7, 'When the congregation is to be gathered together, ye shall blow,' recalled the use of the silver trumpet for assembling the children of Israel, which office was performed solely by the priest as being one of a very high order. So, too, was the office of the church bell ringer to-day. The preacher emphasised the need for ringing the bells for Divine service in a frame of mind suited to the occasion; and pointed out the far-reaching effects of this branch of church service.

After a collection in aid of the Benevolent Fund, the organist gave a brief, but greatly appreciated, recital on the fine-toned instrument, of which the church is justly proud.

Tea, generously provided by those interested in the ringing locally, was served in the Parish Hall, and was enjoyed by a company of some forty persons, the Vicar presiding, supported by Mr. J. Emerson, the churchwarden. Addressing the gathering at the conclusion of the meal, the Vicar said he was desirous of expressing his appreciation of the honour which he felt the association had given to his parish in holding the annual meeting of the Central Division there. He sincerely hoped it would encourage the local band (sadly depleted by the war) to push on to greater things, and that they would have the pleasure of again welcoming the association at Burgess Hill.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in granting the use of the bells and conducting the service, and to the churchwarden for his kindness in arranging tea, was passed with acclamation.

At the business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman), supported by the Rev. Cecil H. Clarke, of Chiddingly.—Messrs. Geo. Masters and Alfred Gander, of Hurstpierpoint, were elected new members. The election of the following members was then confirmed: Messrs. P. J. Spice, Bromley, Kent; A. J. Trapitt, Wallington, Surrey; A. Mason, West Croydon. The following officers were re-elected: Mr. A. D. Stone (hon. secretary), and Messrs. R. J. Dawe, E. C. Merritt and Wm. Watts (committee).

A statement of the division's accounts was then read by the secretary, showing the receipts £27 0s. 10d., and expenditure £12 10s. 4d. The balance (£14 10s. 6d.) had been paid over to the general hon. treasurer, together with £1 9s. 9d. for the Benevolent Fund.

The last item of the agenda was the consideration of the financial position of the association.—After lengthy discussion, Mr. Markwell (Henfield) proposed: 'That no increase should be made in the amount of subscription, but that the paying of expenses for district meetings should be discontinued henceforth.'—Mr. E. Bish (Ditchling) seconded, and the motion was carried nem. con. The meeting also considered that the opinion of all members on this vital question should be sought and raised at the annual meeting.

Ringing in the tower was then resumed until eight o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal. The following towers were represented: Aldrington, Brighton (St. Peter's), Cuckfield, Chiddingly, Ditchling, Hurstpierpoint, Lindfield, Lewes, Shoreham, and the local branch.

WESTERN DIVISION MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Shoreham on Saturday last, 23 members being present from Brighton, Heene, Steyning, Henfield, Seaford, Pulborough, Billingshurst, Kirdford and the local band. The methods practised ranged from Grandsire Double to London Surprise Major. The members attended a service, at which an address was given by the Rev. Holmes Gore, Vicar of Shoreham. An excellent tea was kindly provided by the Vicar at Mr. Street's restaurant. At the meeting which followed the Vicar took the chair, and was elected an hon. member. Mr. Kitchener, of Kirdford, and Mr. Griffiths, of Hove, were elected active members. Mr. A. W. Groves was re-elected hon. secretary, Messrs. Norris, Statham and Doick were appointed on the committee.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Kirdford on June 18th.

A discussion took place as to raising the annual subscription by 50 per cent., and on the motion of Mr. H. Statham, the secretary was asked to circularise each tower to find out through the local secretaries the views of each member, so that the matter can be settled at the general meeting to be held at Brighton on May 1st next.

On the motion of Mr. E. C. Merritt, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for presiding, for the use of the bells, and also for providing the excellent tea.

The Rev. Holmes Gore having suitably responded, a move was again made to the belfry and the bells kept going till 9 p.m., every one agreeing it had been an excellent meeting.

HINTS FOR BEGINNERS.

It is just as well that those who are starting into change ringing with my notes as a guide should have time to digest what I have to say and put into practice the suggestions I have to make. To give them ample opportunity, therefore, to get off the mark, as it were, I will turn my attention this week to one or two subjects which have been raised by correspondents, whose letters the Editor has passed on to me. One writer, speaking of the highly instructive article by Mr. J. W. Parker which appeared recently, suggests that more attention should be given to touches of Stedman Triples containing odd bobs and touches which contain singles. He remarks that there are many ringers who, when a single is called, have symptoms of what the late Master of the Oxford Guild used to term 'single fever,' simply because touches of Stedman Triples containing singles are so seldom rung.

There is a good deal of truth in this last remark. I can remember occasions when at Association meetings Stedman Triples has been rung, but the touch has come to grief by the call of a single, which has left those concerned absolutely floundering. I also recall an incident in the early days of my ringing when, on approaching the half-peal, the Conductor gave the warning, 'Look out for the single.' Nothing, I should imagine, could be more calculated to upset a band than this—at any rate, it put all of us into a fluster, and it only needed the single itself to put an end to our peal.

Now, for those who get nervous over singles, a bit of practice is the best remedy, and for this purpose it is not necessary to have specially composed touches. There is quite a simple way of getting this practice, and although it does not follow that the touches will all be true, that is a matter of little importance in this case. If, instead of any pair of bobs in a touch, the conductor will call a brace of singles, he will give his ringers experience in this feature of the method, and his touches will run round at the same length as if all bobs were called. The reason, of course, is simple, a single reverses the bells dodging in 6-7 (in Triples) and another single at the next six-end puts them back into their original coursing order.

As to the singles themselves, they are not really very difficult, even for a beginner in the method. The only bell that does strange work is the one dodging in 6-7 down. He makes a whole-pull in 6th's, at back and hand stroke over the bell making 5th's, and dodges up, with the bell he had previously been dodging down with. For the rest, the bell dodging in 4-5 up makes 5th's and dodges in 4-5 down as at a bob, and the bell in 6-7 up lies a whole pull behind and dodges in 6-7 down as at a plain six. The difficulty most beginners experience is in knowing whether they are quick

or slow after a single. As a matter of fact, a single does not affect the way you go into the front work. If you would have been a quick bell without the single you will be a quick bell with it; and if you would have been a slow bell without it you will be a slow bell with it—exactly as if a pair of bobs had been called.

This is the letter which I have received from another correspondent: 'I have read your "Hints for Beginners" in "The Ringing World" with great interest, and particularly where you invite ringers, who are in any difficulty to write to you and seek your help. I will state exactly my position, and then you will know how great are my difficulties. Our parish war memorial is to be in the form of a peal of eight tubular bells, to be hung in one of our parish church turrets, and I am ambitious enough to want to ring these bells, and to make a good job of it. (The bells arrived yesterday and are to be fixed very soon.) I have taken the "Ringing World" for a few weeks, and have visited two bellfries, etc., and chatted with a few bell ringers, but I am still quite at sea with such terms as "Bob Major," "Grandsire Triples," etc., neither can I read the "useful touches for service ringers." I don't know what the letters "W," "B" and "H" mean. Of course, the ringing of our bells is to be a "one-man job," and I want to do it well. I am looking forward eagerly to the time when I can ring our bells, and picture myself ringing changes, tunes, etc. There seems to be endless possibilities in ringing a peal of eight bells, all to oneself.'

I do not want to discourage my friend, but I may as well tell him here and now, that, unless he is an Elijah Roberts or an Arthur Morris, what he seeks, 'can't be done.' First, you cannot 'ring' tubular bells; you can only chime them. Then, there is no royal road to a knowledge of change ringing, and what he desires to achieve or tubular bells can only be attained by years of study and practice. I would suggest to him that he should, as a start, get hold of a few musical changes for chiming, and devote his energies with the tubes to tune playing. But he is enthusiastic, and should not let his enthusiasm be wasted entirely on chiming tubular bells, which are no more like the real thing than a barrel organ is like a piano. He should join a change ringing band in his own neighbourhood and avail himself of the practices there in order first to learn to handle a bell and afterwards to study the art. He would get guidance from his comrades in the belfry, and text books and these notes would help him along. All in good time he would know the meaning of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, and the precise interpretation of 'W,' 'B' and 'H.' But whatever happens to the tubular bells, this enthusiast ought not to be lost to the Exercise, and, as he desires to remain anonymous, I can only urge him to make the first approach to a neighbouring hand.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Cumberland Youths held their annual dinner on Saturday, and the gathering was most successful and enjoyable. Mr. J. D. Matthews, the Master, presided, and there was a company of about 70. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

Next Tuesday is the twelfth anniversary of the record lower bell peal, the 18027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough in 12 hrs. 18 mins., on Easter Monday, April 12th, 1909.

The East Berks and South Bucks Association of Ringers began with two towers in 1877—Boyne Hill and Farnham Royal—and were connected up by Burnham, about midway between the two. There are some four or 5 original members still living, including its first president, Canon Drummond.

The wife of the present branch president is the daughter of the first secretary, the late Rev. F. S. Marshall, Rector of Farnham Royal, whose son is now Vicar of Fulham.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild War Memorial Fund stands at about £250, and £76 is needed. Nine towers of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch have so far responded to the call for funds—all the Bucks with the exception of two. Buck up, the Berks.

Forty years on! It's a long time, but Messrs. William Burgar and J. A. Dixon, of Sheffield, must have had a thrill of satisfaction in taking part, each on the same bell as in 1881, in a peal at Ranmoor to celebrate the 40th anniversary of 'the first on the bells.' We hope they will be able to take part in a jubilee peal.

But interesting as is this performance, Mr. T. Miles, who rang his first peal at the Parish Church, Epsom, on April 23rd, 1889, when the band comprised four fathers and four sons, has gone one better than the Sheffield's men's achievement, by ringing in the first peal on the new ring of ten at his parish church 52 years later. He is very hale despite his 72 years, and finished perfectly fresh.

Another 'game' youngster who hopes to be ringing peals at the age of 100, has just demonstrated how much vitality a man can have at 67½. Leaving Birmingham at 11.25 a.m. on Saturday, he rung the 10th to a peal of Treble Twelve at Waltham Abbey, Essex, in the evening; caught the midnight train from London, lost an hour on the way owing to summer-time, reached Birmingham at 4.15 a.m., and put in a full day's service ringing on Sunday. We need scarcely add that this enthusiast was Mr. James George.

The first peal of College Single Major in Derbyshire was rung on Easter Monday, at Dore, as a memorial peal to the late Mr. David Brearley.

Mr. H. Middleton, of Norton, who was one of the band that put up the Stedman Cinques record of 11,111 changes, is, we are pleased to say, now out of hospital, and progressing favourably after his serious illness.

James E. Lilley, son of C. R. of that ilk, has rung his first peal at the age of 13 years. He is the youngest ringer to ring a peal for the Salop Guild, and in the Diocese of Hereford. The band are anxious to know if he is the youngest member of the Exercise to ring a peal. There have certainly been younger ringers of peals on handbells, and, we believe, also on church bells. No doubt some of our readers can furnish us with exact particulars.

It is not always the peal which scores the highest number of points that is the most meritorious. There is much credit in the performance of the band at Great Staughton, Hunts, recorded this week. It is only a peal of Grandsire Doubles, but it was the first peal by all the band and the first attempt, and in addition was the first peal on the bells. No matter what heights these men attain to in the future, they are never likely to ring a sweeter peal than this.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Central District was held on Easter Monday at Streatham. Ringing was enjoyed at the Churches of St. Leonard and Immanuel during the afternoon and evening, the methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise. Service was attended by the members at Immanuel Church, and included an inspiring and instructive address by the Vicar.

The usual business meeting was held in the Mission Room close by, and was presided over by the Master (Mr. J. D. Drewett), supported by the Vicar and his warden, who both responded to the vote of thanks, proposed by the Master.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Banstead, in July.—One honorary and three ringing members were elected.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**A RECORD ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL MEETING.**

Leicester was the rendezvous for the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association on Easter Monday, and visitors poured into the city from an early hour. As St. Martin's bells (10) were appropriated by their company for peal ringing, members of the association made their way to other towers, where no restriction existed. St. Saviour's, St. John-the-Divine, St. Mark's and St. Peter's, Belgrave, were all available, and were soon occupied. Being near to the Midland Railway Station, the bells of St. John's were in great requisition, everything from Grandsire to London Surprise and Bristol being on the bill of fare. Although the M.C.A. embraces four counties, ringers came from as far as Lincoln, London, Birmingham, and at one time quite a queue was waiting to get 'into possession.' However, all were eventually served, the holiday spirit was in the air, and the music of the bells was appreciated by a holiday public. The afternoon found the new hall-room of the 'Bell Hotel' crowded for tea. About 150 had sent in their names, but 193 turned up, which number constitutes a record for an annual meeting of the M.C.A.

Nearly all the local clergy honoured the meeting by their presence, including the Ven. Archdeacon Macnutt, of St. Martin's; the Rev. S. White, M.A., Vicar of St. John's; the Rev. F. C. Payne, M.A., St. Margaret's; the Rev. W. S. Warren, of St. Mary's; the Rev. J. Disney, M.A., Belgrave, and others.

The general meeting immediately followed, the President, Ald. R. B. Chambers, J.P., occupying the post of honour, supported by Mrs. Chambers, the clergy, and officers of the association. Apologies were received from the Bishop of Peterborough, the Mayor of Leicester, and others.

The President congratulated the members on the record financial year just concluded, and recorded in the report, which, with the statement of accounts, was adopted nem. con. Reference was made to St. Margaret's peal of ten bells now in Loughborough foundry awaiting rehanging, and possibly recasting, and an appeal being made for help by the chairman, and supported by the Vicar of St. Margaret's, it was decided to take up a retiring collection. The bells of St. Mary's (8), also condemned, were mentioned, and it is hoped these may speedily be overhauled and rehanged. The estimated cost of £600 is, however, prohibitive at the present moment.

The voting for four delegates to the Central Council then took place, and while the counting was being carried out, a humorous speech by the Archdeacon filled the bill. The result of the polling was later declared by the chairman as returning officer, viz.: Mr. W. Willson, Leicester, 85; Ald. R. B. Chambers, Derby, 83; Mr. P. Taylor, Loughborough, 59; Mr. J. Griffin, Burton, 50.

There were eleven 'starters' for the 'Central Council Stakes,' and among the 'also rans' were Messrs. Dexter, Morris, Gobey, Chapman, Coppock, White and Kirkby. The elected members returned thanks, and the rest of the business was of a formal nature, and the members returned to the towers for ringing until 8 p.m. Subsequently they re-assembled at the Bell Hotel for a smoking concert, organised by the local branch. It may be mentioned in passing, that the president kindly defrayed the expense of the room for the 'smoker,' a fact greatly appreciated by the members. Some of the Leicester Amateur Musical and Dramatic Society kindly gave their services, assisted by some talented members of the M.C.A., viz.: Mr. A. Coppock (baritone), Mr. J. Jackson (humorist), Mr. T. H. Hardy (basso), Miss Winnie Willson (soprano), Mr. Humphreys (comic), and others. Mr. T. H. Hardy, A.V.C.M., was the pianist. Among the various items of interest was course of Stedman Cinques in hand by W. Willson 1-2, S. Cotton 3-4, G. Cleal 5-6, Albert Walker (Birmingham) 7-8, A. Norman (Birmingham) 9-10, J. George 11-12. Ten o'clock came all too soon, but it was undoubtedly a meeting to be proud of, and a huge success, the local committee feeling that their labours were not in vain.

Forty-two new members were elected, including His Grace the Duke of Argyll. The next meetings will be as follows: Duffield in June. Hinckley in September. Basford-Bulwell in January next, while the annual meeting in 1922 is booked for Burton-on-Trent.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association was held at Monmouth on Easter Monday, when a goodly number of ringers attended from towers throughout the diocese. The bells, a ring of 8, by Rudhall, with tenor about 20 cwt., were available all day, and good use was made of them, touches in a variety of methods being rung. It was the first occasion upon which ladies had taken part in ringing on the bells, and consequently the locals were very interested in seeing the two Rumney ladies taking part in Triples.

The business meeting in the afternoon was presided over by Y. Evan Davies, of Caerleon, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar.

Tea, very kindly provided by the local church authorities, was partaken of at the Dorothy Cafe. Considering the isolated position of Monmouth, which is situated at the extreme end of the diocese, the meeting ranks as one of the best.

The next meeting will be held at Pontypridd, to be followed with one at Magor.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**GREAT ADVANCE IN 1920.**

In accordance with the practice that has now prevailed for a good many years, the annual festival of the Hertford County Association took place at St. Albans on Easter Monday. The gathering was as popular as ever, one speaker remarking at the meeting that it was one of the best in the country.

Canon Parnell (Vicar of Abbot's Langley) preached at a special service held in connection with the festival at the Cathedral. At the conclusion of the service, a party of bell ringers, comprising Messrs. H. and W. Hodgetts, F. W. Brinklow, H. Eden, Challis, F. Winney and Maurice Hibbert rang a course of Stedman Cinques in the choir of the Cathedral. It was an excellent performance, the beauty of tone of the bells and the precision of the striking were a revelation to many ringers, and especially to other members of the congregation.

An excellent tea was provided at the Abbey Institute by Messrs. Slater, of St. Albans, and was partaken of by a party of about 100. Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham presided, and amongst others present were: The Dean of St. Albans, Canon Parnell, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, the Rev. G. M. Edmonds, Messrs. E. N. Wix, L. Head, J. Prewett, E. P. Debenham (hon. treasurer) and G. W. Cartmel (hon. secretary). There were also representatives from St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, King's Langley, Bushey, Hertford, North Mymms, Berkhamsted, Hemel Hempstead, Tring, Ware, Hatfield, Edmonton, Fulham, Southgate, Barlow, Little Munden, Oxhey, and various other places.

The President (Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham) presided at the annual meeting, and in opening the proceedings, remarked on the number of ringers present, and said how pleased he was to see so many familiar faces, mentioning especially Mr. C. F. Winney.

The following were elected members: Messrs. Cecil Edwards, C. Siggers, H. Wilds (Great Munden), F. Dollimore, J. W. Lane (King's Langley), F. Peters (St. Albans), F. Nash, R. Tyler (North Mymms), A. R. Elkins (Aston Clinton), on the proposition of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. Debenham. Mr. E. N. Wix, of St. Albans, became an honorary member.

The Hon. Treasurer moved the adoption of the accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £10 8s. 5d., and £15 15s. 9d., held by the Society in 5 per cent. war stock. The subscriptions for ringing, honorary, and life members, amounted to £30 17s.—Mr. F. Smith seconded, and the accounts were accepted.

THE YEARS' WORK.

The Hon. Secretary, in his report, said: The conditions of ringing throughout the county show great advance, and one notices not only the increased number of men who ring advanced methods, but also the progress almost every band has made since our last annual gathering. Approximately our membership is 521. Thirty-five peals have been rung during the year, and including the omission of a Minor peal from my last report, rung at Great Wymondley, makes a total of 56. They have been rung in 24 different towers by 128 different ringers, including one lady. Thirteen have rung their first peal, and many others have rung their first in a variety of methods. The peals comprise: London Surprise 1, Erin Triples 1, Stedman Caters 1, Stedman Triples 5, Grandsire Triples 6, Bob Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 2, Superlative Surprise 2, Forward Major (first by the Association, and first in the county) 1, Minor 1, Doubles 3. Speaking of individual performances, one notices the first peal of Erin Triples rung by the association, by the Bushey Society. When we consider that the peal contained 360 bobs and 98 singles, 458 calls altogether, some praise is due to the conductor, Mr. Maurice Hibbert, and I am sure we compliment him upon the achievement, also upon ringing his hundredth peal. The Hitchin band, assisted by Great Wymondley, have made considerable advance, and they have added to their credit a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, the first peal by ex-service men resident in the county. It was the first peal in the method by all, the first peal they had rung upon eight bells, and the first by all in the method. Twenty years ago the Hitchin band could only ring one method, to-day it is competent to ring six, and some are attacking Superlative. Another commendable feature of this band is they have set out to ring a quarter-peal once a month for Sunday service. You will also notice the excellent progress made by the Great Wymondley band, several having rung peals. The Royston Society have also scored their first peal, at the third attempt, and other records I am informed are to follow. Instruction is being given to St. Ippoly's band, and it is hoped to introduce change ringing at Offley, when the rehanging of the bells is completed. Baldock bells are in the bellhanger's hands, and when finished we shall again hear from them. There is a 'hum' in the whole of the Northern District, and we congratulate those who are forging ahead. At Hertford and St. Albans, Stedman Caters are now rung, and, I trust, that during the year both the All Saints' and St. Peter's bands will ring a local peal in this method. It can be done, and I hope our president will have the honour of calling the first local peal of Stedman Caters in St. Albans. King's Langley have rung their first quarter-peal of

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**THE CROYDON
BELL FOUNDRY
1921.**

Hertford County Association.—Continued.

Grandsire Triples, which spells a peal in 1921 if I mistake not, and Hemel Hempstead and Tring have accomplished some creditable performances. The Cathedral Society, on the authority of its conductor, can now ring 24 different methods, and although no eight bell peals have been rung by the band during the year in the city, they have visions ahead. Our five and six bell towers have been going ahead, as testified by the peal list. The Luton band has also forged ahead, and now ring Superlative for both morning and evening services. The Harpenden band has made splendid progress, and is now capable of ringing creditably some of the higher methods. It is difficult to particularise on the accomplishments of the various bands, and although I have singled out a few for special reference, I realise that every band is doing its level best to advance the cause for which our association was established. Much has been written about the future of 'The Ringing World,' and we heartily congratulate the Editor upon his forward movement, not only of increasing its pages, but adding several new features. I appeal with confidence to our members that they will strongly support the venture, and use every endeavour to raise the circulation. The Sunday Service page is a capital addition.

RINGERS AT PAROCHIAL COUNCILS.

Lord Phillimore's argument for the ringers, quite unexpected, at the National Assembly, was sufficient to secure the alteration in the Act, foreshadowed by Canon Baker's amendment, and we can now breathe freely again. The ringers of the land prefer to trust the clergy, whom they know as their friends, than run risks with unknown Parochial Church Councillors, however good their credentials. The whole exercise are grateful to Canon Baker for pointing out the defect and bringing it to the notice of the Central Council through the medium of the 'Ringing World.' Every ringer who is eligible should see that his or her name is inscribed upon the Electoral Roll of the Parish Church Councils, and that also he has his representative on the Committee. The National Assembly Act is the layman's franchise, a measure conceived with high motives, and it rests with us whether we make or mar its efficiency. Since our last gathering we have lost by death: Messrs. Henry Lewis, of St. Albans, and Oliver Twist, of Walthamstow. Mr. Lewis joined the Association at its inception, and retained an enthusiastic interest in everything pertaining to its success. He was twice elected president, which was an honour he fully appreciated. He was a singularly happy man, especially when associated with ringers, and he loved to tell at this meeting his ringing yarns, which many of us still remember. He lived a straight life, and rung a true course, and the many happy friendships that linked him with this Association were to him a precious heritage. Mr. Oliver Twist had also been called to his rest. He had been a member for many years, and seldom missed our annual meeting. He was passionately fond of ringing, and the Walthamstow Society will sorely miss him. To his sorrowing wife and family we extend heartfelt sympathy. Two other St. Albans ringers, stalwarts in the early days, have also heard the ringers' call, 'this is all.' I refer to Messrs. A. Godman and Thomas Waller. Both in their day and generation did good service in fostering change ringing, when ringers were few, but retired from active ringing some years back. We gratefully acknowledge all that they did for the cause. Mr. Thomas Conley, of St. Albans, still puts in a most regular attendance in the belfry, and although the sunshine of nearly 85 summers has smiled upon his fortunes, he is still young enough to ring over a thousand of Grandsire Caters, a feat he accomplished a fortnight ago.

DIVISION OF WESTERN DISTRICT.

I would remind you that there are still a few towers in the county where change ringing is not practised. If a cycling or other party could visit some of these towers during the summer months definite results might follow. As regards the districts, the committee discussed the question at its last meeting, and came to the unanimous conclusion that it would be advisable to further split the Western District into two, the Watford to comprise Watford, Oxhey, Rickmansworth, Bushey, Aldenham, Elstree, Abbots Langley and Langleybury, and the new Western district King's Langley, Berkhamstead, Tring, Hemel Hempstead, Northchurch, Apsley End, Great Gaddesden. Mr. F. J. Reeves, of Tring, a man keenly alive to the interests of change ringing, is prepared to undertake the secretarial duties, so success is assured from the beginning. The committee felt that the excessive railway fares in this neighbourhood interfered seriously with attendance at district meetings, and the method suggested will give our Western friends an opportunity of meeting more frequently with neighbouring bands. The district secretaries still continue their effective work. Mr. H. Eden (Western Division) has arranged two meetings at Watford; also meetings at Tring and Hemel Hempstead. Mr. F. R. Bacon has managed to fix up six meetings, at five of which he has persuaded the respective vicars to have a short service with address. This is most encouraging, and is well worthy of imitation, when possible, in other divisions. Mr. W. H. Lawrence has had three meetings at Broxbourne, Bennington and Edmonton, the last being held by invitation of the Edmonton Band. I would here acknowledge the Association's indebtedness to the Edmonton Band for their great kindness in providing tea and giving the mem-

bers such a hearty welcome. This band has been associated with us for many years, and we feel that this kindly act is evidence of the true fellowship that exists among ringers of to-day. Mr. W. Nash, for St. Albans Division, has been busy in arranging quarterly meetings at Hatfield, North Myms, Wheathampstead and Sandridge. At district meetings we are nearly always strongly supported by our non-resident members, distance seeming only to accentuate their enthusiasm. The estimate of their services at these gatherings cannot be adequately expressed; but we are all very grateful to them. To the district secretaries I would offer the thanks of the Association for their unstinted labours. I would emphasise the importance of district meetings, and urge the members' attendance when possible. The success of the society depends upon these well organised gatherings. The social element increases enthusiasm, and many young ringers receive an impetus to attempt greater things. I am sure you heartily join with me in thanking them for all they have done. And I would not forget the secretaries of the various towers who collect and forward the annual subscriptions.

THANKS.

Thanks were also given in the report to the Rev. Canon Mills, Rev. W. H. T. N. Rainey and Mr. Fowler, who had kindly provided teas at district meetings; to Mr. J. Prewett, who had again audited the accounts; to Mr. Livermore, the librarian; to the ringers of the course of Stedman Cinques at the service; and to the incumbents for the use of the bells, not only at that annual meeting, but at all other times, whether for practice, peals, or district meetings; also to the honorary members for their monetary support, including the Bishop of St. Albans, who had become a life member.

'To-day,' concluded Mr. Cartmel, 'our Association stands in a high state of efficiency, and I do not remember any year that I have seen such a forward movement in evidence. Upon us individually rests the responsibility that our membership means increased efficiency in our ringing, both in striking and method, so that we may still go forward. But that efficiency will be minimised unless we realise the true position of our high calling. We are called not only to this branch of church work here below, but we are called to be fellow workers with God in the extension of His Kingdom. May everyone here to-day realise that insistent call, and place their services upon the highest plane, so that in the daily round and the common task we may, as each Sabbath comes round, join not only in the ringing in the tower, but in the worship and singing in the pew.'

The report was adopted on the motion of the Rev. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, seconded by Mr. Barnes (Reddish).

The election of officers was as follows: President, Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham; hon. treasurer, Mr. E. P. Debenham; hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Cartmel; representative on Central Council, Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake; hon. auditor, Mr. J. Prewett; hon. librarian, Mr. E. J. Livermore; hon. district secretaries, northern division, Mr. F. R. Bacon; eastern, Mr. W. H. Lawrence; Watford, Mr. H. Eden; western, Mr. F. J. Reeves; St. Albans, Mr. W. Nash.

Thanks were accorded Canon Parnell for his excellent address, and to the Dean and the Vicars of St. Peter's, St. Michael's and St. Stephen's, for the use of the bells.

The Secretary desires to express his indebtedness to those who attended the meeting and contributed to its success either by helping weaker members to ring some advanced method for the first time, by attending the service in such strong force, or by providing the jolly good fellowship so evident at the tea and meeting. Thanks also are tendered to the various steeplekeepers.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF THE ISLAND BRANCH.**

The first meeting of the newly-formed Isle of Wight district took place at Shanklin on Easter Monday, where 22 members and visitors had a very enjoyable day's ringings. The first part of the proceedings was an attempt for Holt's ten-part peal, by: G. Williams (North Stoneham), conductor 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Johnson 3, W. Scott, junr., 4, J. B. Williamson 5, F. W. Rogers 6, E. J. Harding, junr., 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8. After 1½ hours' excellent ringing this unfortunately came to grief owing to a shift course just before the half peal end. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major, also rounds, were afterwards indulged in.

Tea, at the invitation of the Shanklin band, was heartily enjoyed at 4 p.m. The business meeting followed, at which it was proposed to invite the Bishop of Southampton to become the first president of the district.—The Rev. M. A. Bere, Vicar of St. Saviour's, was elected a vice-president, and it was proposed to ask the Vicars of Ryde, Brading, Newport, Carisbrooke & Whitwell, also to become vice-presidents.

Each tower was left to elect its own representative to the Central Committee, with Mr. W. Upton district secretary.

It is hoped to have the next meeting at Carisbrooke (if the bells are back in time from the founders), and another on August Bank Holiday at Freshwater.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. M. A. Bere for the use of the bells, the Shanklin ringers for their hospitality, and to Mr. Geo. Williams, the Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, for his interest, help and attendance, concluded a very successful meeting.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—On Sunday afternoon, April 3rd, at St. Michael's Church, with the bells half-muffled, on the occasion of dedication of the town War Memorial, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. M. White 1, F. Bird (conductor) 2, H. J. Tucker 3, H. Dew 4, W. T. Prior 5, W. W. Tucker 6, P. Springham 7, C. Ridgwell 8.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—Essex Association.—On Sunday, April 3rd, for the morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise in 25 mins.: H. Bacon (Ardleigh) first in the method, 1; J. Bowells (Great Bromley) 2, A. Catterwell (Lower Herkesley) 3, E. Eady (Thorpe-le-Soken) 4, J. Souter (Misley) 5, W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley) (conductor) 6.

After service 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Bacon 1, J. Bowell 2, J. Souter 3, E. Eady 4, W. J. Nevard 5, A. Catterwell (conductor) 6. Also course Double Bob: G. A. Andrews, jun., on treble, and his first attempt in Double Court.

WILLESDEN GREEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, April 3rd, 1921, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1,260) Grandsire Triples, in 42 minutes: A. French 1, T. Newmann (conductor) 2, H. Kilby 3, W. G. Mathews 4, C. V. Ebberson 5, A. Tennant 6, G. M. Kilby 7, R. Kilby 8.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On Sunday, April 3rd, for morning service, 784 Bob Major, in 34 minutes. For evening service, 1,008 changes in the same method, in 41 minutes: Wm. Cook 1, Benson Douglas 2, Bonn. Douglas 3, J. J. Spedding 4, Wm. Douglas 5, J. Rothery 6, J. Spedding 7, G. W. Tembey (conductor) 8. This is the longest length in the method by all.

ISLEWORTH MIDDLESEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, April 3rd, for evening service, and also as a birthday compliment to ringer of the tenor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 minutes: P. E. Clark 1, A. R. Macdonald 2, G. Spencer 3, F. Hayes (Gravesend) 4, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 5, A. J. Walsom 6, A. Beckensale 7, A. Sheard 8.

MERSHAM, KENT.—At St. John the Baptist's, on Sunday, April 3rd, for morning service, a 720 Bob Minor by local band, with 6-8 covering: Miss R. Thomas 1, W. Earl 2, G. Paine (conductor) 3, E. Rush 4, A. Gower 5, H. Parkes 6, G. Thomas 7, F. Finn 8. Miss Thomas' first 720 of Minor and first by a lady in the tower.

BURTON LATIMER.—Central Northants Association.—On Sunday, April 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: J. Pettitt 1, H. Meadows 2, R. Saddington 3, J. Saddington 4, M. Norton 5, B. J. Saddington 6, G. Lines (conductor) 7, A. Tompkins 8. This was the first quarter-peal and first attempt by all the band with the exception of the conductor, and his first attempt as conductor. All are local men except the tenor man, who hails from Finedon. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, April 3rd, for a flower service in the afternoon, 336 and 168 of Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, C. Tribe 2, E. Parsons 3, G. Sims 4, H. Parkes 5, E. Burgess 6, J. Honess 7, — Ernest 8, and for the evening service 168 of Grandsire Triples.

WALLASEY.—At St. Hillary's Parish Church, on Sunday morning, April 3rd, for Divine service, 720 Plain Bob: R. Webster 1, E. Piers 2, G. R. Rogers 3, E. Webster 4, S. Strong (conductor) 5, C. R. Wright 6. The bells were half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. H. Joynton, an ex-churchwarden, and a real friend to the church, and to the bellringers. C. R. Wright hails from the Parish Church, Rotherham.

WEEKLEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 3rd, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles, six different callings: B. Barrett 1, W. Lawrence 2, R. Lawrence 3, D. Shatford 4, R. G. Black (conductor) 5, C. Moore 6. First 720 by ringers of 1 and 4, and first 720 by the local band.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—For early service, on Easter Day, 720 of Double Oxford, conducted by E. H. Spice, and 720 of Cambridge Surprise, conducted by W. Spice, the other ringers being W. E. Spice, G. H. Spice, Mrs. G. H. Spice, T. Jull, W. Nye.—For evening service, on Sunday, April 3rd, 720 of Double Court, by: Miss M. Harris, G. Webb, E. H. Spice, G. H. Spice, W. E. Spice and W. Spice (conductor).

LLANDAFF.—At the Cathedral, on Easter Day, for 11 a.m. service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (by James George), in 45 minutes: J. Pitcher 1, A. Rowley 2, F. Bailey 3, W. Biss 4, T. Woods 5, J. Bailey 6, C. O. Hobbs 7, L. Wright (conductor) 8.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Easter Day, for evensong, at St. Thomas' Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 18½ mins.: J. Simmonds 1, W. Chambers (conductor) 2, W. Johnson 3, J. Bacon 4, W. Scott 5, W. Scott, jun., 6, W. Upton 7, J. Leal 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Easter Day, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. C. Dean 1, J. Dove 2, W. H. Austin 3, F. Flopper 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. J. Allen (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8. †First five hundred in the method.

NORTHAMPTON.—At All Saints' Church, on Easter Day, for morning service, 576 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Farey, jun., 1, A. P. Hensman 2, W. Atterbury 3, J. C. Dean 4, H. Rainbow 5, H. Blundell 6, W. Farey, sen., 7, W. J. Allen (conductor) 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1260 changes): †W. Farey, jun., 1, A. P. Hensman 2, †W. Atterbury 3, †J. C. Dean 4, F. Wellford 5, H. Rainbow 6, W. Farey, sen., 7, W. J. Allen (conductor) 8. †First quarter-peal in the method.

THE SPIRIT OF UNSELFISHNESS.

By the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

It seems to me that our change ringing is peculiarly adapted to inculcate one or two lessons which are sadly in need of being taken to heart in these critical and dangerous days. These lessons are those of the need of unselfishness and of the interdependence of classes and individuals. Take the lesson of unselfishness. What change ringer is there worthy of his calling who would for any other than a very urgent reason absent himself from a practice or from ringing for a church service, knowing that his absence will or even might cause the company to meet one 'short'? No. He makes a point, even at occasional serious inconvenience to himself, to be at his post. Let us take this to ourselves as a principle to be carried out not only in ringing, but in all the affairs of our life—the principle, that is, of carrying out to the full, whatever our duty or whatever we have undertaken to do even at the cost of inconvenience and self-sacrifice. Let us not disappoint either God or our fellow-men.

Then, next, there is the lesson of interdependence. In change ringing each has his place, and each has to do his work in that place. Some work seems greater and better than some of the other work. One rings an inside bell, another rings the treble, and another only rings the tenor behind. But all are necessary, and the important point is not the nature of the work, but the way in which it is done. So in the Church, and so in the body politic, there are different kinds of work, and different classes, and if one of these fails or rebels the whole is thrown out of joint. The lesson therefore that our ringing in this respect helps us to learn is that we cannot live or work for ourselves alone, that we must consider our relation to all the others, and to do our work, whatever it may be, with an eye to the good of all, and to cultivate by every means in our power a spirit of heartiness, earnestness and unselfishness.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1,248 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

23456	B	M	W	H
45236	—	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—	—
55126	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	—

2nd never behind with tenor at the 'wrong.'

H. W. White.

756 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

234567	
402575	3
274653	3
362574	1
623574	4
746352	2
237546	1
462753	2
374562	1
P.L.357246	1

Twice repeated.
John Howes.

1,921 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

1234567	
6431257	5-6-7-8
2451637	1-5-7
3152467	5-6-7-8

Repeat 7 times, omitting last two bells in 5th part and adding single at 8th part end.

A. J. Pitman.

575 GRANDSIRE CATERERS.

23456789

42356978	7 in and out at 3
34256	9 in 3
23456	9 in 3
62354879	9 in and out at 2
42365	1 S, 9-8 S
34265	8 in 3

J. George.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 14th and 28th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on April 19th; and Southwark Cathedral on April 26th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—District meeting at Oakley, on Saturday, April, 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45. Business meeting after tea.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Tyldesley, on Saturday, 9th April. Bells available 4.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, Saturday, April 9th, by permission of the Vicar (Rev. Sharp).—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, Chiswick.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. Dr. Swindell. Tea in the Schoolroom at 6, 1/- each.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The Half-yearly meeting will be held at Frindsbury, near Rochester, recently augmented to 8, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available from 3 to 9. Service at 5 conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. P. Pascoe, M.A. By kind invitation of the Vicar, tea will be provided in the Parish Hall, followed by the business meeting.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A Joint Meeting of the Luton and Bedford Districts will be held at Ampthill and Maulden, on Saturday, April 9th. Meet at Ampthill at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman and H. L. Harlow, Hon. Dist. Secs.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next Meeting will be held at Felkirk, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tenor 10 cwt. Tea will be served in the Old School in the Churchyard, 5.30. Nearest railway stations, Royston Midland Railway and the Ryhill Halt on G.C.R. All ringers are welcome.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Withercombe Raleigh, Exmouth, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Withercombe, Lympstone, Littleham. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Jubilee Hall (1/- each).—J. C. Oke, 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Combined practices will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, April 9th, and Pirbright, Saturday, April 30th, both commencing at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Owlsmoor, Camberley.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—S.W. District Branch.—Next Quarterly meeting will be held at Holbeton, Plymouth, on Saturday, April 9th. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bells available Yealmpton, 6; and Holbeton, 6. Tea 1/-.—E. W. Marsh, 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wotton-under-Edge, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A Meeting will be held at Barkway, on April 9th, when the bells (8) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at The Wheatsheaf Hotel, 5.30. Business meeting after.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dist. Sec., Little Munden.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Tyne District.—The Monthly meeting will be held at Wylam, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—Edward Lowrey, Sec., West Tyne District, 8, Hawthorn Terrace, Walbottle, Newburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next Monthly meeting will be held at Balderstone, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells ready at 3, meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 99, Hunter St., Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A Meeting will be held at Bootle, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells ready at 4.30, meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A Meeting will be held at Wiveliscombe, on Saturday, April 9th. Service in the Parish Church at 3 p.m. Meeting at 3.30. Tea to follow. Bells available all the afternoon and evening.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., Dunkery, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The next Meeting will be held at Puttenham, on Saturday, April 9th; 6 bells, available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.30. Members 9d., Visitors 1/6.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Rd., Guildford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual District meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available at 3. Service at 5, with address by the Vicar, Canon Hardcastle. Tea at the Cafe Restaurant, Middle Row, at 5.45. Business meeting after. All subscriptions must be paid at this meeting. St. Michael's Tower (6) will also be open.—S. Hayzelden, Hon. Dist. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The next Meeting will be held at Hardingstone, on Saturday, April 9th. Usual arrangements.—Sid. J. Lawrence, Dist. Sec., 7, Castilian Terrace, Northampton.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Saxmundham District.—A Quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Peasenhall, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (6) of the Parish Church available 2.30 till 9 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—George Wilson, Hon. Dist. Sec., 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells ready at

3 30. Meeting at 6.30.—G. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER, S.W.—The practices at St. Margaret's will be resumed on Friday, April 15th, at 7.30 p.m. and fortnightly, and ringing for evensong on Sunday, April 17th, at 5.30 sharp and fortnightly. Visitors welcome.—W. H. Hewett.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next Monthly meeting of the above Branch will be held at Pucklechurch, on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5, at the Fleur-de-Lys. A char-a-banc will leave Old Market Street, Bristol, at 2.30 p.m. Members and friends requiring seats and tea please notify me as soon as possible.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—Est. 1824.—Southern District.—The next Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 16th, at St. Mary's, Lambeth. Tower open from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dist. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W. 20.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 23rd Annual general meeting will be held at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, on Saturday, April 16th. At the service at 5 p.m., the sermon will be preached by the Rev. A. Taylor, Vicar of St. Bride's, Fleet St., E.C. Tea at 6 o'clock, followed by meeting, at which business of importance will be discussed, and four representatives to the Central Council elected. The following towers will be open for ringing:—St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, from 2.30 to 5 p.m., and after the meeting, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, from 3 to 4.45 p.m., and from 8 to 9 p.m. A charge of 1/6 will be made for tea, and all requiring same must advise either of the Hon. Secs. not later than Monday, April 11th.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood St., E. 17; W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Rd., W. 4, Hon. Secs.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting will be held at West Ham Parish Church, on April 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service by the Vicar at 5.30. Tea in the Church Room at 6 p.m., followed by business meeting.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Berkeley Glos., on Whit Monday, May 16th, at 2.15 p.m. Our War Memorial Bells will be dedicated and opened during the service, which takes place at 12 noon. Tea arranged for all who advise me not later than May 2nd. Dinners arranged for those who require them. Bells available (8) from 10.30 a.m. and (10) after general meeting. Motions for agenda should reach me not later than May 2nd.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland Section.—The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', West Bromwich, on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea will be arranged at a small charge for all who notify me not later than Wednesday, April 13th. All are welcome.—E. W. Salter, 10, Station Rd., Erdington.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, April 16th. The bells of St. Mary (10) and Emscote (8) will be available from 3 o'clock. Service in St. Mary's Church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. Will those who

require tea let me know by Wednesday, April 13th? All ringers welcome. Will members kindly note: Subscriptions (1/6) for 1921 are now due?—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Petersfield on Saturday, April 16th. Bells at 2 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock for those who acquaint me by Tuesday, 12th inst.—E. J. Harding, Hon. Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kingston (6) on Saturday, April 16th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business at the Swan at 5.45. Will visitors for tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 12th?—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, April 16th (Biddenden bells not being available). Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Those wishing for tea to be provided for them must send in notice of same to Mr. G. Johnson, Veness House, Appledore, not later than Wednesday, 13th inst.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Guilsborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Naseby on Saturday, April 16th. Usual arrangements. W. Bott, District Sec., Guilsborough, Northampton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea notify me by Tuesday, April 12th?—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch will be held at Midsomer Norton on Saturday, April 16th. Divine service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea and business meeting at 5.—Percy Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Evesham on Saturday, April 23rd. Service in All Saints' Church at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Hall for those only who notify me before Wednesday, April 20th. The bells (10) available at 3 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Erith (St. John the Baptist's) on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. and address by the Rev. W. F. Cobb (Vicar). Tea and business meeting to follow in the West Street Schools. The Vicar is providing the tea, and it is necessary that all intending to be present notify me by Tuesday, April 19th, the latest. Christ Church bells will be available also.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Stebbing on April 23rd. Short service with address at 4.30, followed by tea in

Church Room, 1/6 per head. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. J. T. Barker, Hillside, Stebbing, not later than April 19th.—B. Redgwell, District Sec., Rayne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, April 23rd. Minster bells (10) available from noon and St. Mary's (10) from 6 p.m. Service in the Minster at 4 p.m. Tea in Parish Room, Minster Yard, at 5 p.m. at 1/6 per head to those who notify Mr. W. Gibson, 3, Brithumes Place, Long Lane, Beverley, not later than Tuesday, April 19th. Business meeting immediately after tea in same room.—A. B. Cook, District Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on April 23rd. Bells from 2.30. Tea at the Green Dragon, Church Gate, at 5 o'clock. Business after. Short service in church at 6.30. Address by the Vicar. All members and friends cordially invited.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. District Sec., Little Munden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 30th. Tea in Co-operative Hall at 5.15, at 2/- per head. Members wanting tea must send their names to their Branch Secretaries, on or before Tuesday, April 26th. Visitors to advise me.—Reginald Bond, Hon. Sec., St. Peter's Rectory, Lincoln.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

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NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

There are, happily, few of the large territorial organisations among ringers who are in the unfortunate position of having to face a serious falling away of members such as the North Wales Association has experienced. We are not in possession of the full facts, but at the annual meeting it was reported that the Rhyl band had intimated their intention of seceding, and the District Master expressed regret at the general loss of membership. The area covered by the Association must, manifestly, be difficult to organise on account of its geographical character and the distance separating the majority of the towers; but taking the loss of membership in conjunction with the fact that not a single peal was rung last year, it would seem that there must be something lacking in enthusiasm among the affiliated bands. One must not jump to any hasty conclusions in a matter of this kind, and it must not be assumed that the fault lies at the door of the executive. The comparatively small number of towers with peals of bells in North Wales are widely spread and the means of intercommunication are nothing to be compared with those which exist in the areas of the majority of associations, so that 'missionary' work, which under other conditions has proved such an invaluable help in bringing in new bands and maintaining the interest of old members, cannot be so easily organised or carried out.

Everyone, and the officials of the North Wales Association most of all, must regret the falling away among the members of this organisation, for it must inevitably react upon the interests of ringing as a whole. This lack of enthusiasm leads to loss in two directions. In the first place the art itself suffers in the district concerned, and change ringing gradually dies out, leaving the bells merely to be chimed or, as a peal, entirely silent. In the second place the bells themselves, a valuable part of the church property, suffer from neglect; for if there are no ringers to use them they hang away out of sight and forgotten by all else, and neglect and dilapidation overtake them. There is, therefore, we feel, a duty not merely upon the Association, but upon the clergy whose churches possess bells, to take up this matter seriously, and endeavour to revive the flagging interest. At such a moment the circular issued by the Central Council, calling the attention of the Church dignitaries and clergy to the desirability of encouraging change ringing in their towers, comes most opportunely for the North Wales Association, and should make a useful introduction to an intensive campaign throughout the counties in the north of the Principality which might be carried on through the influence of the clergy. We hope a determined effort will be made to bring back old members and gain new ones.

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A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS. 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt.	
CHALLIS F. WINNEY... .. Treble	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 7
*GLADYS E. BATEMAN ... 2	HORACE BELCHER ... 8
ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 3	†ISAAC J. ATTWATER ... 9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... 10
†JAMES SCHOLES ... 5	HENRY CHAPMAN ... 11
†WILLIAM H. PICKETT ... 6	RICHARD F. DEAL ... Tenor

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On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.	
ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	ARTHUR MASON 7
WILLIAM J. KEMP 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	WILLIAM PYE 9
GEORGE R. PYE 4	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN ... 10
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 5	ALBERT W. COLES 11
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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON
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On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.	
ARTHUR MASON Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 8
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 9
ALBERT W. COLES 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.	
HUGH T. SCARLETT Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS 6
WILLIAM J. KEMP 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES 3	*HENRY C. ALFORD 8
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HAROLD W. CLARK 5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... Tenor

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On Saturday, March 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-Part.

GEORGE CHARLES Treble	NOAH REES 5
OLIVER E. THOMAS 2	JOHN W. DAVIS 6
CHARLES GOULDING 3	JOHN AUSTIN 7
CHARLES H. AUSTIN 4	FREDERICK SANDFORD... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. DAVIS.

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CLAPHAM PARK, S.W.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 17 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX Treble	THOMAS LANGDON 5
WILLIAM S. LANGDON 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
FRANK BALL... .. 3	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN ... 7
HERBERT LANGDON 4	RICHARD F. FORWARD... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

This peal was rung to celebrate the 83rd birthday of Mr. Edwin Horrex, which took place on February 28th. He was heartily congratulated on ringing throughout practically faultlessly. The peal was also rung on the 40th anniversary of Mr. P. G. Newman's first peal.

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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*ERNEST PALMER Treble	GEORGE BASFORD 5
JOSEPH SADDINGTON... .. 2	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON ... 6
WILLIAM J. GILBERT 3	CHARLES W. BIRD 7
CECIL CHAPMAN... .. 4	GEORGE LINES Tenor

Composed by J. Holt.

Conducted by G. LINES.

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On Tuesday, March 29, 1921, in Three Hours,

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15 cwt.	
HARRY COOMBS... .. Treble	ALFRED MILES 5
GEORGE BARTLEY 2	*JAMES H. JARVIS 6
DANIEL G. COOMBS 3	HARRY MILES 7
ALFRED R. BOSLEY 4	VINCENT R. HITCHMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MILES.

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On Thursday, March 31, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM A. JEAVO'S... .. Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
SAMUEL PEARCE 2	SAMUEL BAKER 6
WALTER GRINSELL 3	WILLIAM FISHER... .. 7
ALFRED H. FLETCHER 4	ARTHUR GRAINGER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. C. Summers, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Summers, of Coseley, and Miss E. T. Ranschaert, of Gerrard's Cross, Bucks, who were married at the Parish Church, Coseley, on the above date.

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY.)

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JEFFERY R. GAMMON Treble	ARTHUR J. NEALE 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 6
JOHN CARTER 3	WILLIAM H. PICKETT... .. 7
ROBERT G. CHAPPELE 4	WILSON RUSHTON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

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THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 1, 1921, in Three Hours,

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A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH LAST Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 2	GEORGE ABLITT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	SGT. JAMES BENNETT, R.M. 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	THOMAS W. LAST Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At St. Mary's Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

THOMAS DOBLE Treble	DAVID G. TAYLOR 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	HARRY BENGAY 6
EDWARD LLOYD 3	PERCY MERSON 7
GEORGE SIBLEY 4	JAMES HUNT... .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. N. Boughton, M.A., who was inducted to the living on the previous Wednesday. First peal of Major on the bells. The Ringers of 1, 2, 3, 7, 8 hail from Taunton, the remainder are local.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH).

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Unitarian Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-Part.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

LEWIS HOLROYD Treble	GILL SUTCLIFFE 3
*TOM FIELDEN 2	JOHN NASH 6
HARRY GREENWOOD 3	WILLIAM CRABTREE... .. 7
FRANK FIELDEN... .. 4	*JOHN LORD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NASH.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Charles W. Hall, who began his ministry at the above on April 3rd. The peal was also a wedding compliment to Mr. John Mitton (who was a ringer at this church for 40 years), an unsuccessful attempt having been made on the day of the wedding, Monday, March 28th.

RAMSBOTTOM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN H. HAYDOCK Treble	GEORGE HARGREAVES 5
JAMES H. BANKS 2	THOMAS COLLINGE 6
SMITH W. RILEY 3	THOMAS ROLLERSON 7
*WILLIAM MITCHELL... .. 4	JOSHUA RAMSBOTTOM Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOLT.

Conducted by THOMAS COLLINGE.

* First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Bob Major on the bells. Messrs. Mitchell and Ramsbottom hail from Bury; Messrs. Riley, Hargreaves, Collinge and Rollerson, from Ramsbottom; J. H. Banks from Helmshore; J. H. Haydock belongs to the local band.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

SHIRLEY BURTON Treble	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 5
JOHN OLDRAM 2	LOUIS E. ALLEN 6
*WILLIAM SMITH... .. 3	†PRYCE TAYLOR 7
HARRY BROUGHTON 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal Rung immediately after a previous attempt had come to grief three courses from home.

OODDENHAM, SUFFOLK
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE BENNETT Treble	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
SGT. JAMES BENNETT, R.M. 3	GEORGE FARNISH... .. 7
ERNEST E. LANHAM 4	THOMAS W. LAST Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. C. RUMSEY.

This peal, together with the one at Grundisburgh, was arranged to oblige Sergt J. Bennett, R.M.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HUGH WATTS Treble	HARRY ALLED 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	HERBERT ALLED 6
JOSEPH LETHERBARROW ... 3	JOHN POTTER 7
THOMAS K. DRIVER 4	ROBERT ALLED Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ROBERT ALLED.

Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. Robert Allred (ringer of the tenor) and Mrs. Allred, and also as a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. S. J. Fleming). The ringers of the 2nd and 4th hail from Middleton, 3rd from Newchurch, 7th from Walkden, the rest are local men.

LINTON KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

F. J. LAMBERT Treble	F. BUTCHERS 5
L. MANNING 2	J. BEACH 6
T. MANNING 3	F. RICHARDSON 7
C. H. SONE 4	W. HAIGH Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. HAIGH.

First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers of the 1st, 5th and 6th hail from Horsmonden, 2nd and 3rd from Maidstone, 7th and 8th from Rochester Cathedral and 4th from Linton. J. Beach was elected a member of the K.C.A. previous to starting the peal. For calling see K.C.A. Report, No. 150, 1892.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

REGINALD POLE... .. Treble	ALFRED SHUKER 5
*FRANK MOLE 2	CHARLES BICKEN... .. 6
ERNEST BAKER 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7
ALBERT WOODVINE 4	THOMAS GWILLIOM ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Ringers of the 1st and 7th hail from St. Chad's, Salop, 2nd and 4th from Malins Lee, the remainder from Shifnal. The above was rung as a compliment to Mr J. Bradney, of Penn, late of Shifnal, on attaining his 71st birthday * First peal of Triples away from the treble.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED RACKHAM Treble	WILLIAM POTTEN 5
SIDNEY T. RACKHAM 2	BENJAMIN GREATEREX ... 6
CHARLES EDWARDS 3	JOHN CLARK 7
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS 4	WILLIAM WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

Rung after meeting short for Major. Mr. W. Williams kindly consented to ring the tenor, and this was his first peal.

ORMSBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM JONES Treble	SIDNEY TUNNELL... .. 5
†GERALD DUNCAN 2	WILLIAM A. BRECKON... .. 6
ALFRED H. WINCH 3	WILLIAM BROADLEY 7
ALBERT HUNTER 4	THOMAS METCALFE ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method on an inside bell

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

*HERBERT GREENHALGH ... Treble	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 5
JOSEPH HALL 2	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 6
JOSEPH LOWE 3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 7
RICHARD F. DEAL 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung in honour of the coming of age of Miss Maflany Trippier, only daughter of the tenor ringer, and as an induction peal for the newly appointed Vicar, the Rev. Samuel Proudfoot.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JONATHAN WHEWELL Treble	*FRANK SHAW 5
ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH 2	JAMES SHAW 6
*MISS ELLEN SHAW 3	WILLIAM RILEY... .. 7
*JACK BARNES 4	JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

Rung by the local company. This is probably the first Surprise Major peal rung by a Lancashire lady on a working bell. W. Riley is the fourth member to have rung a peal on every bell in the tower. * First peal in the method.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD CITY SOCIETY.)
On Thursday, April 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS... Treble	VICTOR BENNETT 5
†WILLIAM HARRIS 2	WILLIAM STONE... .. 6
THOMAS PAYNE 3	HARRY MILES 7
ALFRED R. BOSLEY 4	*THOMAS STYLES... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MILES.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. This is believed to be the quickest peal on the bells. The ringer of the 3rd is the Master of the Oxford City Society, and of the 7th the Master of the Oxford University Society.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ALVASTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Single Oxford, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES A. ORGILL... .. Treble	W. HARRY BUNTON 4
G. WM. BRAME 2	WM. ALBERT PARSONS 5
WM. POYSER... .. 3	JOSEPH LORD... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

IDEN, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Wednesday, March 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

BASIL WOOD Treble	GEORGE WOOD 4
PERCY NASH 2	FREDERICK WILLS 5
GEORGE KENWARD 3	EDWARD COLEMAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE KENWARD.

* First peal and first attempt. † First inside and first attempt. ‡ First of Doubles. First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday peal to Mr. G. Wood. This was the first peal of Doubles on the bells and by an entirely local band. New members of the above Association and Guild were proposed previous to attempting the peal.

WISTASTON.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 0 qr. 2 lb.

HARRY OVERTON Treble	*ALBERT CRAWLEY 4
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 2	JAMES H. RIDING 5
*HARRY F. HOLDING 3	RICHARD T. HOLDING Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING.

First peal on the bells. First peal of Minor as conductor. * First peal of Minor.

IPSWICH SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles.

*HUBERT FIELD Treble	*FREDERICK MASON 3
FREDERICK KINSEY 2	GEORGE MEE 4
FREDERICK J. LONG Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE MEE.

* First peal. The ringer of the 2nd hails from Bramford and the 4th from Sproughton. Credit is due to the ringer of the treble who has only recently learnt to ring. It is 15 years since the last peal was rung on these bells.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 16 six-scores of Extreme, 4 of Plain Bob, 10 of Grandsire and 12 of Extreme, each called differently. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM H. CLARKE Treble	FRED COTTON 3
ROWLAND BARROW 2	ARTHUR CATTELL 4
ERNEST MORRIS Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

This is the second peal on these bells, which were five as long ago as 1637. The first peal was called by the late Mr. A. R. Aldham in 1915.

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5160 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Single Oxford.

GEO. WM. BRAME Treble	WILFRED H. BUXTON... .. 4
J. ARTHUR ORGILL 2	WILLIAM A. PARSONS... .. 5
WILLIAM POYSER... .. 3	JOSEPH LORD... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

Longest length by all and on the bells.

FULBECK.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF FULBECK BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES

Consisting of seven 720's, each called differently.

VICTOR NISBETT Treble	CHARLES W. BAINES 4
CALEB L. SIMCOCK 2	RICHARD W. PORTER 5
CHARLES W. ELSE 3	GEORGE SCOTT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

The band are all residents of Fulbeck parish. Rung after the unveiling and dedication of war memorial, with the bells half-muffled.

BARLBOROUGH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*RICHARD F. REECE Treble	*WILLIAM STURMAN 4
*GEORGE ASHEV 2	*PHILLIP E. HIBBARD... .. 5
*HAROLD KIRK 3	†WILLIAM KENNAN Tenor

Conducted by PHILLIP E. HIBBARD.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. It is also the first peal ever rung by a local band who have worked assiduously to master change ringing since the bells were augmented from 5 to 6.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 5, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Oxford & Violet. Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM GREEN Treble	THOMAS W. HILTON 4
WILLIAM WOODCOCK... .. 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
*JOHN W. CHAMPION... .. 3	ARTHUR PANTHER Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PANTHER.

* First peal. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Violet, daughter of J. W. Champion. The ringer of the treble hails from Crofton, the 2nd and 4th from Darfield, the remainder belong to the local band.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 'spliced' 720's. (1) Marple, Poynton and Old Oxford Modernised; (2) Bocking and Willesden; (3) Braintree, Grove Delight and Neasden; (4) College Bob IV. and Wragby; (5) Trowall and Duke of Norfolk; (6) Islington and Norbury; (7) Oxford, Overton, Sandal, London Scholars and Kingston. Tenor 9 cwt.

HAROLD HALLWORTH, JUN. Treble	REV A. T. BEESON 4
JOHN P. FIDLER 2	JAMES FERNLEY 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 3	JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

HANDBELL PEALS.**BIRMINGHAM.**

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

On Thursday, March 31, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 size in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM	1-2	JAMES E. GROVES	5-6
ALBERT WALKER	3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN	7-8
		JOSEPH E. SYKES	9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
Referees: MORRIS J. MORRIS and ALBERT E. NORMAN.

MDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT 82, STANLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES:

*GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...	1-2	MISS EDITH K. PARKER ...	5-6
JOHN THOMAS	3-4	*WILBY J. HAZELL	7-8
		†EDWARD H. KING	9-10

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Stedman Caters in hand. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
NO. 1 VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MORRIS of Leicester. Conducted by the performer.
Witness: GEORGE JORDAN.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
NO. 2 VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MORRIS of Leicester. Conducted by the performer.
Witness: GEORGE JORDAN.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, April 7, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 size in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM	1-2	GEORGE F. SWANN	7-8
JAMES E. GROVES	3-4	ALBERT E. NORMAN	9-10
ALBERT WALKER	5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS	11-12

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by A. WALKER.
Referees: J. E. SYKES and J. NEAL.

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

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE SCHOOL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Size 13 in E.

FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	1-2	F/SGT. F. A. HOLDEN, R.A.F.	5-6
ROBERT RICHARDSON ...	3-4	ARCHIE C. STOKES	7-8

Composed by F/SGT. F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

IS THE COMMITTEE TOO LARGE?

A well-attended meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Miles Platting on Saturday week. Ringers were present from Moor-side, Hyde, Ashton, Oldham and Tunstall. Mr. J. W. Washbrook was voted to the chair, and gave the visiting ringers a hearty welcome to the tower. Three new members (Mr. G. H. Barlow, of Manchester Town Hall; Mr. R. B. Wilson and Mr. W. H. Owens, of Manchester Cathedral), were elected, and Radcliffe was selected for the next meeting on April 30th.

A resolution was read from the Rossendale Branch that the Branch were of opinion that there are too many members on the Committee of Management, and suggesting that one from every Branch was quite sufficient, with the president, vice-president, hon. secretaries and hon. treasurer, to carry on the management of the association.—After some discussion, it was agreed to let the matter stand over for further discussion at other meetings.

A vote of thanks to the church authorities, also to the local ringers, was passed, and their captain suitably responded.

A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

Further ringing in the standard methods, in which some of the visitors found it difficult to handle these easy-going bells, ended a successful meeting.

THE NEW WIGAN BRANCH.

A successful meeting of the Wigan Branch was held at Standish Parish Church on Saturday week. There was a good attendance of members, together with friends from Bolton Branch, who are doing their best to help forward the new branch. The bells were kept going merrily from 3.45 p.m. until 9 p.m., with the exception of the time taken up at the meeting.

The Rector of Standish (the Rev. C. W. N. Hutton) took the chair at the meeting, which was held in the belfry.—The Secretary reported that he had received letters from Preston Branch and Liverpool Branch, and it was decided to hold a joint meeting, between Liverpool and Wigan Branches, at Aughton some time in May, when the boundary on the Liverpool side of Wigan Branch could be formed.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, wardens and ringers of Standish, was carried, and the Rector, in reply, welcomed the new branch, and also thanked the local ringers for their services in the past year.

As this was the first meeting of the Wigan Branch since its inauguration at St. James's, Poolstock, Wigan, in March last, it was very gratifying for all concerned to see the good attendance, and the hope is expressed that the next meeting will see more towers represented.

'THE BEST LAID SCHEMES'

'One of the Boys,' writes with regard to the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at the Loughborough bell foundry on Saturday week, that this was the result of an attempt to set up a new record by a first pealer, who in this case was Mr. Pryce Taylor, of the Bell Foundry. The band were out for Cambridge and Superlative on the same afternoon, but Cambridge had to be the first. 'So,' says our correspondent, 'away we got with Cambridge, and had 2½ hours' good ringing. Then a most unholy mix put paid to any attempt for creating the new record, and this with only 500 changes to ring. We all felt very sad about it, especially the culprit—no, it was not the would-be first pealer, neither was it Uncle Sam and George, who unfortunately could not or would not stand in the two attempts. But after a good tea and the arrival of the spare parts we put our tails up again, determined to rescue what we could from the wreck, the boys ringing, and Uncle Sam and George doing the umpire business. In 2 hours and 50 minutes after "Go Cambridge," rounds came up beautifully, and the peal having materialised, the rest of the evening was spent, as only ringers can do, with Mr. Taylor as host. But we are still very sad about the new record that did not come off.'

AN ILMINSTER PEAL.

A peal of Bob Major at Ilminster on April 2nd was rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. J. N. Boughton, and it also served as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Doble, who reached the age of 70 on the previous day. To him the band extend their greetings, and they also offer sincere congratulations to Mr. D. J. Taylor, the esteemed captain of the local band, on his election as people's warden at the recent vestry meeting. Mr. Taylor has done a lot of spade work in ringing in his district, and his election will give pleasure to all his ringing friends. Tea was kindly provided after the peal, and was much appreciated, as were the services of the two kind ladies who attended to the wants of the company. The Rev. J. N. Boughton looked in upon the party, and congratulated the band on the good peal they had rung, and also thanked them for ringing it in his honour.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HON. SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

The annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Bedford on Easter Monday, and resulted in an exceedingly pleasant and enjoyable gathering. Ringing began shortly before 10 a.m., and the bells of St. Paul's and St. Peter's, Bedford, Cardington and Elsbow Churches were all utilised throughout the day. A service was held in St. Paul's Church at noon, and the members and visiting friends were delighted to receive an address from the President of the Association (Canon W. W. C. Baker). The Vicar (Canon Speck) kindly conducted the service. Luncheon was followed by the business meeting, at which apologies for absence were received from Mr. A. King (vice-president), the Revs. Canon Speck, J. E. Gilbert, G. C. Rolfe, J. J. Atkins, F. W. Kingston, Canon C. W. Browning and Mr. H. Thody. The President occupied the chair, and was supported by Miss Evelyn Steel, Mr. E. Ransom, Mr. E. P. Duffield (hon. secretary), Mr. H. L. Harlow and Mr. A. E. Sharman (hon. district secretaries). Those present also included Mr. F. Hopper (President, Central Northants Association), Mr. J. A. Trollope (London), and many Northants friends. Nearly fifty members attended. The officers were all re-elected, with the exception of the hon. secretary.—Mr. Duffield said he regretted very much that he was obliged to give up the post, which he had been pleased to hold.—Mr. A. E. Sharman was elected to fill the vacancy.—Mr. Duffield, in replying to a hearty vote of thanks, urged the members to support the new hon. secretary in his work, and drew the attention of the members to the need for support from more honorary members.

The past year's accounts showed a loss of about £4. It was decided to send two representatives to the Central Council instead of one as hitherto, and the President and Hon. Secretary were elected.—One non-resident and one performing member were elected, and discussion followed on the advisability of holding the usual summer meeting on August Bank Holiday. It was, however, thought that it would be better to hold it as usual, about the end of June. Turvey being chosen as the venue, while Bedford was again selected for the annual meeting of 1922.—The peal booking fee was then discussed, and it was decided to alter Rule 9, by making the fee 3d. instead of 1d. per member.

Mention was made of the very good work done on the Central Council and the National Church Assembly by the President, and Canon Baker, in replying, gave an account of what he did on behalf of ringers at the recent National Church Assembly.

The usual votes of thanks to the President for presiding, and the

clergy for the use of bells, and of the Church Lads' Brigade Drill Hall for the luncheon and meeting, brought the proceedings to a close.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

A general meeting of the Norwich Branch of the Association for the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk was held at Fakenham on Easter Monday. The members were kindly granted by the Rev. W. Irwin (Rector) the use of the fine ring of eight bells in the Parish Church tower. The President of the Association (the Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich) presided at the dinner, and was supported by the Rector of Fakenham, Mr. C. S. Tuthill (Master of the Fakenham company), and the following members of the committee: Mr. F. Knights, Mr. J. A. Godfrey, Mr. J. Souter, Mr. A. L. Coleman (general and branch secretary), and representatives from Fakenham, Diss, Hovingham, Reepham, Shropham, Shouldham, Norwich, Gaywood, Marsham, etc.

The general business meeting was held in the Church Hall Rooms, the President being in the chair, and 26 members being present.

The Secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman) read a list of nine nominations for membership. The President, on putting these before the meeting, declared them duly elected, and announced that three members had re-joined the association.

The Secretary moved: 'That members on re-joining the association shall pay a fee of one shilling, together with the subscription for the then current year, and that the motion shall come up for confirmation at the general meeting of the branches to be held at Lowestoft on Whit-Monday, May 16th, 1921.'—The motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously.

The Dean of Norwich moved, and Mr. A. L. Coleman seconded, a vote of thanks to the Rector of Fakenham for the use of the bells, and this was carried unanimously.—The Rector (the Rev. W. Irwin), in reply, spoke of the pleasure that it had given him to welcome the association to the town.—Mr. A. L. Coleman moved, and the Rev. W. Irwin seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. C. S. Tuthill for the very kind assistance rendered in making the arrangements for the meeting, and this was also carried unanimously. This terminated the business, and the members then adjourned to the belfry for ringing.

The Dean of Norwich and the Secretary had the pleasure of inspecting the well-kept ringing records of the Fakenham company, and were pleased and gratified to see such a fine record of the regular ringing for Sunday services, as well as on special occasions, thereby upholding the ideal use of church bells and the ringers' work as office holders in the church.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We often refer to the enthusiasm of some of the younger generation of ringers, but there are those among the 'veterans' who are equally as keen. Before many present-day peal ringers were born, 'George Williams' was a name to conjure with in ringing. Yet last Saturday we find him, accompanied by his namesake, cycling from Southampton to Salisbury and back (23½ miles each way), and sandwiching a peal of Stedman in between!

Dear old Ted Horrex has had the satisfaction of ringing a birthday peal this year after all. Robbed of the opportunity at Southwark Cathedral on his natal day owing to an unexpected service, cheated out of it on the following Saturday by the common enemy 'Flu,' he scored at length on Easter Monday, when he took part in a peal at Clapham Park. A man who can ring a peal of Stedman Triples after passing his 83rd birthday is something to marvel at.

Ten years ago next Sunday the record length of Treble Twelve was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne. This was 12,240 of Kent, composed and conducted by that pillar of Lancashire ringing, Mr. Samuel Wood. The peal was rung in 8 hours 31 minutes, and was a crowning performance in the career of Mr. James George, who though 57 years of age at the time, rang the 27 cwt. tenor in great form.

It is interesting to note that the previous record in the method had stood for more than 77 years. It was put up at that church of many long peals—Painswick, and comprised 10,224 changes, rung in 6 hrs. 50 mins. The peal was composed and conducted by a ringer very famous in his day, William Estcourt, and was unopposed by another well-known performer, Mr. Daniel Wood, of Norwich.

The 17th of April is the anniversary of one of the older Treble Twelve records, 7,200 New Treble Bob Maximus having been rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on that day in 1820 supplanting a 7,104 rung by the Cumberland Youths eighteen years before. Thomas Thurstans rang the tenor in the Birmingham peal.

Speaking of Painswick and Norwich, recalls the fact that there was rivalry between these places nearly two hundred years ago. A tablet in the Gloucestershire tower records the fact that in the progressively long lengths of Grandsire Caters rung in the first half of the eighteenth century, a peal of 12,006 changes was performed in 7 hrs. 55 mins., on April 18th, 1737.

When this was done the hand, we think, could hardly have been aware of the fact that, less than six weeks before, 12,693 had been rung at St. Peter Mancroft, and they must have been a little disappointed when they did get to hear of it—if they ever did.

'Bells and Bell Ringing' was the subject of a lecture by Mr. Robert Holloway, conductor of the St. Mary's, Acton, band, at the Adult School on Friday evening. The lecture, which dealt with the history of bells, their uses and manufacture, and with the elements of change ringing, was illustrated by handbell ringing by Messrs. Rootes, Fardon, Brown and Wincote, and working models kindly lent by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

'Conductor's' third article on 'Hints for Beginners' is unavoidably held over until our next issue.

The tenor at All Saints', Hereford, which it is hoped to recast as a memorial to the ringers of the Diocesan Guild who fell in the war, is a bell of 18 cwt., and not 30 cwt. as stated in error in a recent issue. Those who have not yet subscribed should send their contributions to the hon. secretary of the fund, Mr. C. Edwards, Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

We have not yet got the exact age of the youngest ringer of a peal on tower bells. It appears to be just a question of months. The young men who think they can claim the present record need not be bashful, but should send along the particulars of their earliest performance, for the Exercise will be interested to know who is really entitled to the honour.

Beccles tenor is 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs., not 30 cwt., as published last week.

AMONG THE BELLS.

A SECOND EDITION.

The limited number of the first edition of 'Among the Bells' is now sold out. In the second edition, part III. (pp. 65 to 96) has been reprinted. As the copper blocks were commandeered during the war, these 30 pages are reproduced without the pictures, which appeared in the original. This is recorded in an additional preface, together with some account of the memorials erected in the author's memory. Delay in delivery has been caused by trade difficulties, but these have at length been overcome, and the 'second edition' is now on sale as advertised.

BELLS AND BELL HANGING.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Mr. Young, in his letter in your issue of the 25th March, states that if a tower be a strong one the frame is better for being wedged up to the walls. It may be better for the frame, but it is not so for the tower, no matter how good a tower it is. The insertion of wedges—no matter how carefully done—has the tendency to push the walls outwards away from the frame, but I agree that less harm will be done to a tower by a wedged frame, than by a frame that is free all the way round and butters the walls at every swing of the bells.

The following points have been put to me: What is the difference between a good solid wood frame in a tower that is wedged to the walls all the way round than a modern iron frame erected on steel girders and supports taken from the top of the frame to the tower walls? The difference, in my opinion, is this: you have a rigid mass in the iron frame that is sufficiently cross braced in the foundation, and is, therefore, made one unit. By carrying members from the top of the frame into the masonry, such as in the case of the 'H' frame, providing these extensions from the top of the frame are properly anchored to the tower walls, (the tower wall is supported by the frame, and you have no force pushing outwards in the same way as you do in the wedged wood frame. A low-sided frame is not tied to the walls at the top. Sir Arthur Heywood was very keen, where a girder was anchored into the wall, to have an extension bolt to go right through the wall with a large nut and plate on the outside, this plate and nut, of course, to be kept below the masonry and then covered in. By this means the tendency was to hold the wall up to the frame.

Mr. Young states that a properly designed hard wood frame is, in his opinion, preferable to iron. No matter how well a wood frame is built, there is always shrinkage of timber, and, as years go on it is sure to get loose, which means movement, and, unless this movement is at once cured by the frame being continually tightened up, trouble is bound to arise. With the iron frame, the only thing that is required, is to keep it painted.

If wood was preferable for frame work, where it is absolutely necessary to keep bearings in alignment, as it is in bell frames, it would have been used in many jobs in engineering where cast iron and steel have superseded wood.

As regards Mr. Young's third point, that is a matter of opinion.—
Yours truly,
The Lodge, Haslemere.

JOHN H. B. HESSE.

RINGERS' WAR MEMORIALS.**TABLET UNVEILED AT GUILDFORD.**

An interesting ceremony took place at Guildford on a recent Saturday, the occasion being the dedication of a memorial tablet to two members of the Holy Trinity Society, who gave their lives for their country in the recent war. The proceedings opened with a 504 Stedman Triples, with bells half-muffled by the Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn and E. B. James, and six members of the Holy Trinity Society. The Rector then conducted a short form of service, and unveiled the tablet, which is of alabaster, bearing the inscription:—

To the proud memory of Albert Victor Burdock, Robert William Melville, ringers of this tower, who gave their lives in the Great War, 1914-1918; in grateful remembrance of whose sacrifice this tablet is erected by the members of the Holy Trinity Society of Change Ringers.

After the dedication, a short memorial service was held in the beautiful chapel of the Queen's, R.W.S. Regt., when an address was given by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who spoke of the striking similarity in both age and ideals of the Winchester and Oxford Diocesan Guilds. They should remember, he said, when they uncovered a memorial, as they had that day, that it must not be with the idea that they had done all they ought to have done. The memorial should be a reminder of what had been done, of a real Christian life that had been given, and an example to those who remained to live in their time a truly godly Christian life. It reminded them also that those who were commemorated were, indeed, living, and had now an actual part in what was done, though that part was not now transacted through the medium of a body.

After the service, those present, numbering about 45, proceeded to the Parish Hall, where tea had been prepared, after which handbells were enjoyed, till, at the conclusion of the daily evensong, the bells at Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas Churches were available for ringing.

In addition to a full attendance of Guildford ringers there were present the Revs. Sir John Herschell (hon. secretary of the Winchester Guild), E. Bankes James, C. W. O. Jenkyn, Canon Kirwan, Rector of Holy Trinity; Mr. J. W. Wilkins, High Wycombe; and representative ringers from Worplesdon, Cranleigh, Chiddingfold Haslemere, Witley and Dorking.

There was also unveiled, without ceremony, a tablet of alabaster recording the first peal of Guildford Surprise Major, which was rung by the society in 1913, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the dedication of the church, which fact is duly recorded, and which forms the only permanent record which the building contains of that event.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**LOSS OF MEMBERS.**

The annual meeting of the North Wales Association took place at Bangor on Easter Monday, a fairly large and representative gathering of about 60 being present from Wrexham, Llansgollen, Buckley, Portmadoc, etc. The visitors were welcomed by the local ringers, and the bells were kept going merrily to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major. A well-attended service was held at St. David's, Glanada, conducted by the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Vicar and President of the Association. The Rev. Morgan Jones gave a most eloquent and interesting address, which was much appreciated by the members.

The business meeting followed, and was held in the Schoolroom.—The President occupied the chair, and the retiring officers were re-elected en bloc, viz.: Rev. T. Lewis Jones, M.A. (President), Mr. A. E. Pegler (Master), Mr. E. H. Jones (Buckley), secretary, and Mr. Rowlands (Wrexham), treasurer.—The President, in thanking the members for their confidence in him, said that he had been President of the Association since its formation, and that so long as he was able, he would continue to further the interests of ringers and the association (cheers). He considered the bell ringers to be the most important branch of church workers. His experience was that if a Sunday School teacher or a chorister left he was always able to find a substitute from somewhere to fill up the gap. But if a ringer left or was ill, it was much more difficult, and often an impossibility to fill the vacancy.

The date of the annual meeting was changed from Easter to Whit-Monday, on a proposition from Buckley; an amendment by Mr. A. J. Hughes, to adhere to the old date, being defeated by one vote.

After a re-vote, Portmadoc was selected, by three votes, for the next half-yearly meeting, subject to the usual consent.

The Secretary read a postcard from the Rhyl Secretary, informing him that the Rhyl ringers were withdrawing from the Association.—After various comments, Mr. A. J. Hughes was appointed a delegate to visit the Rhyl ringers, and endeavour to get them back to the Association if possible.

Mr. W. T. Pegler (district secretary for Bangor) remarked that it was a pity that so many towers had dropped out of the Association.

The balance sheet was presented, and showed a balance on the right side. No peals had been rung during the year for the Association, and no report had been printed owing to the low state of the funds.—Several new members and probationers were elected, and the Rev. Morgan Jones was elected an hon. member.

The President emphasised the necessity for the election of more hon. members, and also proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Morgan Jones for his very appropriate and excellent address.—The Rev. Morgan Jones said it gave him great pleasure to become an hon. member, and thanked the president for proposing him, and the members for electing him.

The bells were utilised again while the tea was being laid, and subsequently about 60 sat down to a splendid repast, kindly provided by the Vicar, Mrs. Jones, and the ringers' wives, etc., who were ably assisted by several prominent church workers.—The usual votes of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Jones, and the other ladies concerned, were accorded. After further ringing, the visitors gradually dispersed, and everyone vouched that, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, which was a bit of 'real Wild Wales,' a most happy and enjoyable day had been spent.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

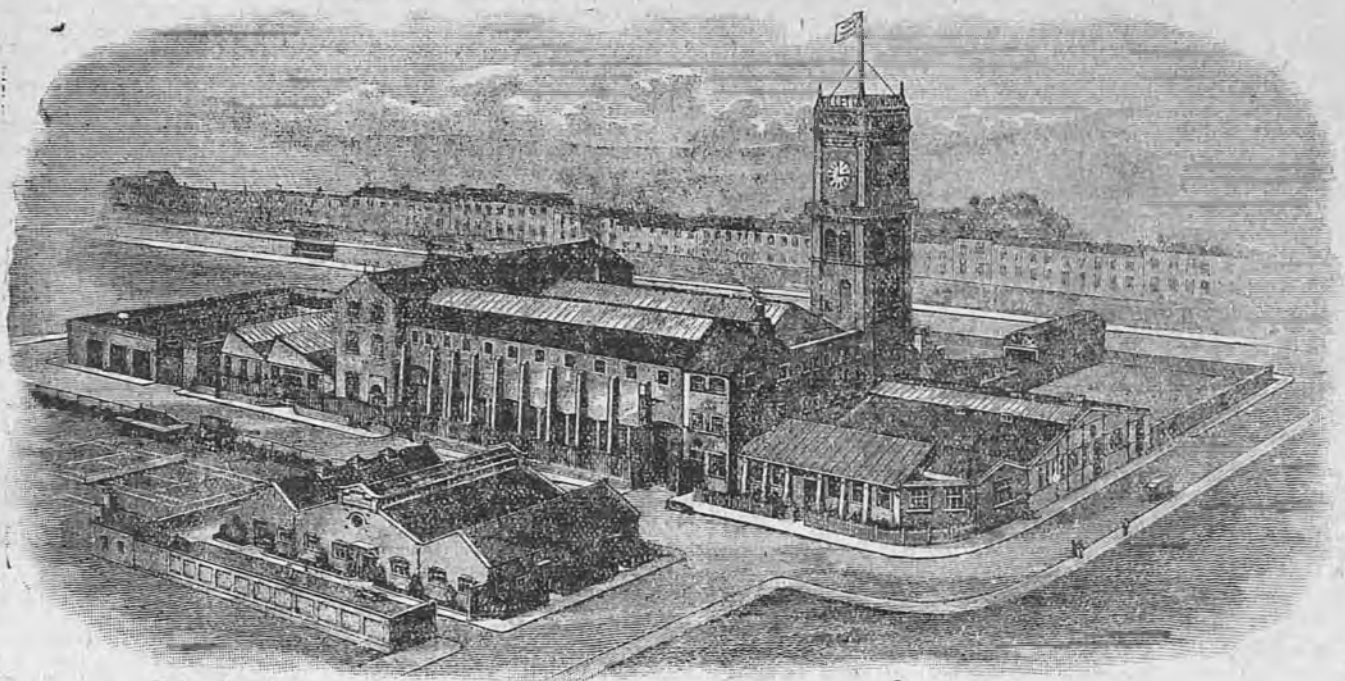
A successful meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society was held at Worksop on Easter Monday, when upwards of 60 members attended from Anston, Rotherham, the Cathedral, All Saints', St. Marie's, Sheffield; Treston, Ecclesfield, Rawmarsh, Handsworth, Chesterfield, Norton Cuckney, Laneham, Gainsborough and Worksop, including a goodly number of lady ringers. The methods rung during the day were: Bob Minor, Violet and Oxford Treble Bob, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich. Upwards of 60 sat down in the Priory Gatehouse to tea, presided over by the Rev. Canon D'Arcy, and supported by Mrs. D'Arcy, the Rev. F. E. Franks, the Rev. Amiens, of Chesterfield; Messrs. Sam Thomas (hon. secretary), H. Haigh, ex-Sergt. W. H. Johnson, V.C., and J. Weaver, sidesmen.—Canon D'Arcy extended a cordial welcome to the members of the association, and said he was glad to see them at Worksop.

Touches of Grandsire Caters and Triples were rung on the handbells by mixed bands, which included Miss Winifred Hague, of Rotherham; the Rev. F. E. Franks gave selections on the piano and a few songs and recitations, and was heartily applauded.

Mr. Harrison, of Sheffield, moved, and Mr. Thomas seconded, that the best thanks be accorded to Messdames Haigh, Hardwick and Johnson, and all the Worksop ringers for providing tea, and a similar vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Canon D'Arcy for presiding over the meeting and for the use of the bells.

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ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. ENJOYABLE GATHERING.

The annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, on April 2nd, was attended by a company of about 70, and proved a very enjoyable gathering. The chair was taken by the Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews, who was supported by the Rev. A. Taylor, Rector of St. Bride's; the Rev. K. Palmer, D.S.O., M.C., of St. Martin-in-the-Fields; Mr. R. Warner (trustee), Mr. J. W. Cornford (hon. secretary), and Mr. E. A. Young (London County Association). Among the company were the other officials of the Society, the veteran, Mr. Ben. Foskett (hon. treasurer), Mr. F. Smith (senior steward), Mr. A. N. Hardy (junior steward), and Mr. E. Chapman, who is a trustee and 'father' of the society. The visitors included Mr. John Carter (late of Birmingham), Mr. Jefferies (Bristol), Mr. William Willson, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. A. Brainley and Mr. A. Gelsthorpe (Leicester), while the members of the society in and around the Metropolis were well represented.

After an excellent repast, the toast of 'The King' was honoured, on the call of 'The Chairman,' and Mr. R. Warner submitted 'The Church.' He referred to the close connection between the clergy and ringers to-day, and remarked upon the great advance that had been made in this respect in recent years. They could not, he said, have any better example of that close fellowship and good feeling than the fact that that society had received permission from the authorities at St. Martin-in-the-Fields to erect a memorial to their fallen members in St. Martin's Church (hear, hear).

The Rev. R. Palmer, who responded, expressed regret that indisposition had kept Canon Isaacs from the gathering. Referring to the proposed memorial, he congratulated the society on the design, and hoped they would be successful before long in raising the necessary funds so that they might soon see the memorial in its place. There was just a danger that as time went on they might begin, somehow, to forget what these men went through for the sake of a great cause. He hoped, more than he could express in words, that they would not allow their memory to fade (hear, hear), and that the great cause these men were prepared to die for, they, in their turn, would be prepared to live for (applause). Continuing, the speaker said that in his first parish they had a bell dated 1297, and he could only suppose, if bells were hung in their English parish churches in the 15th century, that there were bell ringers in those days, and that there would have been a pretty close connection between the parsons of that day and those who ring the bells. If that were so, then the office of bell ringer was, next to that of parish clerk, about the oldest institution in our English church affairs; certainly it was older than the office of churchwarden. After urging that it was more than ever essential in these days that those who loved the Church should stand loyally by her, the speaker went on to say that there was a very large public that appreciated the ringing that was done by the society at St. Martin's, and he concluded by appealing to every churchman and churchwoman to assist in making the new corporate life of the church, which was to be developed through the machinery set up by the Enabling Act, a reality.

THE FUTURE OF RINGERS.

The toast of 'The Royal Society of Cumberland Youths' was proposed by the Rev. A. Taylor in a fluent speech. He said he was glad to find the society perpetuated the ideal of youth. There was something about ringing which preserved their juvenility, and he believed it was due to going up the belfry stairs (laughter). When he saw the extraordinary skill with which members of the ringing fraternity nipped up his stairs at St. Bride's, he believed the Exercise was a preservative of life (laughter). Mr. Matthews had told him a great deal about the society. He (the speaker) was not worrying about its past history, but he was concerned about its present life and its future possibilities. It was a very good thing for them to have a fellowship. It would be quite possible to have independent groups of people to ring the bells, but it wanted something more than that if they were to have real success in their calling, and make it something more than merely a performance of a regular duty. That fellowship of theirs, which stretched out even across the waters, was symbolical of the tie of kinship that bound them together all over the world. He did not know how ringers would be affected in the future by the new Enabling Act. Up to the present he supposed it was by the happy agreement of churchwardens and incumbents that it had been settled when the bells should be rung and by whom they should be rung. Now, if the churchwardens were having their liberties curtailed and the clergy were to be put under restraint of the Church Councils, they might find themselves in this predicament, that unless the bell ringing fraternity got on the right side of the Church Council they would be out of the game (laughter). He recommended them, therefore, to take good care to get on to the roll of electors, and to get from the roll on to the Council. Then they would be able to dictate their own terms—if they could square the parson (laughter). But, seriously, there was a real call just now for a greater spirit of co-operation between the laity and the clergy in this land of ours. Men should go into this matter more seriously than they have hitherto approached it, and should back up the Church. Unless they did so they were likely to have stagnation where they ought to be progressive. This applied not only to bell ringers,

but to every other section of the laity. Continuing, the speaker said he felt the city had got its call as well as the populations outside, and the churches in the city, though threatened in some directions, had got a mission before them, in which religious life was revived. People were inclined to realise now that religion was not a matter which began on Sunday morning when they got up and finished on Sunday night when they went to bed, but was a thing that went right through the week. Concluding, the Rector of St. Bride's said he was delighted to have the Society of Cumberland Youths associated with his church, but every time they came to ring his bells he had to take his life in his hands (laughter). The people who lived beside the bells got it 'in the neck' (laughter)—they did not put it so elegantly to him (laughter)—but he explained to them as best he could that he must keep the bells oiled (laughter), that he tried to choose harmless times for the ringing, and that he had a good lot of ringers to ring them (applause).

THE INSPIRATION OF THE PAST.

Mr. A. J. Neale, who responded for the society, regretted that the Cumberlands were not able to arrange more practices than they did, but in this they were more handicapped than the College Youths. He would like, he said, to see more young men come into ringing than there were, for ringing was one of the finest things a man could take up. He was pleased to see the clergy were assisting them much more than they used to do, but he would like to think that there were still more of them taking an active part in ringing. The efforts of every society should be directed to drawing in the younger elements, for if they did not do this they would fail altogether in the years to come.

Mr. F. Smith proposed 'Kindred Ringing Societies,' and welcomed those who had come to join them at that feast.

Mr. Wm. Willson, who first replied, said the deeds of their predecessors in that society in the brave days of old had inspired many men to great things. When he was a young ringer he used to delight to read of Anable, Holt and Reeves, of the marvellous performances of those days, and of 'ye men who called ye bobbes' (laughter). The time came when he himself 'called the bobbes,' but the realisation did not satisfy him so much as the anticipation (laughter). He had seven times rung over 10,000 changes, and he attributed a great deal of his ambition in that direction to the inspiration he got from the old records of the Cumberlands and the College Youths (applause).

Mr. E. A. Young also responded, and spoke of the value of such social gatherings as that at which they were assembled. It was sometimes an uphill fight to resuscitate functions that had been allowed to die out, but he hoped the Cumberlands would persevere. Looking through the old minutes of the St. James's Society, he found, though they did not say a great deal, that they did say one thing every year: 'That the company do hold its annual feast.' And a little later he found the record that the society did hold its feast at such and such an inn at Putney, or the Crown and Dragon at Fulham. He would like to make a pilgrimage and find those old inns, and think of the feasts which their forefathers used to enjoy. He liked these feasts because of the meetings which they provided for old friends and when they could see the young ones coming along who would take their places at those tables when they were gone. By all means let them keep up those gatherings (applause).

The remaining toast was that of 'The Chairman,' proposed by Mr. W. Theobald, and acknowledged by Mr. Matthews.

Thanks to the efforts of the Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. W. Cornford) there was a most enjoyable musical programme of more than average merit. An overture was contributed by Mrs. Cornford, who played the accompaniments. Some delightful songs were sung by Miss H. Kersley; Mr. G. Thatcher, and Mr. H. Stripe gave humorous items. Mr. Cornford also contributed a song, and banjo and mandoline solos were rendered by Mr. G. Blackburn. The programme would have been incomplete without the handbells, and a capital course of Grandsire Caters was rung by Messrs. A. J. Neale, J. D. Matthews, F. Smith, W. Willson and T. Newman.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19th, a monthly meeting was held at Wroxeter, once a Roman city, but now a village. The gathering was well attended, some 21 putting in an appearance from Couwd, Coalbrookdale, St. Chads, Shrewsbury, Ropington, and Wroxeter. Tea was served in the Parish Room, and presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. W. O. Hobbs), who gave the members a hearty welcome; 720's of Bob Minor and Grandsire Minor, Grandsire Doubles and Stedman Doubles were rung, and a fine 720 of Kent Treble Bob, by: A. Bayley 1, J. E. Lilley 2, W. Wace 3, G. Jones 4, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 5, W. Saunders 6.

FINCHINGFIELD BELL FUND.

Amount already acknowledged, £21 14s.; Mr. W. J. Nevard, £2 2s.; Barking Company, 14s. 6d.; Pentlow, 10s.; Romford, 24s.; the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, £1. Further subscriptions, however small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged in 'The Ringing World' by the Rev. H. Jordan, Finchingfield Vicarage, Braintree.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

The bells at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, are now open for Sunday service ringing. They have been silent for years on these occasions, but by the efforts of St. Martin's Guild, this reproach has now been removed. Ringing took place on Sunday evenings, March 20th and 27th, and the bells will be rung as often as possible. There will be ringing next Sunday at 5.30 p.m., and visitors may rely upon a band meeting for service on every third Sunday in the month at this hour. The Cathedral authorities welcome the new step, and have provided new ropes.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WILLESDEN. — On Sunday evening, April 10th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: E. H. Kilby 1 (first 720, aged 14), W. G. Matthews 2, G. M. Kilby 3, A. Tennant 4, R. Kilby 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6. Also touches of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob Minor, with R. Kilby 1 and B. Foskett 2.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS. — On Sunday, April 10th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Crane 1, W. Mead 2, J. Mead 3, H. C. Edwards (first 504, and bells from Calverton) 4, H. Sear 5, H. F. Morris 6, W. Sear (conductor) 7, F. Starton 8.

LONDON. — Middlesex County Association. — On Sunday, April 10th, for evensong, at St. Giles', Cripplegate, 1058 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: H. W. Clark 1, A. W. Coles 2, W. Hewett 3, I. G. Shade 4, G. R. Pye 5, C. T. Coles 6, A. Mason 7, J. E. Davis 8, W. J. Nudds 9, M. F. R. Hibbert 10, R. Sanders 11, W. Pye (conductor) 12. First touch of Cambridge Maximus by Messrs. Mason and Hibbert.

CHIPPING BARNET. — Previous to the unveiling of the town war memorial, on Sunday afternoon, April 3rd, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells of St. John's Church half-muffled, in 50 minutes, by: Miss Howse 1, H. J. Eldred 2, F. Chandler 3, R. Roffey 4, S. Childs 5, F. A. Milne (conductor) 6, R. Sturgeon 7, G. Herbert 8.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS. — At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, April 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 minutes: A. Dale 1, L. Ambrose 2, E. Perry 3, R. Pearce 4, F. Lambeth 5, W. Hulbert 6, S. Wiltshire (conductor) 7, F. W. Selby (Swindon) 8.

CHERTSEY, SURREY. — On Sunday, April 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: — 1258 L. Stevens 1, J. B. Hessey (composer and conductor) 2, Miss N. Stevens 3, G. Warinton 4, J. Crocker 5, H. J. Chaffey 6, A. E. Gray 7, H. R. Stevens 8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to H. R. Stevens and G. Warinton.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS. — On Sunday, April 3rd, for evensong, at which a memorial tablet was unveiled and dedicated in memory of those who fell in the great war, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes) was rung in 48 minutes with the bells half-muffled: Miss L. Law 1, F. Rollings 2, C. Haines 3, A. Richardson 4, T. Law (conductor) 5.

TOTTENHAM. — On April 3rd, for evening service, at All Hallows' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Racher 1, H. A. Barnett (conductor) 2, S. W. Crabb 3, H. Strickland 4, W. Dickinson 5, A. E. Hull 6, H. Ellis 7, W. Patmore 8.

BIRMINGHAM. — For evening service, at St. Chad's Cathedral, 1,008 Grandsire Triples, in 35 minutes, on Sunday, March 20th: T. Fee-riek (1st touch away from tenor) 1, T. Miller 2, E. Mullins 3, E. Wood 4, C. Mackenzie 5, J. Porter (conductor) 6, T. Kelly 7, J. King 8.

BORDEN, KENT. — On Sunday, March 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Harris 1, E. H. Spice 2, W. E. Spice 3, S. B. Dobbie 4, J. Exall 5, W. Walker 6, W. Spice (conductor) 7, E. J. Dobbie 8.

ACTON. — At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *H. J. Hunnisett 1, Robt. Holloway 2, J. W. Frain 3, †F. W. Goodfellow 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, †W. A. Hunnisett 6, L. H. Page (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer 8. *First quarter. †First quarter inside. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Wincote 1, J. Rooles 2, C. Brown 3, S. Breeze 4, R. Fardon 5, Robt. Holloway 6, W. T. Vickery (conductor) 7, E. Easton 8.

DUNSTABLE. — At the Priory Church, on March 20th, for evening service, 1040 Bob Major: P. Ward 1, G. W. Heley 2, A. V. Good 3, A. G. Matthews 4, C. E. King 5, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 6, R. Harris 7, Canon W. W. C. Baker 8. Longest length of Major by all except the ringers of 2, 6, 8. The quarter peal, published in 'The Ringing World' on March 18th, was started for, but owing to lack of time the bells were allowed to run round at the 9th course end.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND. — At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, March 13th, for evening service, 672 Bob Major from 'The Ringing World' of March 4th: Wm. Cook 1, B. Douglas 2, Wm. Norman 3, J. J. Spedding 4, Wm. Douglas 5th, Jno. Rothery 6, Jno. Spedding 7, G. W. Tembey (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by all.

EXCELSIOR.

By the REV. W. C. PEARSON.

I remember in my earlier days one of my Vicars telling me that when he was in his first curacy he went on one occasion to see the old year rung out. Arrived at the church, he found the ringers sitting round the altar with their hats on, pipes in their mouths, and mugs of beer in front of them. Such a thing could not happen now, for ringers of the present day would be horrified at such profanity, but it is an instance of the low ebb to which ringers had then sunk. Now all is changed. The influence of Associations and Guilds, together with personal religious feeling and self-respect, have combined to raise the tone amongst ringers to its present high level, and there is much—very much—to be thankful for. But let us not rest therewith content. 'Like a mighty army moves the Church of God,' and we as members of it must move onward too if we would not go back, for in the spiritual world, as in the natural, there is no such thing as remaining stationary. We love our bells, we love our peal ringing, but let us ever keep to the forefront the purpose for which bells were placed in the tower, viz., to call worshippers to the House of Prayer, and when we have done our duty in the belfry above, let us not neglect our part in that higher duty in the church below. We need all the help we can obtain to keep us in the Homing course throughout this life, but we know that we have a Conductor upon whom we can ever rely, to keep us right, and bring us Home at the last, if only we will listen for and obey His calls. He has said, 'When thine eye is single thy whole body also is full of light.' And we know how and where to obtain that Heavenly Food for the strengthening and refreshing of our souls, which will be our mainstay and support in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations. In the past few years we have passed through a time of much tribulation which has sorely depleted our ranks; but now the war is over, peace has come, and re-organisation and reform are on the wing. Let us then go forward thankfully, perseveringly, hopefully, taking as the motto of our lives as well as of our ringing the word 'Excelsior.'

WM. C. PEARSON

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1260 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES.
234567

342675 2
273564 4
732645 2
637245 5
456237 1
724563 3
357246 3
623574 3
236745 2
452736 1
234675 4

*Twice repeated.
J. Beazins.

240 BOB MAJOR.
23456 W B M R

45362 — 1 — —
23456 — — —

352 BOB MAJOR.
23456 W B M R

52634 — 1 — —
35426 — — —
23456 — — —

J. A. Trollope.

336 STEDMAN TRIPLES.
2314567 1 2 8 9 10 12 13

3154267 — 8 — — — —
Three times repeated.
Fred Dench.

672 STEDMAN TRIPLES.
231456 7 12

251436 — 8 — — — —
241356 — — — — —
253146 — — — — —
213456 — — — — —

Repeat.
J. Carter.

1259 GRANDSIRE CATERS.
62354978 1 48

32564 1S 5S
43265 9 in 3S
24365 9 in 3
32465 9 in 3
43265879 1 3 4S
24365 8 in 3
32465 8 in 3
23465978 1 3 4
42365 9 in 3
34265 9 in 3
23465879 1 3 4S
42365 8 in 3
31265 8 in 3

R. F. Dent.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT SCARBOROUGH.**

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Scarborough on Easter Monday, members from all parts of the county, to the number of about sixty, taking advantage of the holiday to visit this delightful old seaside town. Ringing on the peal of eight at St. Mary's Church was indulged in, in the various Standard methods, throughout the day.

A meeting of the general committee was held in the afternoon, with the President (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) in the chair. This was followed by the general meeting, at which it was decided that the September meeting shall, if possible, be held at Sheffield, and, failing Sheffield, that Rotherham be approached to make arrangements for that meeting.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Scarborough, and the local company for their kindly arrangements, were responded to by Mr. H. Fergusson, who extended a hearty welcome to the visitors.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. D. W. Maelagan at St. Mary's Church, after which the visitors were entertained to a hountiful tea, train time bringing a most pleasant day's meeting to an end all too soon.

WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Keighley, when over 70 members and friends attended, representing 14 towers. During the afternoon and evening, the fine melodious peal of eight at the Parish Church was rung in different methods. Tea was partaken of in the Schools, and at the meeting which followed, Mr. G. Bolland president, supported by the Rector of Keighley (the Rev. E. T. C. Hunter). With regard to the tower for the June meeting, the Secretary said he had received a personal invitation from Thornhill, and this on being put to the meeting was accepted.

Mr. Bolland was unanimously re-elected vice-president, and Messrs. Hopwood, of Bolton; Dransfield, of Earlsheaton; and Smith, of Leeds Parish Church, were elected to serve on the District Committee for the ensuing three years. Mr. Hopwood was chosen to serve on the Central Committee for the same period.

Seventeen new members were elected.

Mr. Lawson proposed, and Mr. Kell seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and schoolrooms, and the Rector, in replying, expressed his pleasure at that, his first opportunity of addressing a bell ringers' meeting. He said he much appreciated the good work they were doing, and made special mention of his own ringers. Proceeding, he gave a brief history of bells and their uses, and said bells brought a lot of joy and pleasure into life. It made all the difference to Sunday if the bells were rung regularly. He remarked that it was six years since the Association had a meeting at Keighley, and he gave them a hearty invitation to come again in the near future.

A vote of thanks to the local company and ladies who served the tea was responded to by Mr. Bob Jennison.

BELL RESTORATION FUNDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have read with interest your article in April 1st issue re the desirability of raising funds for bell restoration by members of ringing societies. At the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association held at Leicester at Easter, I was asked to bring before the members the question of rebanging and recasting of the bells of St. Margaret's Church, Leicester. These bells are now at the works of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and it is estimated that a sum of £2,285 is needed to put them in good order. We have no funds from which to make a grant for such a purpose, and all we could do was to have a collection in the room, which only resulted in a small sum being obtained for so desirable an object.

It appears to me that every parish possessing a peal of bells should have a bell repair fund, to go towards any necessary outlay for keeping the bells in good order, but in addition to this, it would be a great help if the local association could have a fund to assist in the restoration of any bells requiring a large expenditure within its area, the cost of which should not depend entirely on parochial efforts. It seems that this would be a suitable matter for discussion at the next meeting of the Central Council.—Yours faithfully,

Littlelover House,
Derby.

R. B. CHAMBERS,
President. M.C.A.

LATE NOTICE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Est. 1755.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aston on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea will be provided free in the Vicarage Rooms at 5 o'clock for those who send word not later than the 23rd inst. of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of the 'RINGING WORLD,' to which all communications should be sent, is 63, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WORKING.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 28th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on April 19th; and Southwark Cathedral on April 26th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER, S.W.—The practices at St. Margaret's will be resumed on Friday, April 15th, at 7.30 p.m. and fortnightly, and ringing for evensong on Sunday, April 17th, at 5.30 sharp and fortnightly. Visitors welcome.—W. H. Hewett.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next Monthly meeting of the above Branch will be held a Pucklechurch, on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5, at the Fleur-de-Lys. A char-a-banc will leave Old Market Street, Bristol, at 2.30 p.m. Members and friends requiring seats and tea please notify me as soon as possible.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—Est. 1824.—Southern District.—The next Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 16th, at St. Mary's, Lambeth. Tower open from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dist. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 23rd Annual general meeting will be held at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, on Saturday, April 16th. At the service at 5 p.m., the sermon will be preached by the Rev. A. Taylor, Vicar of St. Bride's, Fleet St., E.C. Tea at 6 o'clock, followed by meeting, at which business of importance will be discussed, and four representatives to the Central Council elected. The following towers will be open for ringing:—St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, from 2.30 to 5 p.m., and after the meeting, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, from 3 to 4.45 p.m., and from 8 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood St., E.17; W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Rd., W.4, Hon. Secs.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting will be held at West Ham Parish Church, on April 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service by the Vicar at 5.30. Tea in the Church Room at 6, followed by business meeting.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland Section.—The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', West Bromwich, on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. All are welcome.—E. W. Salter, 10, Station Road, Erdington.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, April 16th. The bells of St. Mary (10) and Emscote (8) will be available from 3 o'clock. Service in St. Mary's Church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. All ringers welcome. Will members kindly note: Subscriptions (1/6) for 1921 are now due?—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Petersfield on Saturday, April 16th. Bells at 2 o'clock.—E. J. Harding, Hon. Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kingston (6) on Saturday, April 16th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business at the Swan at 5.45.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, April 16th (Biddenden bells not being available). Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Guilsborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Naseby on Saturday, April 16th. Usual arrangements. W. Bott, District Sec., Guilsborough, Northampton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch will be held at Midsomer Norton on Saturday, April 16th. Divine service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea and business meeting at 5.—Percy Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting for practice will be held at St. Mary Magdalene (Chapel of Ease), Holloway, on Tuesday next, April 19th. Tower open at 7.30 p.m. sharp.—E. C. Russell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Market Street, W.2.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Evesham on Saturday, April 23rd. Service in All Saints' Church at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Hall for those only who notify me before Wednesday, April 20th. The bells (10) available at 3 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Erith (St. John the Baptist's) on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. and address by the Rev. W. F. Cobb (Vicar). Tea and business meeting to follow in the West Street Schools. The Vicar is providing the tea, and it is necessary that all intending to be present notify me by Tuesday, April 19th, the latest. Christ Church bells will be available also.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, April 23rd. Minster bells (10) available from noon and St. Mary's (10) from 6 p.m. Service in the Minster at 4 p.m. Tea in Parish Room, Minster Yard, at 5 p.m. at 1/6 per head to those who notify Mr. W. Gibson, 3, Brithumes Place, Long Lane, Beverley, not later than Tuesday, April 19th. Business meeting immediately

after tea in same room.—A. B. Cook, District Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Stebbing on April 23rd. Short service with address at 4.30, followed by tea in Church Room, 1/6 per head. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. J. T. Barker, Hillside, Stebbing, not later than April 19th.—B. Redgwell, District Sec., Rayne.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on April 23rd. Bells from 2.30. Tea at the Green Dragon, Church Gate, at 5 o'clock. Business after. Short service in church at 6.30. Address by the Vicar. All members and friends cordially invited.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. District Sec., Little Munden.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.—By permission of the Rector, the bells will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 23rd.—Fred. R. Borrett.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Pontypridd on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) available. Short service at 4.30, meeting and tea to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. The Oswaldtwistle ringers will provide tea for all ringers attending provided they send in their names to Mr. J. Houldsworth, 33, Margaret Street, Oswaldtwistle, not later than April 21st.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The spring meeting of this district will be held at Teynham on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided at 6d. per head. Will all members intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 19th, enclosing P.O. for tea?—E. G. Buesden, Hon. District Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on April 23rd. Bells ready at 3.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twywell on Saturday, April 23rd. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea notify me by Tuesday, April 19th?—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby Branch.—Saturday, April 23rd, at St. Alkmund's Church, Derby. Unveiling of peal boards. Ringing from 2 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. Draper, 25, Western Road, Derby.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Iden on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 30th. Tea in Co-operative Hall at 5.15, at 2/- per head. Members wanting tea must send their names to their Branch Secretaries, on or before Tuesday, April 26th. Visitors to advise me.—Reginald Bond, Hon. Sec., St. Peter's Rectory, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—
A meeting will be held at Mistley on April 30th. Service, with address, at 4.30, followed by tea at the Church Institute, provided for those sending me notice by April 26th. All ringers welcome.—H. T. Pye, District Secretary, 49, Wickham Road, Colchester.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—
Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

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On Saturday, March 19th, the day following the funeral, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung in the deceased's beloved steeple by: H. Flanders 1, E. Wightman (conductor) 2, W. Riches 3, F. G. Newman 4, J. Scholea 5, E. Smith 6, J. Waghorn 7, A. J. Barnes 8, G. Hayden 9, G. Potter 10. Pouches of Stedman and Bob Major followed, in which, in addition to the above, G. Carter and F. Bacon took part.

IN MEMORIAM.

And what if thou hast passed away, Friend William,
Unnoticed by the crowd? We Cumberlands
And others mourn for thy departure,
No more thy fragile form and welcome face
Shall meet us on the belfry's sacred floor,
To ply with feverish brain our subtle art,
Sequences of sounds, that move in mystic rhyme
Those West Ham bells, wherein thou tookest delight,
Will still ring on, and those who fill thy place
May scan the records of thy modest fame.
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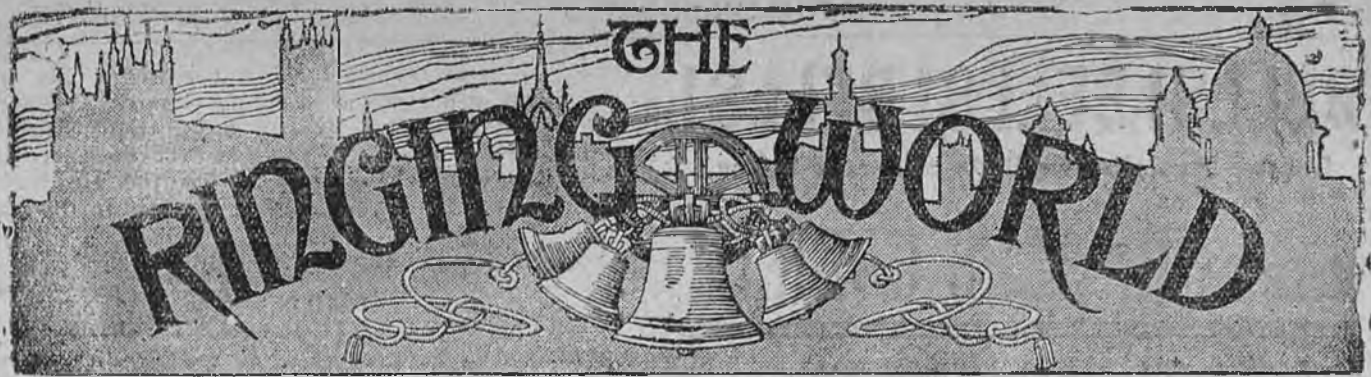
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THE COMING COUNCIL MEETING.

The notice which appears in another column reminds us of the near approach of the Central Council Meeting, which this year should prove of a very interesting character. Not least in importance in the business will be the choice of a successor to the present Hon. Secretary, who has definitely announced his intention of resigning. So much depends upon the holder of this office that there is not likely to be great competition for it, and whoever the choice of the Council falls upon, will find it no easy task to follow in the footsteps of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, whose services to the Council and the cause of ringing have been invaluable. As the meeting in London is the one at which the triennial elections take place, there will be much business on the agenda, but we hope there will be room for discussion on subjects beyond the routine affairs of the Council.

One suggestion, as a subject for the Council to consider, has reached us this week from a North Bucks ringer. It is that there should be published annually under the authority of the Council, a handbook and directory, which should contain, among other things, a calendar giving the dates of the principal meetings of the various associations and a list of churches with particulars as to the bells and ringing. This is not a new idea, although we are not sure that the Council has ever taken up the suggestion officially. The important question, however, is the financial one, and in view of the fact that nearly every association publishes this information so far as it relates to its own towers in its annual report, it is doubtful whether there would be sufficient demand to make such an undertaking a paying proposition. Here, however, is an instance where the Council, as we have so often urged, might be provided with a matter for consideration from outside. If 'North Bucks' would get his Guild to send up a recommendation and induce his own representatives on the Council to introduce the subject, he would be taking the initiative in a policy that has too long been lacking in the relations between the Associations and the Council.

Another proposal which has been made, but which, if it is to be acted upon, cannot be left open for discussion at the Council meeting itself, is one which we think will be likely to meet with approval of the members. It is that when the Council adjourns at the luncheon hour, the members should walk in procession from the Church House to the Cenotaph and deposit there a wreath to the memory of fallen ringers, and that a selected band should ring a course on handbells round the monument. This suggestion strikes us as being one of those things which must appeal to every ringer and, as the Council happens to be meeting in London this year, a fitting opportunity

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is provided. It would be a simple but impressive act, and the handbells would provide a unique climax. We hope the President and Secretary, in conjunction with the Standing Committee, will, if possible, take the necessary steps to act upon the suggestion, for the ringers of England gave of their best in large measure in the war.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 52 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON Treble	ERNEST BRETT 7
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 8
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 3	ALFRED B. PECK 9
WILLIAM HIBBERT 4	THOMAS LANGDON 10
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN ... 5	HENRY R. NEWTON 11
HENRY G. MILES 6	ALBERT A. HUGHES Tenor

Composed by JOHN NELMS.

Conducted by H. G. MILES.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... Treble	JOHN E. MILLER 6
EDMUND G. TOMLINSON ... 2	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... 7
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 3	WILBY J. HAZELL 8
*EDWARD H. KING 4	JOHN ARMSTRONG 9
JOHN THOMAS 5	ALFRED G. CRANE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER.

* First peal in the method on tower bells and first attempt.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*CECIL J. MATTHEWS... Treble	HARRY BROWNJOHN 6
†JOHN D. MATTHEWS... .. 2	†FRANK SMITH 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. ... 8.
WILLIAM A. CAVE 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
†EDWIN J. BROWN 5	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Cambridge Royal. The ringers of 1, 2 and 7 were visitors from London. Rung as a birthday compliment to George Condick, sen.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 43 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*MISS A. MAY DERRANT ... Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
ALBERT ROUGHT 2	*FREDERICK KNIGHTS, JUN. 7
FREDERICK KNIGHTS, SEN. 3	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 8
JOHN E. BURTON 4	GEORGE MAYERS 9
CHARLES E. BORRETT ... 5	*FREDERICK W. CURTIS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Rung a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Knights, jun. * First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman in which a lady has taken part for this Association. This is the first true peal of Stedman Caters rung by an entirely local company in this city.

SURFLEET.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE LADD Treble	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 6
*F/S. P. A. HOLDEN 2	FREDERICK W. STOKER ... 7
KATHLEEN A. JUSON 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 8
JOHN W. WOOD... .. 4	WALTER WOOD 9
REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 5	REV. H. LAW JAMES ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* 250th peal. This is the first peal in this method in the county, by the Guild and by all the band. Rung at the first attempt without previous practice, the first course being Real Double.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT ST. MARTIN'S PRO-CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

HAROLD J. POOLE Treble	JOHN OLDHAM 6
LOUIS E. ALLEN 2	*THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 7
WILLIAM H. B. MONDY ... 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 8
*PERCY HARRISON 4	ALFRED MARTIN 9
HARRY BROUGHTON 5	THOMAS TAYLOR... .. Tenor

Composed by FRED H. DEXTER. Conducted by HARRY BROUGHTON.

* First peal on ten bells. 50th peal by T. H. Vallance and the conductor. Rung in honour of the appointment of St. Martin's as the pro-cathedral of the new Diocese of Leicester.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

**BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, April 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. Treble	RICHARD F. DEAL 5
MISS EMMA TONGE 2	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 6
SAMUEL WOOD 3	SAM BOOTH 7
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel Wood. Miss Tonge is the first lady to ring a peal of Stedman in the county and for the Association, credit being due to her for excellent ringing throughout.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN MACKAY Treble	BERTIE O. SODEN 5
FRED HOPPER 2	JOHN W. METHERELL... .. 6
FRED WILFORD 3	HENRY BLUNDELL 7
JOHN T. HENSMAN 4	WILLIAM J. ALLEN Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by W. J. ALLEN.

This composition is No. 116 in the Central Council Collection, and was specially arranged to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. J. Mackay and Mrs. Mackay, who were accorded the hearty congratulations of the band.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

ALBERT A. FLEMING Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING 2	CHARLES W. PARKER 6
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 3	ARTHUR S. BOAR, M.P.S. ... 7
WILLIAM BURGESS 4	FREDERICK J. FILLETT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*GEORGE A. COOK Treble	†JOHN HOYLE 5
GEORGE MARRINER 2	AMOS W. CLARK 6
*JOHN BEAMS 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
JOHN H. WHITE... .. 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by the late Dr. A. B. CARPENTER.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with a bob bell.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER CHAPMAN Treble	GEORGE H. ABBISHAW ... 5
*GEORGE COPLEY 2	FRANCIS BARKER 6
ALFRED CHAPMAN 3	WILLIAM E. H. ASH 7
*THOMAS STRANGEWAY ... 4	GEORGE W. STEEL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE W. STEEL.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to William E. H. Ash. The ringers of the 6th and 7th belong to Leeds, the rest to the local company.

CRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM ASTLE... .. Treble	FRANK FOX 5
EDWARD HARRISON 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	ARTHUR NEWELL... .. 7
*GEOFFERY MILTON 4	ARTHUR HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

* First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday peal for A. Newell.

PORTSEA, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	WILLIAM TATE 5
EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... 2	THOMAS E. SONE... .. 6
HENRY G. REYNOLDS... .. 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	GEORGE H. COOPER Tenor

Conducted by JOSIAH D. HARRIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th. T. E. Sone, who hails from Maidstone, Kent, was elected a member previous to starting. Rung after meeting short for Major.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

A. HAGUE, ex-R.A.M.C. ... Treble	HAYDN THORPE, ex-Y. & L. 5
J. E. L. COCKEY, ex-Y. & L. 2	†C. RYDER, ex-K.O.Y.L.I. 6
†WINIFRED M. HAGUE, ex- V.A.D. 3	*C. R. WRIGHT, ex-R.F.A. 7
†SIDNEY BRIGGS, ex-N.F. ... 4	C. HARRISON, ex-R.G.A. ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. HAGUE.

First peal on the bells, which were erected as a war memorial, and rung by the same band who rang the opening touch at the dedication. * First peal in the method. † First in the method on tower bells.

**WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ARTHUR FRENCH Treble	†ARTHUR TENNANT 5
WALTER G. MATTHEWS 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 6
HARRY KILBY 3	THOMAS NEWMAN 7
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 4	GEORGE M. KILBY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.
* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal for 23 years.

**SALISBURY WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

D. C. WILLIAMS Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5
†REV. H. WHITFORD 2	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH 6
FREDERICK W. ROMAINE 3	ROBERT P. KNIGHT 7
LEONARD HARRIS 4	*FREDERICK HISCOCK Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
* First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

**HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES GOODSSELL Treble	THOMAS HOAD 5
FREDERICK MORGAN 2	*ALBERT E. EDWARDS 6
TRAYTON BOOTH 3	EDWARD MILLS 7
WILLIAM H. HOAD 4	CHARLES G. CREASEY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.
* 50th peal as conductor, in 19 different towers. All the ringers belong to Salehurst.

**NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thursday, April 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

ERNEST DUMPER Treble	†D. C. WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O. 5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
*REV. H. WHITFORD 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	OWEN H. GILES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.
* First peal of Major away from treble. † First peal of Bob Major.

**BRIDGEND, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE R.C. ABBEY OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE GARRISON Treble	JAMES GEORGE 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 2	OLIVER G. NORMAN 6
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON 3	BERNARD W. WITCHELL 7
THOMAS H. REEVES 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 342.) Conducted by J. E. SYKES.
This was the 2nd peal in the method that Mr. Knights composed. It was composed on February 18th, 1882, contains the 6th the extent each way in 5-6, the 5th the extent right and 18 times wrong, and is now rung for the first time.

**ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER CHAPMAN Treble	GEORGE H. ABBISHAW 5
GEORGE COPLEY 2	FRANCIS BARKER 6
ALFRED CHAPMAN 3	*WILLIAM E. H. ASH 7
THOMAS STRANGWAY 4	GEORGE W. STEEL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE W. STEEL.
* First peal in the method. The ringers of the 6th and 7th belong to Leeds, the rest to the local company.

**BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE BLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILTYD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

DAVID REES JAMES Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
REGINALD W. GREGORY 2	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
RICHARD EVANS 4	BENJAMIN J. TOBY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.
First peal of Stedman on the bells. First peal of Stedman for all excepting the ringers of the 3rd, 5th and 6th. First peal of Stedman as conductor and rung at the first attempt. The ringer of the 3rd belongs to Newport, Mon., the 6th to Cardiff, the 7th to Aberavon and the rest are members of the local band.

**ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

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

FRANK HAMMOND Treble	CHARLES BRASIER 5
*CECIL HARMAN 2	ARTHUR CAUSLEY 6
HAROLD HAMMOND 3	JAMES A. HART 7
ALFRED J. PIERPOINT 4	EDWIN BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by J. A. HART.
* First peal. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Buckingham, who is leaving the parish.

**EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. COX Treble	FREDERICK G. JAMES 5
THOMAS EAST, SEN. 2	THOMAS EAST, JUN. 6
JAMES BUTLER 3	JAMES S. NAPPER 7
WILLIAM J. NAPPER 4	WILLIAM A. GOODENOUGH Tenor

Conducted by T. EAST, SEN.
With the exception of the ringer of the 5th, who is a member of the Blewbury company, all the above are members of the local band. This is the first peal since the induction of the Rev. H. A. Smith-Masters as Vicar.

**EYNSFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Treble	ARTHUR H. PALMER 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
WILLIAM J. WHEADON 3	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 7
GEORGE DERLING 4	RICHARD SMITH Tenor

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.
First peal of Stedman as conductor

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SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

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

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

EDGAR HANCOX Treble	*HOBERT J. CHAFFEY... .. 4
PERCY JONES... .. 2	CECIL C. MAYNE 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Conducted by H. J. CHAFFEY.

First peal on the bells. * 50th peal.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR PALMER Treble	JOHN H. HAYNES... .. 4
HENRY SQUIRES 2	SIDNEY WHALLEY 5
ARTHUR DREURY 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS Tenor

Conducted by A. MACKEARS.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

ARTHUR CATTELL Treble	WILLIAM HECTOR 4
WALTER WALLINGTON 2	JOSIAH MORRIS 5
*CHARLES ALLSOP 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, which were augmented to six in the Jubilee year of 1897. Several previous attempts failed on account of the heavy 'go' of the tenor. * First peal of Minor.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. Treble	RICHARD HOPE 4
GEORGE WAGHORN 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3	*JAMES WAGHORN Tenor

Conducted by JAMES WAGHORN.

* First peal as conductor. George Waghorn was proposed a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal and it was his first peal.

KIRKBY MALLORY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

*SAM COE Treble	CHAS. H. WEBB... .. 3
CHAS. H. BRIGGS 2	*JOHN WM. REYNOLDS 4
HARRY WRIGHT Tenor	

Conducted by CHARLES H. WEBB.

* First peal and first attempt. Kirkby Mallory is mother church to East Shilton, and the peal was rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. J. Slade Maughan, Vicar of East Shilton for 29 years.

NORTON CUCKENBY, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

RICHARD F. REECE Treble	WILLIAM STURMAN 4
GEORGE ASHBY 2	PHILIP HIBBARD 5
WILLIAM KIRK 3	WILLIAM KENNAN Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP HIBBARD.

First peal in the method by the Association on the bells. All the ringers belong to the Harlborough company.

BREASTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

HERBERT FAWCETT Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY 4
JAMES F. GEORGE 2	*T. HAROLD DOAR 5
EDWARD SCATTERGOOD 3	FREDERIC A. TANSLEY Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal and first attempt, and was elected a member previous to starting for peal. First peal on the bells.

SANDHURST, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Woodbine Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor. Tenor 8 cwt.

CYRIL W. BARLOW Treble	ERIC H. BARLOW... .. 4
*GEORGE A. RICHES 2	GEORGE ENGLEFIELD... .. 5
CHARLES DOE 3	JOHN MOYH Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES DOE.

* First attempt for a peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Plain Bob, two of Kent and three of Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN D. BOCKINGHAM Treble	CHARLES J. MANN 4
*HUMPHREY B. GARDNER 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD 5
*ARTHUR C. LANGFORD 3	FRED CHALK... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. D. BOCKINGHAM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. B. Gardner, son of the Rector. * First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MORRIS of Leicester. Conducted by the performer. Witness: GEORGE JORDAN.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MORRIS of Leicester. Conducted by the performer. Witness: GEORGE JORDAN.

**SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**

*On Friday, April 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE VICARAGE.*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5392 CHANGES:

GRANTA VARIATION.

REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 1—2 | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trin.) 3—4 | REV. H. LAW JAMES (Caius) 7—8

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

This is the first peal ever rung in this variation.

**SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**

*On Monday, April 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE VICARAGE.*

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

*REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trin.) 1—2 | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 5—6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 3—4 | REV. H. LAW JAMES (Caius) 7—8

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* 200th peal.

**SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**

*On Tuesday, April 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE VICARAGE.*

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trin.) 1—2 | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 5—6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 3—4 | REV. H. LAW JAMES (Caius) 7—8

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

**SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tuesday, April 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE VICARAGE.*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5030 CHANGES;

GRANTA VARIATION.

W. H. J. HOOTON ... 1—2 | RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 3—4 | REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 7—8
REV. H. LAW JAMES ... 9—10

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

This is the first peal of Royal in this variation.

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

*On Thursday, April 14, 1921, in Three Hours,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY.*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM ... 1—2 | PERCY O. LAPLIN ... 7—8
ALBERT WALKER ... 3—4 | ALBERT E. NORMAN ... 9—10
JAMES E. GROVES ... 5—6 | GEORGE F. SWANN ... 11—12

Composed by FRANK W. PERRENS. Conducted by G. F. SWANN.
Referee: MORRIS J. MORRIS.

G. F. Swann has now conducted a peal of Stedman from each pair of handbells in Triples, Caters and Cinques.

**SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**

*On Friday, April 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE VICARAGE.*

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Size 16½ in B flat.

*KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 1—2 | W. H. J. HOOTON ... 5—6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 3—4 | *RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 7—8

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Umpire: REV. H. LAW JAMES. Witness: CAPTAIN BAYLISS.

* First peal of Double Norwich 'in hand.' First peal in the method 'in hand' by the Guild.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ROCHESTER DISTRICT MEETING.**

What was considered as the most successful meeting of recent years in this district was held at Frindsbury on Saturday week, and was largely attended. Among the visitors was Mr. J. Waghorn, of West Ham, who informed some of the ringers that his father was married at this church 108 years ago—a record of which he was justly proud. Until the end of last year the Church of All Saints, Frindsbury, possessed only five bells. By a big effort three more were obtained, and two of the old ones recast, and now a fine peal of eight are hung in a steel frame, the work having been successfully carried out by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich.

At the meeting, methods from Grandsire to Cambridge and Superlative were rung. The Association form of service was conducted by the Rev. A. P. Pascoe, M.A., Vicar, a ringing member of the association, and the district representative, Mr. E. A. G. Allen, presided at the organ. At the close, a collection for the Kent Ringers' War Memorial realised £1 0s. 2d.

Tea, generously provided by the Vicar, was partaken of in the Parish Hall, and 46 sat down to the sumptuous spread. The Vicar presided at the business meeting which followed, supported by the District Representatives (Messrs. E. A. G. Allen and W. Spice).—The Chairman welcomed the visitors to Frindsbury, and recounted some of his early reminiscences of ringers. He said the church owed much to the various associations for uplifting the standard of ringing and ringers, and gave his opinion that to-day no finer body of men existed. When the district were tired of visiting other towers he would again be pleased to welcome and entertain them if they chose to come (applause).

Sixteen new members were elected, and, after spirited voting, Rodmersham was selected for the next meeting to be held on June 4th.

On behalf of the district, the District Secretary (Mr. F. Mitchell) offered their congratulations to Mr. W. Harper, the leader of the Swanscombe band, on his election to the post of People's church-warden.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. W. Hugh proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his liberality in supplying such an excellent tea; and to the ladies who had rendered such excellent service.—This was seconded by Mr. Harper, and carried with loud applause.—The Vicar briefly responded.

Fourteen towers in the district were represented at the meeting, in addition to other visiting ringers.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A successful quarterly meeting was held at Sedgley on Saturday week, when the following towers were represented: Bilston, Brewood, Cannock, Cosely, Erdington, Dudley, Netherton, Oldbury, Sedgley, Selly Oak, Stoke-in-Coventry, Walsall, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Willenhall, Woollaston, Wolverhampton, Wombourne and Wordsley. The bells were made good use of, and touches rung of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major; also a course each of Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise. A short service was held in church; and a helpful address given by the Rev. Dr. Swindell, Vicar. A capital tea was provided in the Schoolroom, to which 50 sat down.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the address, and the use of bells, etc., to the organist for his kindly help, and to the ladies for preparing and serving tea.—The Vicar replied in a humorous vein.—Then followed a course of Grandsire Caters and a touch of Stedman Triples on the handbells, and tunes upon the same instruments, four in hand, were given by Messrs. R. Matthews, S. Grove and A. Davies, which gave much pleasure to the company.

The next meeting—annual—is provisionally arranged to take place on June 18th, at Lichfield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Vicar of St. Mary's, Ealing, gave an invitation to the members of the Middlesex County Association to take tea with him and ring on the bells of the Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, April 9th. Forty-one members—including the District Master (Mr. C. S. Bird, of Heston), and the Misses Williams, Chandler, and Baker, of Hillingdon, accepted the invitation, the following towers being represented:—Acton, Chertsey, Christ Church, Ealing; Fulham, Greenwich, Heston, Hillingdon, Isleworth, Norwood Green, Willesden, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, St. Stephen's and St. Mary's, Ealing.—A service was held in the Parish Church, when the Vicar (the Rev. C. J. Sharp, M.A.) and the Rev. F. I. L. Rees were present.—The Vicar gave a very instructive address, and during the service some well-known hymns were heartily sung, Mr. W. Lawrence (one of the ringers) presiding at the organ.

The tea, which was served in the Church Room, was much enjoyed, both Mrs. and the Misses Sharp kindly assisting.—At the conclusion of the tea business was discussed, and Sunbury was selected as the place for the next meeting.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. H. Hollier) made reference to some important financial matters, and his action was highly approved by every member present.—Handbell ringing was afterwards done on Mr. J. A. Trollope's sweet-toned bells.

HINTS FOR BEGINNERS.

Having explained what constitutes plain hunting, let us see how the beginner should set about learning to pilot a bell through this piece of straightforward work. There is 'hunting up' and 'hunting down,' the former being the passage of the bell from the lead to the place farthest from lead, i.e., 6th's place when there are six bells; 3th's place when there are eight, and so on. 'Hunting down' is the opposite process, and when a bell turns from hunting up to hunting down it has to strike two blows, or a whole pull in the same place, which is termed 'lying a whole pull behind.'

Hunting up is perhaps easier for a beginner than hunting down, for, at the outset, the bells are easier to find. When hunting up, a simple rule is followed, viz., strike next after the bell that strikes after you this time. In other words, if you are ringing the treble and you start into changes, your first blow will be after the 2nd, which, in rounds, follows you. When striking after the 2nd you must look for the bell that is striking after you, and if the first change has been 214365, the 4th will be the next bell to strike over, when the change will be 241635. Then you have the 6th as the next bell in the change 426135, and afterwards the 5th, in 462513, and the 3rd in 645231. That completes the hunting up, for the treble has reached the last place.

It is well that the beginner should notice in hunting up that when he has once struck over a bell, he will not strike over that one again while going in the same direction. Thus, by each change, one bell is eliminated, and there is, therefore, one less to look for, which helps to simplify things. When you have struck over the 2nd in the first change, you need not trouble further about that bell until you have completed your hunting up. In the same way, having struck over the 4th in the second change, ignore that bell as well as the 2nd until you come to hunting down.

As I have already indicated, hunting down is not always found to be so easy as hunting up, for while one may lay down as a simple rule, the reverse of that for hunting up, viz., strike in the next change, in front of the bell that goes before you in this change, this cannot be applied so easily in practice, because to get good striking you must know the bell you have to strike after. One of the best ways for the beginner to adopt is the process of elimination, which applies as much to hunting down as to hunting in the opposite direction. Having followed a bell once, he will not follow that bell again until he has reached the lead. If you look at the figures of the plain hunting course given above you will notice that

when the treble has completed the hunting up, it has reached 6th's place, where it lies a whole pull, but that whole pull is over two different bells. At both hand and back strokes, however, the ringer will have seen all the other five bells pull in front of him. At the back stroke he pulls after the 2nd, and when he begins hunting down, he eliminates the 2nd and looks for the last of the other four. He finds it in this case to be the 4th, so that in the next change he ignores the 4th as well as the 2nd and looks for the last of the other three. In the same way he takes first the 6th and then the 5th in the two next changes till he finds himself with only one bell left, which is the 3rd, and, having struck after this bell, he has to lead a whole pull, when this plain hunting course comes round.

We have dealt above with the actual work of the troble, but, except that one has to begin in a different place, exactly the same remarks apply to all the rest of the bells. Thus, the 3rd, already in 3rd's place in rounds, begins by going up into 4th's place, after the 4th, and then into 5th's over the 6th, which struck after the 3rd in the first change. In the case of the 4th the work begins by hunting down instead of up. While ringing in rounds there are three bells in front of the 4th, and when a start is made into changes the 3rd is eliminated, and the ringer looks only for the last of the two others in front of it (which would be the treble), and then for the remaining one, which must, of course, be the 2nd.

This explanation is put into quite simple language to enable the most elementary student to understand, and I hope that those who are beginning change ringing will be able to apply it when in the belfry. I have dealt with plain hunting on six bells, but plain hunting on any number can be accomplished by the application of the same rules, and the correspondent who asks me to give him and his band a helping hand with Grandsire Doubles can begin with the practice of plain hunting as here explained, except that he will have one bell less. There is one thing, however, worth remembering, and that is that while the whole pull behind on an even number of bells is at handstroke and backstroke, on an odd number of bells it is the reverse way, at backstroke and handstroke. If, in my correspondent's tower there are six bells he can practise the plain hunting course on both five and six. When ringing it on five the tenor will, of course, be used to 'cover' the others, and will be the bell off which the rest will always lead. When ringing on six, the ringer at lead must look for the last bell each time, and his backstroke lead will be off a different bell to his handstroke lead. Let me just add this, throughout all the practice let the aim be not only to learn to ring by method, but also to strike the bells well, for, remember, there is a large audience outside who are compelled to hear your efforts. CONDUCTOR.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The analysis of peals rung in 1920, compiled by the Committee of the Central Council, will be published next week.

Mr. George F. Swann, of Birmingham, has completed the performance of conducting a peal each of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques 'in hand' from every pair of bells. This is an achievement which few can claim to have accomplished. We believe, speaking without 'the book,' that it has been done only by two ringers, Messrs. W. Pye and H. Langdon, although it is not possible to be quite certain on points like these on the spur of the moment.

A band of enthusiasts have established themselves at St. Nicholas' Church, Arundel (eight bells), and are making steady progress. The band, entirely novices, except two who are teaching the learners, is just advancing over that stage when call changes usually terminate interest, and now that 120 Grandsire Doubles has been mastered further advancement is eagerly looked forward to, and the young band is anxious to get on with Minor, and so gradually climb the ladder. We wish them every success, and hope to learn of their joining the Sussex Association in the near future. The company consists of nine ringers.

There is, we believe, at Arundel a somewhat unusual feature about the church, the chancel being bricked off from the nave on account of some former disagreement between the House of Norfolk and the church authorities. Thus, part of the same building is used by the Established Church, and part belongs to the Catholic Church. The bells, a peal of eight, were the gift of the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk in 1835.

To-day is the anniversary of one of the famous long peals, viz., the 15,227 Grandsire Caters, rung on Easter Monday, April 22nd, 1839, at Cheltenham, in 9 hours 43 minutes. Some of the best known men of thirty years ago were in that peal, which was rung by F. Musty 1, G. H. Phillott 2 S. Heeves 3, H. Roberts 4, F. E. Ward 5, C. H. Hattersley 6, J. Plant 7, W. T. Pates (conductor) 8, T. Reynolds 9, A. W. Humphris 10. Cheltenham now has twelve bells, and W. T. Pates is still there as leader.

The first 'family' handbell peal was rung on April 22nd, 1895, seven 720's of Bob Minor at Otley, Suffolk, by Miss Constance Meadows (aged 14) 1-2, Frederick E. W. Meadows (aged 15), conductor, 3-4, Sidney R. W. Meadows (aged 18) 5-6. Miss Meadows was the second lady to ring a peal, Mrs. George Williams having been the first.

Fifty-three years ago next Wednesday, viz., on April 27th, 1868, the College Youths rang the then longest length of Treble Bob Major, 15,840 in 9 hours 12 minutes, at Bethnal Green. One of that band, then a strapping young fellow not long since arrived in London from Ipswich, is still active amongst us—Mr. Ted Horrex. The remainder have passed to their rest, but their memory is with us still: Henry Halcy, William Cooter, James Pettitt, Henry Booth, R. Hopkins, Matt. Wood and Murray Hayes.

The same day is the anniversary of another great performance by the College Youths, accomplished seven years earlier at Cornhill, 8,560 Stedman Cinques, in 6 hours 41 mins. Haley and Matt. Wood were in that peal also, in which Jimmy Dwight rang the tenor single-handed.

When speaking of ringers well advanced in age, we must not overlook the fact that there is a youth up at Mansfield, Notts, who rang his first peal of Stedman Triples in August, 1910, at the age of 83 years, and rang it in first-class style.

The bells of East Shilton, Leicestershire, are at the Loughborough Foundry being recast and augmented to a peal of eight. It was owing to this fact that a muffled peal to the memory of the late Vicar of East Shilton was rung at the neighbouring tower of Kirkby Mallory.

The Northern District of the London County Association, at the meeting at South Hackney, added four new members, and decided to hold the next meeting at St. Andrew's, Holborn, if permission can be obtained, on May 21st. This should be a great attraction.

It will interest many readers to know that Mr. R. Newton, of America (late of Manchester), left a U.S. dollar note to be presented to each successive ringer who rang the Manchester Town Hall tenor in a peal single-handed. On Saturday, April 9th, an attempt was made to gain the prize by a certain worthy Mancunian, but after a truly splendid effort, lasting 3 hours 10 minutes, it was decided to make another attempt later.

April 27th will be the 20th anniversary of the first occasion on which three Surprise peals were rung in a day by one band. These peals were rung in three different counties by the St. Stephen's Branch of the College Youths, with three different conductors, viz., at Old Windsor, Berks, London Surprise, conducted by J. N. Oxborrow; at Wraysbury, Bucks, Superlative Surprise, conducted by C. T. P. Brice; at Staines, Middlesex, Cambridge Surprise, conducted by H. R. Newton. The three peals contained 15,200 changes, and occupied eight hours 52 minutes: a really good day's work, and a record at that time.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**DEDICATION OF WAR MEMORIAL WINDOW.**

The annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, at Worcester on Easter Monday, was better attended than in previous years, and will be always remembered as the day on which the memorial to those members who fell in the war was unveiled. At the general meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House, the President, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean, took the chair, and welcomed the association to Worcester, commenting on the number of lady members present.

The report and balance sheet contained two points which were noticed, firstly, that the number of performing members had increased to 442; and secondly, owing to the great increase in the cost of printing, etc., there had been a loss on the year's working of about £20.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. E. J. Dowler for his services as secretary of the Northern Branch since its formation, and a vote of sympathy was accorded the family of the late Mr. John Smith, who was secretary of the association for 22 years, and who did a tremendous amount of work in its formation.

Mr. W. Page was selected as conductor of the annual peal, and Worcester was again chosen for the next annual meeting.

The Treasurer of the Memorial Fund, Mr. A. E. Parsons, announced that the cost of the memorial window was £165, that he had received that amount, and that it would be unveiled that day free of debt. The number of subscribers to this fund was 449, and the fact that all the money was in hand to pay for it gave much pleasure to everyone.—A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the treasurer for his services in this matter. The roll of honour, which is to take the form of three cast bronze plates affixed to the sill of the memorial window, bearing the names of those who served, was left in the hands of the Dean, Mr. Parsons and the secretary.

An application for a grant towards the rehanging of the bells at Cradley Church was received, and from the Belfry Repairs Fund a subscription of £2 was made for this purpose.—Mr. W. Page most kindly offered to defray the cost of some new copies of the association's form of service.

The whole of the officers were re-elected, with the exception of the Master, Mr. A. E. Parsons, who wished to retire, and Mr. W. Page was elected to this office. Mr. Parsons has been a most able and enthusiastic Master for several years. He received a most sincere vote of thanks, and was elected a vice-president.—The meeting concluded with thanks to the Dean and those who had allowed their bells to be used.

Some few years ago the Dean and Chapter decided to allow the windows in the cloisters, which previously were all unglazed, to be used for the purpose of memorial windows, and adopted the excellent idea of using the upper lights to illustrate the history of the Cathedral. The design of each one has, therefore, to be left to them. The window put in by the association depicts the period from about 1215 to 1225, and includes the figures of Bishops Blois and Cantelupe, Henry III. and Simon de Montfort; one of the lights showing the procession at the dedication of the Cathedral on June 7th, 1218, passing the ancient belfry, an independent building containing five bells. Contrary to the Chapter's usual rule, a slight distinction has been allowed in this case, and in two of the small upper lights, designs of bells hung for ringing have been introduced. This, with a festoon of small bells along the top of the lower lights, makes it quite distinctive as 'The Bellingrings' Window.' In the centre of the lower lights are the names of the members who gave their lives.

At the unveiling and dedication service there were present the Dean, who unveiled the memorial; the Rev. Canon Wilson, who performed the dedication; the Revs. Barrington Baker (Precentor), and T. C. de la Hay (Minor Canon and Warden of the Cathedral ringers), together with the Cathedral choir.—The Dean, in his address, commented upon the fellowship among ringers, and remarked that they were not backward in offering themselves for the defence of freedom and for England.—At the conclusion of the ceremony the members accompanied the clergy and choir to the service in the Cathedral, at which the Dean preached.

The text chosen by the Dean as applicable to the memorial window and which is inserted at the head of the description of the period of history illustrated, is as follows: 'The sound of the bells shall be heard when he goeth into the holy place before the Lord.' May it always be so.

Thanks to the kindness of the Dean, the tea was served in the vaulted hall of the Deanery, which was originally the Bishop's Palace. The record number of 125 members was present. Throughout the morning and evening the bells of the city were kept going in methods ranging from Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Royal.

A peal rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on April 12th, is recorded as the first true peal of Stedman Caters rung in the city by an entirely local company. This reads strangely, but is nevertheless roused for by our correspondent, who says that a peal of 5295 was rung at St. Andrew's in 1842, conducted by Henry Hubbard, but the composition was afterwards discovered to be false.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.**NOTICE.**

The first session of the Eleventh Council (29th annual meeting) will be held in the Chamber of the Upper House of Convocation at the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, at eleven o'clock precisely in the forenoon, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 17th, 1921. The Council will sit till 1 p.m., when the meeting will be adjourned till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m. Entrance will be by DEAN'S YARD ONLY.

In view of the fact that the time for the meeting is fast drawing near, may I earnestly request that all remaining affiliation fees, together with names and full addresses of representative members not as yet sent to me, may be sent at the very earliest possible moment. At the time of writing, fees from the following Guilds and Associations have not reached me, viz., College Youths, Birmingham, Cleveland, Lincoln, North Wales, Peterborough, Surrey, Towcester, Worcester, Yorkshire.

A list of agenda will be forwarded for publication in 'The Ringing World' on April 29th.

Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.**RINGING CONTEST REVIVED.**

The ringing contest of the Cumberland Association was revived on Easter Monday, at Hensingham, four teams competing for the shield, viz.: St. Bridge's, Bridekirk; St. Stephen's, Carlisle; St. Mary's, Egremont; and All Saints' Cocker-mouth, the last named having held the shield since the last contest in 1914. Bridekirk rang 720 Bob Minor in 27½ minutes, with 156 faults; Carlisle rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25½ minutes, with 215 faults; Egremont had bad luck, as their attempt was interrupted by someone coming in the belfry whilst the ringing was in progress. They rang Bob Major for 19 minutes, and had about another course to go when the bells were brought to a stand. Up to then the faults numbered 150, which was a creditable performance, seeing they are a band of young ringers. Cocker-mouth rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 29 minutes, with 224 faults. Bridekirk was, therefore, awarded the shield for the ensuing year, and great credit is due to this band, as it was the first time they had rung in a contest, having only taken up change ringing a short while.

A meeting was afterwards held in the vestry, at which the Rev. E. Freeman, M.A., presided.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the Schoolroom, where a tea was afterwards held; also to Mr. Banks for coming again to judge.

The next meeting will be on July 2nd, at Crosthwaite, when it is hoped to have a good attendance.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Nottingham District was held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Saturday, April 2nd, members being present from Arksey, Beeston, Bulwell, Cougrave, Daybrook, Dorby, Ilkeston, Nottingham, Mansfield Woodhouse, Radcliffe-on-Trent, and the members of the local tower. Two of the latter were made members of the M.C.A. The band is under the able tuition of Mr. S. Bettison, of Mansfield Woodhouse, and it is hoped it will not be long before they are all eligible to become members of the M.C.A. Ringing was indulged in during the day, the methods ranging from Stedman Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. The bells, which are practically a new ring, were put in as a war memorial last year by the well-known Loughborough firm, Messrs. John Taylor and Co., to whom great credit must be given for the perfect 'go' and tone of the bells.

At the business meeting, Mr. E. C. Goby presided, in the absence of the vice-president.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bottesford, on Saturday, April 23rd.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the local band for the arrangements was proposed by the secretary, and seconded by Mr. W. Spencer.

A monthly meeting of the Hinckley District was held at Hinckley on Saturday week, and was well attended by members from Burbage, Croft, Colon, Earl Shilton, Nuneaton, Spoke Golding, Stoney Stanton, South Wigston, and the local tower. Touches in standard methods were rung on the tower bells.

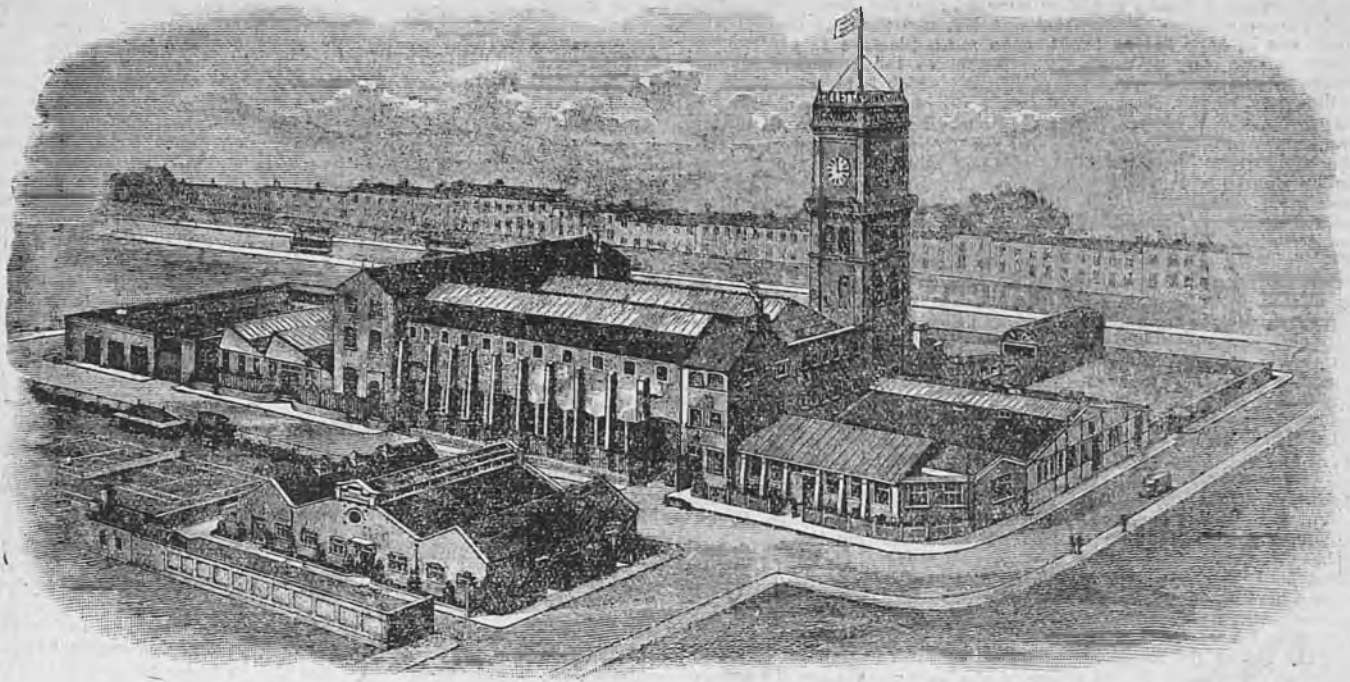
The business meeting was held at the ringers' meeting room, Mr. C. H. Webb, vice-president, presiding.—Nuneaton was unanimously selected for the next meeting, on Saturday, May 7th.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells.—Tunes on handbells by Messrs. C. H. Webb and H. Briggs, accompanied by Mr. J. W. Reynolds on the piano, songs by Messrs. W. Humphreys, H. Fullylove, S. Coe, J. W. Reynolds, brought a successful meeting to a close.

NEW EIGHT IN HANTS.

Another eight bell tower is being added to the Winchester Guild, Bishopstoke, Hants, being now in possession of an octave soon to be ready for ringing. The first 720 (Bob Minor) on the front six, which are already hung, was rung on Friday by: A. Wilson 1, E. Aliffe 2, G. Pullinger 3, O. H. Giles 4, G. Grant 5, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 6. It was the first 720 by A. Wilson and E. Aliffe. The 7th and tenor bells arrived the same day from the foundry of Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, who are carrying out the work.

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**THE CROYDON
BELL FOUNDRY
1921.**

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUGGESTED DIVISION OF E. BERKS AND S. BUCKS BRANCH.

Over 80 members attended the annual meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on Easter Monday. The towers represented included the Curlew Tower and Parish Church, Windsor; Chalfont St. Peter, Crowthorne, Farnham Royal, Hughenden, Hitcham, Binfield, Burnham, Penn, Staines, Caversham, Hillingdon, Slough, Stoke Poges, Old Windsor, Fulham, Ealing, Beaconsfield, High Wycombe, Maidenhead, Boyne Hill, Bray, Marlow, Warfield, etc.

The proceedings began at St. Mary's, Slough, at 10 a.m., where touches were rung before the early birds proceeded to Clewer, where there was more ringing. Finally all gathered at St. Peter's, Old Windsor, where touches were rung in several methods before and after service. This latter was conducted by the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn, M.C. (Master of the Guild). The lesson was read by the Rev. J. R. Napier, Vicar of Old Windsor, and a most direct and telling sermon was preached by Canon Coleridge, of Crowthorne, from the text, 'Make a chain.' The preacher remarked that this might seem a strange text to a congregation of bell ringers, although they would have no misconception if the word 'rope' was substituted, as every ringer knew what a rope was for. The Canon then proceeded to show how each church worker was a link in the chain which joined the Church throughout the ages, and dwelling upon the old adage that the 'strength of the chain is in the weakest link,' he asked them to consider their individual position. Were they strong links or weak? Enumerating the qualities which went towards the forging of a strong link, the preacher said that every ringer should be a regular communicant, punctual in arriving at the belfry, assiduous in learning and carrying out his duties.

Choirboys were in attendance, and Miss Feltham, of Hillingdon, officiated as organist.

At the conclusion of the service, the whole party walked to the Tapestry Hall, where an excellent tea was provided. Sir William Carter, of Windsor, presided, and was supported by the Rev. J. R. Napier and Captain W. Legge (Vicar and churchwarden of Old Windsor Church), Canon Coleridge, Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn and W. S. Riddlesdell (Bray), Mr. C. A. Bennett (Beaconsfield), Mr. W. P. Routh (Reading), and Mr. W. H. Fussell (secretary). Amongst those present were: Messrs. J. J. Parker (Farnham Royal), W. C. Parker (Staines), G. Higgs (Warfield), R. A. Farndon (London), A. D. Cullum (Caversham), A. D. Barker (Slough), Miss N. G. Williams (Hillingdon), Messrs. W. Henley (Stoke Poges), J. W. Driver (Fulham), C. Farr and J. Harman (Windsor), W. Lawrence (Ealing), and R. T. Hibbert (Caversham) (Diocesan Secretary).

The balance sheet for 1920 was presented by the Chairman. This showed: Receipts, £53 4s.; expenditure, £36 4s., leaving a balance in hand of £17, which the Chairman remarked he considered very satisfactory (applause), and he congratulated Mr. Fussell on his successful management of the branch finances.

The election of officers next occupied the attention of the meeting, the Bishop of Buckingham being unanimously elected chairman, and Mr. W. H. Fussell secretary and treasurer. With regard to the office of vice-chairman, Mr. Fussell reported that he had received a letter from the Rev. E. M. Blackie, of Windsor, who asked to be relieved from that office owing to ever increasing duties, which left him but little time.—Mr. A. Martin proposed the Vicar of Bray, the Rev. W. S. Riddlesdell who was unanimously elected, and in a brief speech accepted the office.

The whole committee of 1920, comprising Messrs. G. Alder (Burnham), J. Blackmore (Beaconsfield), J. Borham (High Wycombe), R. Buckland (Beaconsfield), J. L. Kirk (Maidenhead), G. T. Leader (Slough), G. Martin (Boyne Hill), T. S. Smith (Windsor), J. C. Truss (Marlow), G. Twitchen (High Wycombe), W. Welling (Old Windsor), and G. White (Wycombe) was re-elected en bloc.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mr. Fussell, in presenting his report, remarked that they had passed through a troublesome year. Everybody had been feeling a current from the Church Enabling Act. He supposed no branch of Church workers felt the onus more than ringers. It was proposed to destroy centuries of association between vicar and ringers. Referring to the February meeting in London, he was glad to tell them that there was no cause for uneasiness. The old order remained, and ringers would carry on their work with only one head, the Vicar. If control of the bells had gone to the parochial councils, friction as to times of ringing, etc., must inevitably have arisen, and their whole association must have crumbled away. It was now definitely settled that ringers were in the hands of the Vicar, and not under the parochial council. The questions had adversely affected their branch, in that on December 1st last 30 honorary members and towers had failed to pay their subscriptions owing to the uncertainty. During the year he had to thank Mr. C. A. Bennett, of Beaconsfield, the Rev. W. G. Riddlesdell, of Bray, the Wycombe ringers, the Cookham ringers and the Chalfont ringers, for generously entertaining members of the branch. Hitcham (10-12 ringers) and Bellow towers had joined the branch, and their present strength was 34 towers, over 400 mem-

bers, 50 hon. members and 87 non-resident members—all expert ringers—from London and other centres. He thought this a very fine record. He was sorry to say that Mr. Edwin Lucas, of Slough, had ended his days during the year, and there had been one or two removals. Their president had been created a Bishop. It was possible he would be unable to continue as president owing to increased duties, but he would put the proposition before him as the unanimous wish of the meeting (applause). Referring to the area covered by the branch, the speaker said that it was too wide, and they would have to consider the advisability of its being cut up. They were unable to cope with remote towers, and few men beyond Beaconsfield and beyond Warfield were able to attend their meetings. They could not expect men to travel across wide areas to practices. With regard to finance, he was trying to conserve funds, so as to have a balance in hand of £20, which he thought should be considered the minimum. He asked the committee to look up subscribers interested in bells, and finally he thanked them all for the patience with which they had received his sometimes hasty correspondence and pleadings (applause).

Mr. C. A. Bennett then proposed votes of thanks to the Vicar of Old Windsor, to Miss Feltham for her services as organist, and to Mr. J. Gutteridge, the steeplekeeper. Referring to the use of the bells, the speaker remarked that there were two classes of people—those who liked bells, and those who didn't. It was difficult to deal with a Vicar who disliked bells, but he thought it was always possible to interest him with the idea of the valuable example of co-operation as distinct from competition, which bell ringing entailed. He contended that the resources of the world were best developed by co-operation, and their Guild offered opportunities of co-operation which were badly needed.

The Rev. J. R. Napier, in acknowledgment, stated that he was most pleased and honoured at their choice of Old Windsor tower, and he was delighted to put the bells at their disposal. He was an honorary member of their association, but as a ringer he had an unfortunate beginning owing to a bell being upside down (laughter). He pulled the rope, and—well, that was the end of his bell ringing career (renewed laughter). All the same, he felt that England would never be the same without her bells, and he would be glad to see the Guild again at any time.

The Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C.) gave a brief address, in which he congratulated the chairman, Sir William Carter, on recently celebrating his golden wedding (applause). He was sorry that Lady Carter was unable to be present. The speaker then dealt with the pleasures and advantages of these branch meetings, and complimented their excellent secretary on his indefatigable efforts. Referring to the area covered by the branch, he suggested that this matter be delegated to the committee for full discussion and a report at their next meeting. He had the welfare of the branch at heart, and was anxious that the work should not prove too much for the secretary. In the course of his sermon, Canon Coleridge had remarked that in 40 years the Guild had only had two masters and three secretaries. He wished to add that in that time they had only had one Canon Coleridge, and there was no one like him (applause).

Mr. Bennett proposed that the committee be instructed to consider the question of dividing the branch into two and report at the next annual meeting.

Mr. Barker suggested that it would be better to leave the branch as it is with the old title, and form sub-divisions instead of making two new branches.

Mr. Fussell stated his personal views of the matter. Owing to the huge district, he was unable to get about enough, and could not visit enough towers. The title, 'East Berks and South Bucks' was not a guild title, as it was in existence before the Guild was formed. If the branch was divided, the title need not be lost. The two secretaries could work in unison, and they would have the added advantage of two committees, with the prospect of remote towers receiving due attention.

Various arguments were put forward for and against, and the matter was finally referred to the committee for consideration, with the recommendation that a special general meeting be called during the summer months to decide the question.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

The ringing during the day included a course each of Cambridge at Slough, Sunbury and Old Windsor, and London at Windsor.

An excellent photograph of the party was taken at Old Windsor, and copies may be had post free 4d. each from the secretary.

INFORMATION WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Could any of your readers furnish me with any information concerning a peal of Grandsire Caters, rung at St. Clement Danes London, half-muffled, for the late Lord Beaconsfield and conducted by the late John Cox? I have been asked to make this inquiry by an old Cumberland Youth, Mr. G. Flavell, who rang in the peal, and who would like to know if there are any more surviving members of the band.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM J. ATLEN.

58, Melbourne Street, Northampton.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—At All Saints' Church, for evensong, on Sunday, April 17th, 1,057 Stedman Cinques, in 54 mins.: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, H. Butler 2, J. W. Wilkins 3, G. White 4, E. Markham 5, F. K. Biggs 6, A. J. Hoing (longest length in the method) 7, G. Twitchea 8, F. Boxell 9, J. Gransbury 10, S. T. Goodchild 11, H. C. Ingram 12.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, April 17th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Gill (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Edser 2, W. A. Woodrow 3, J. Emery 4, Miss Ida Woodrow 5, F. J. Shepherd 6, W. Shepherd (conductor) 7, A. Batty 8.

BRAINTREE.—For evensong, at the Parish Church, on Sunday, April 17th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 40 mins.: 11. E. Hammond 1, W. J. Sadler 2, C. H. Howard (conductor) 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, G. Lindridge 6, W. H. Hammond 7, H. J. Collins 8. Rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. L. W. Wiffen, the highly esteemed vergor at the church.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, April 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 minutes: J. H. Lane 1, T. E. Eades 2, S. R. Garner 3, R. Trendell 4, S. Rox 5, H. Baker 6, E. Trendell (conductor) 7, T. Harman 8.

GIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, on Sunday, April 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), composed by A. P. Wakley: A. Parsons 1, H. Lewis 2, W. G. Cook 3, F. J. Lewis 4, S. Hicks (conductor) 5, H. C. Bond 6, V. R. Williams 7, J. Hayward 8.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday evening, April 17th, at St. Paul's Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 42 minutes: D. G. Archer 1, C. Tricker 2, A. Beckensale 3, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4, A. Price 5, A. Harding 6, G. Spencer 7, J. Hanks 8.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On Sunday, April 17th, for Divine service, at SS. Peter and Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. H. Mitchell 1, G. Hunt 2, G. F. Pickles 3, H. Rowley (conductor) 4, G. Barstow 5, J. Smith 6, R. Thickett 7, F. Lockwood (first quarter-peal) 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, April 17th, for evening service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett (longest touch) 1, A. G. Bennington 2, E. J. Pannett 3, J. Law 4, J. Crowder 5, E. B. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, E. A. Easterby 8.

NEWBURN, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—At St. Michael and All Angels, on Sunday, April 18th, for evening service, 720 Plain Oxford, by the local band, in 26 mins.: A. Leedham 1, J. Oliver 2, H. G. Taylor 3, J. Lowrey 4, T. Colvin 5, E. Lowrey (conductor) 6. First 720 by the ringer of the 2nd, who is only 15 years old.

DERBY.—On Sunday, April 10th, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major: F. Waidren 1, J. Haynes 2, W. H. Buxton 3, J. A. Orgill 4, W. Poyser 5, W. A. Parsons 6, J. W. Glow 7, J. Lord (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major by all.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On April 10th, for evening service, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260), in 48 mins., by: T. O'Hara 1, W. Bingham 2, A. P. Knights 3, B. Fry (first quarter with inside bell) 4, T. Serral 5, W. Biggin 6, F. Allen (first quarter as conductor) 7, G. Butcher 8.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 300 Plain Bob, 240 Kent, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: *A. Appleton 1, *H. B. Gardner 2, J. D. Buckingham 3, C. J. Mann 4, E. P. Buckingham 5, G. H. Neville (conductor) 6. * Longest length; also longest length as conductor.

DOVER, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, April 10th, for evening service, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples (by the late A. P. Wakley): J. Eagles (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Turner 2, E. L. Miles 3, F. W. Elliott 4, C. R. Millway (conductor) 5, H. Whitehead 6, H. J. Saunders 7, R. H. Stevens 8.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, April 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins.: W. Clifford 1, A. T. Scrivens 2, W. H. Jones 3, J. F. Smallwood (conductor) 4, O. Norman 5, J. Hopkin 6, H. Dickens 7, W. Kent 8, W. Davies 9, E. Plummer 10.

SOUTHGATE, Middlesex Association.—On Sunday, April 10th, for evensong, 1,259 Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins.: A. G. Crane 1, A. R. Glascock 2, W. Pickworth 3, G. Bester 4, S. Wade 5, J. E. Miller 6, J. Armstrong (conductor) 7, H. Miller 8, G. W. Fletcher 9, P. Bigg (first quarter-peal on ten) 10. First quarter-peal on ten away from tenor by

DUTY AND PRIVILEGE.

BY THE LATE MASTER OF THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness' (Ps. lxxxiv. 11).

The Psalmist sets the humblest office about the House of God before anything that the 'tents of ungodliness' can offer; and if the office of a door-keeper, much more the ancient and honourable office of the Ringer. For what is his duty and privilege? It is, first and foremost, to invite others to the House of Prayer, and he does it officially, as an office-bearer in the Church. Let us rise to the dignity of our calling. 'Prayer pulls the rope below, and the great Bell rings above in the ears of God.' So said the great Nonconformist preacher, C. H. Spurgeon. Ringing has its manifold lessons. We expect to hear the Bell sound when we pull the rope; with equal certainty we may expect prayer to be answered. No two Bells in the Tower have the same note, but when all are rung, the result is ever-changing melody; so the praises of a united congregation rise in ever-changing melody before the Throne of God. You are disappointed when you meet 'one short' for the method you wished to ring; is not our Master disappointed when His congregation meets 'one short' for worship? Never let it be said that the 'one short' was an office-bearer of the Church.

MICHAEL E. THOROLD.

treble ringer.

WOKING, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church, Old Woking, on Sunday, April 10th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: W. Edwards 1, Mrs. Hazelden (first 720 of Minor) 2, C. Hazelden 3, W. R. Melville 4, J. Brackley (conductor) 5, T. Strudwick 6.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sunday afternoon, April 10th, with the bells half-muffled, for the unveiling and dedication of the war memorial, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. Burrell (Uckfield) 1, A. J. Pierpoint (Uckfield) 2, G. Ales (Brighton) 3, W. Booth (Heathfield) 4, A. Reid (Waldron) 5, A. Causley (Buxted) 6, J. A. Hart (Uckfield), conductor, 7, A. Hunter (Buxted) 8.—On Sunday, April 3rd, by the local band, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: T. Green 1, J. A. Hart (conductor) 2, C. Taylor 3, E. Dadswell 4, A. Causley 5, A. Weller 6.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

234567	
672453	2
346572	1
673425	3
546273	1
735624	2
467235	1
674235	4
526374	1

5 times repeated with S for B at end of 3rd and 6th parts. 12 7 4's; 12 4 6's; 12 6 7's.

H. W. Wilde.

504 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES.

234567	
752346	3
467352	1
674523	2
236574	1
452367	3
674362	1
526374	1

Twice repeated.

J. Beams.

789 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

231456	
514362	6 7 8 15 19
415263	4 13
413562	13
514265	4 13
315462	13
312564	13
213465	4 13
213564	8 4 13
214365	13

Round next change.

W. Shepherd.

1299 STEDMAN CATERS.

231456789	5 16
312564978	1 2 3 6 8 9 10 14 16 17
213465	—
212465	— S
213564	—
214365	—
412365	— S
215364	—
512364	— S

213465879 2 5 8 9 15

712465 — S

213464 —

214365 —

James George.

MORE SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 47 mins.: A. V. Moore 1, G. Hollis 2, C. Mason 3, E. Robins 4, W. J. Thyns 5, J. Moss 6, T. Riley 7, J. Flint (conductor) 8.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 10th, for evening service (1,286 changes), Stedman Triples, in 50 mins., composed by A. J. Pitman, and published under 'service touches in 'The Ringing World': G. W. Sorrell 1, F. W. Edwards 2, F. G. Radley 3, J. Clark (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 4, H. Head 5, A. Head 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, T. Lincoln 8. Arranged for J. Clark, of Chelmsford, and rung as a birthday compliment for F. W. Edwards.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's, West Ealing, no Sunday, April 10th, for evening service, and also as a birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: A. B. Peck 1, E. J. Watson 2, P. E. Clark 3, C. Edwards 4, H. R. Newton 5, H. Belcher 6, E. Hancox (conductor) 7, F. Palmer 8.

WORSLEY.—At St. Mark's Church, on Sunday, April 10th, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Grundy 1, J. Ridyard 2, W. Oakes 3, S. Harrison 4, D. Clark 5, J. H. Ridyard (conductor) 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, A. Burton 8. Rung with the bells fully muffled, on the occasion of unveiling the war memorial, by the Right Hon. the Earl of Ellesmere.

DOWN AMPNEY, GLOS.—At St. Augustine's Church, on Thursday, April 7th, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Doubles (1,260 changes): W. G. Cook 1, S. Hicks 2, B. R. Williams 3, W. C. Cuss 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5. Also several six-scores of Stedman, Plain Bob and St. Dunstan.

OLD BRADWELL.—On Easter Day, for 8 a.m. service, 720 Grand sire Doubles, by five of the ringers belonging to the tower, the tenor being rung by a visitor to the village: R. Spiers 1, E. Whitlock 2, C. Alderman 3, F. Bird 4, T. Wallas (conductor) 5, P. Leach 6. This is the first 720 ever rung by the band, who have only been practising a short time, their tutor being Mr. H. Sear, of Blechley, Bucks, to whom all praise is due.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 minutes: C. Densley 1, G. Temple 2, T. P. Hing 3, C. Goodenough (first in the method) 4, H. W. Brown 5, G. H. Harding 6, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, T. Hogflesh 8.

SHEWSEBURY.—On Easter Day, at St. Chad's, for early service, touches of Bob Minor; for Matins, 503 Grand sire Caters: R. Fole 1, G. Brown 2, G. Jones 3, J. E. Lilley 4, P. Lane (Ludlow) 5, A. Short 6, S. Snelson 7, W. Fairhead 8, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 9, J. Evans 10. Also touches of Triples, H. Baggle and R. Cheton.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples, in 45 mins.: *Jack Taylor 1, R. Stone 2, G. B. Selby 3, M. Whatley 4, G. A. S. Selby 5, A. V. Selby 6, H. J. Selby (conductor) 7, A. T. Lewis 8.—On Sunday evening, April 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples: Jack Taylor 1, G. B. Selby 2, Charles Taylor 3, E. Hoad 4, G. A. S. Selby 5, A. J. Lewis 6, H. J. Selby (conductor) 7, *Dudley Peters 8. * First quarter-peal.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—At St. Mary's Church, on Easter Day, for morning service, and as a congratulatory touch to the ringer of the fourth on the birth of a grandson, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples, in 48 mins.: D. G. Taylor (conductor) 1, C. Gummer (first quarter-peal) 2, V. Crabb 3, W. Coombes 4, G. Sibley 5, A. J. Grant 6, P. Bailey 7, H. Raison 8. The composition was by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, given on a recent 'Sunday Service Page.'

THE GRANTA VARIATION OF TREBLE BOB.

This variation was given in 'The Ringing World' very recently. Amongst its other advantages the method has a clean proof scale, which enables to ring a peal to be rung with the sixth 12 full courses at home.

The bob before is made as below. The quick return of the bell that makes the bob into the slow is interesting.

THE BOB.	5392 by the Rev. H. LAW, JAMES.	B	W	H
E 1 4 8 2 7 3 5	25634	—	2	1
1 6 4 8 7 2 5 3	53246	—	—	—
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1 6 8 4 7 2 5 3	54326	—	—	—
1 8 6 7 4 5 2 3	45623	—	1	2
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8 1 6 7 4 5 2 3	23645	—	—	—
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NOTICES.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham and District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Bottesford on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—Thos. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Evesham on Saturday, April 23rd. Service in All Saints' Church at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Hall. The bells (10) available at 3 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Erith (St. John the Baptist's) on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. and address by the Rev. W. F. Cobb (Vicar). Tea and business meeting to follow in the West Street Schools. Christ Church bells will be available also.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, April 23rd. Minster bells (10) available from noon and St. Mary's (10) from 6 p.m. Service in the Minster at 4 p.m. Tea in Parish Room, Minster Yard, at 5 p.m. at 1/6 per head. Business meeting immediately after tea in same room.—A. B. Cook, District Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Stebbing on April 23rd. Short service with address at 4.30, followed by tea in Church Room, 1/6 per head.—B. Redgwell, District Sec., Rayne.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Chesshunt on April 23rd. Bells from 2.30. Tea at the Green Dragon, Church Gate, at 5 o'clock. Business after. Short service in church at 6.30. Address by the Vicar. All members and friends cordially invited.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. District Sec., Little Mundon.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.—By permission of the Rector, the bells will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 23rd.—Fred. R. Borrett.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Pontypridd on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) available. Short service at 4.30, meeting and tea to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The spring meeting of this district will be held at Teynham on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided at 6d. per head.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. District Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on April 23rd. Bells ready at 3.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twywell on Saturday, April 23rd. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby Branch.—Saturday, April 23rd, at St. Alkmund's Church, Derby. Unveiling of peal boards. Ringing from 2 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. Draper, 25, Western Road, Derby.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 28th; and Southwark Cathedral on April 26th, all at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 30th. Tea in Co-operative Hall at 5.15, at 2/- per head. Members wanting tea must send their names to their Branch Secretaries, on or before Tuesday, April 26th. Visitors to advise me.—Reginald Bond, Hon. Sec., St. Peter's Rectory, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Mistley on April 30th. Service, with address, at 4.30, followed by tea at the Church Institute, provided for those sending me notice by April 26th. All ringers welcome.—H. T. Pye, District Secretary, 49, Wickham Road, Colchester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Business meeting, 5.30 p.m.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, Dis. Sec., 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield (Stainforth G. C. Station), on April 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 to 8. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head to all who notify Mr. H. Crowe, Town End, Heathfield, before April 27th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chipping Sodbury on Saturday, April 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The Annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor on Saturday, May 7th. Bells ready 2 o'clock. Short Service 5.30. Tea in Parish Room 6 o'clock. Will all who require tea kindly acquaint Mr. C. Haynes, 439, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, a few days before the meeting? The charge for tea will be 1s. 6d. per head.—Sam Thomas, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.

Tea will be arranged, at a moderate charge, for all those who advise me by Monday, May 2nd. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—By kind invitation, a joint meeting will be held at Peterborough on Whit Monday. It is proposed to journey by charabanc, via Huntingdon. All ringers wishing to attend please notify me as soon as possible. Further particulars later.—V. Shorter, Hon. Gen. Sec., 3, Pembroke St., Cambridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Radcliffe on Saturday, April 30th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Branch Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Est. 1755.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aston on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea will be provided free in the Vicarage Rooms at 5 o'clock for those who send word not later than the 23rd inst. of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11 Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their Annual meeting on Saturday, April 30th, at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Chas. Bower, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. A Monthly meeting will be held at Keevil on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All requiring tea should advise me by April 28th.—Harold F. Brown, 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

SALOP RINGERS' GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Oswestry, Saturday, April 30th. Ringing and short service at St. Oswald's Church. Tea 1s. 4d. at Oswestry Castle Refreshment Rooms (if ordered before April 26th from Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec. Aikmund's Vic. Shrewsbury) and meeting. Local ringers invited.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, May 7th, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Milnrow Parish Church, Saturday, May 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 7.—I. Schofield, Hon. Sec., 12, Kersley Street, Oldham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—S. & W. District.—A meeting will be held at Norwood Green on Saturday, May 7th, by the kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. Thomas Parker. Ringing at 3. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring same let me know by May 1st.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, Chiswick.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Brighton on May 7th. Service at St. Peter's at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting St. Peter's Parish Room 4 p.m. Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas, 2 to 3.30 p.m., from 6.30 p.m. No tea arranged this year.—H. R. Butcher, Gen. Hon. Sec., Kent View, Crowborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting and Opening War Memorial at Berkeley, Glos., Whit Monday, May 16th. Management Committee meeting at 11 a.m. Dedication Service at 12 noon, by the Very Rev. the Dean of Bristol. Dinner (hot 3s. 6d., cold 2s. 6d.) at 1.15 p.m. General meeting 2.15 p.m. Tea to follow 1s. 6d. (1s. allowed each member). Owing to the large numbers attending, members must order their meals through me on or before May 2nd. Headquarters, Berkeley Arms Hotel.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern District was held on Saturday week at Barkway, when the bells were kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers by the Rev. H. Stubbs. In spite of the somewhat inclement weather and restricted railway facilities, twenty-one members attended from Barley, Royston, Sawston, Great Munden, Little Munden, Anstey, Peterboro', Newmarket, Melbourne, Cambridge, and the local band. The nice peal of eight, with tenor of 17 cwt., were kept going, and much useful practice was enjoyed.—At the tea and business meeting Miss V. Shorter presided, and one new member was elected, viz., Mr. H. Whitby (Barkway).—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the welcome extended was unanimously carried.—Ringing in various methods was kept up until 9 p.m.

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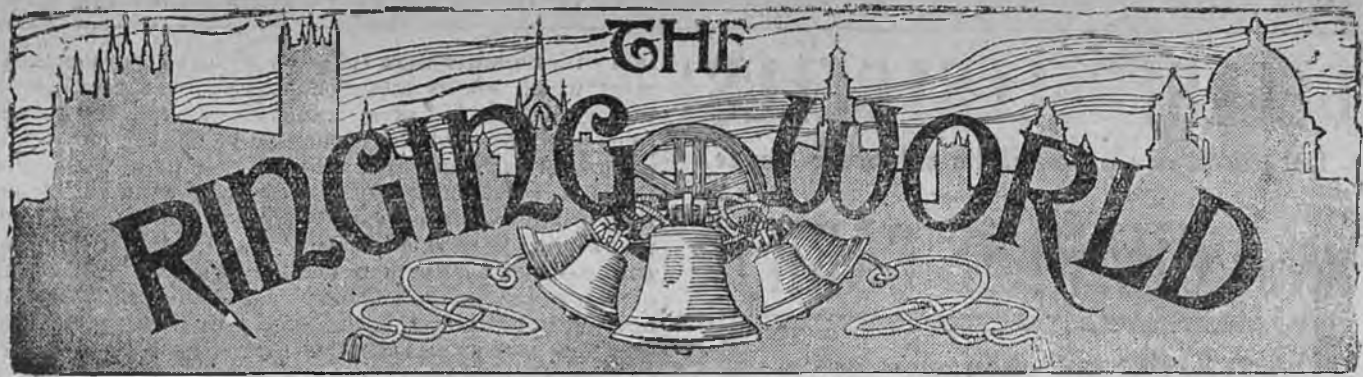
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THE PEALS OF 1920.

The peals analysis for the year 1920, compiled by the Committee of the Central Council, appears in this issue, and is again full of interest, for compressed into the compact tables and the concise report of the Committee is a wealth of detail which covers a twelvemonth's activities of the peal ringers. A study of the principal table reveals many features of a satisfactory nature and encouraging to those who are watching for the recovery of the art after the years of war. First of all we have the fact that the number of peals rung in the year was 423 more than in 1919, which is an increase of something like 40 per cent. The average point value of the peals has not increased, but there is one view from which it may be argued that this is not a matter for regret. A detailed comparison of the figures with 1919 shows that there was a hundred per cent. increase in the number of Surprise peals rung, the total being 128 in 1920 against 64 in the preceding year. That being the case, there must have been a large increase in the number of peals in the simpler methods, and it is only logical to assume that this indicates many ringers taking their first steps in peal ringing. There are very few instances indeed where peals of any particular class showed a drop last year; but one of the most noteworthy is Stedman Caters on tower bells, which fell from 47 to 37, although this is exactly compensated for by a rise of ten in the number on handbells. Possibly, some of the falling off is accounted for by the increase in the number of peals of Cambridge Royal. Compared with 1919, the peals in 1920 on twelve bells were 46 against 33; on ten bells 156 against 116, on eight bells 905 against 680, on six bells 270 against 162, on five bells 94 against 57.

Among individual Associations we find Norwich and Ipswich, who rang most peals (79) in 1919, again rang most in 1920—exactly 100 more, with 2490 points against 1089. Kent, who were third in total number in 1919, were second with 114 peals in 1920. In total number of points Norwich and Ipswich is also first for last year and the Middlesex Association is second, their 65 peals having produced 1696 points. In point value for peals, Durham and Newcastle, helped by their handbell peals of London Surprise, have a fine average of 33 points for each of the 21 peals rung. This is a much higher average than any Association gained in the previous year, when the College Youths had the best average with 26.54 for 24 peals rung. With three times as many peals, however, Middlesex is second with an average of 26, which must be looked upon as a very high standard, for out of their 65 peals, 22 were rung in plain or treble bob methods.

The performance of the Norwich and Ipswich Associa-

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tion with no fewer than 179 peals in the year is an achievement which merits attention, and shows a rapid revival throughout this big area. Norwich and Ipswich have for some years enjoyed the reputation of ringing the greatest number of peals, and this indicates that they have in their ranks a very considerable proportion of men of peal ringing ability, for, except at Leiston, there is no prolific peal scoring band at any one tower. One other thing cannot be passed over without mention, and that is the labours of the Peals Analysis Committee. Its work is growing heavier, but the task is discharged with the same accuracy and care as has always marked its efforts, and not only the Council but also the Exercise ought to be deeply grateful to the Committee.

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Tenor 19½ cwt.	
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 2	*WILLIAM J. KEMP 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 7
ALBERT W. COLES 2	ARTHUR MASON 3
ISAAC G. SHADE... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE 9
*EDWIN F. PIKE 5	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day. * First peal of Cambridge Royal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
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On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.	
F. HORACE STUBBS 2	THOMAS H. VALLANCE 6
LOUIS E. ALLEN 2	HERBERT W. NEEDHAM 7
GEORGE CLEAL 3	HAROLD G. JENNEY 8
JOHN OLDBAM 4	HARRY BROUGHTON 9
HAROLD J. POOLE 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

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Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.	
RUPERT RICHARDSON 2	GEORGE H. BARKER... .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 2	JOHN W. WOOD... .. 7
GEORGE LADD 3	WILLIAM DICKINSON... .. 8
*TOM TEBBUTT 4	*WALTER H. WOOD 9
FREDERICK W. STOKES 5	JOHN CURRY Tenor

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On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

CYRIL V. EBBERSON Treble	THOMAS A. EASTERBY... .. 5
FRANCIS G. GROVE 2	ERNEST B. CROWDER 6
WILLIAM WATCHORN 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
DAVID F. WARD 4	WILLIAM H. DAYNES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

Rung to commemorate the conductor's first peal 30 years ago, it being a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in this tower on April 18th, 1891, and in which he rang the treble. It was the tenth anniversary of Mr. Easterby's wedding day.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE GRANTA VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED J. BULL Treble	FREDERICK W. RICE 5
JOHN RICE 2	ALBERT HARMAN... .. 6
ARTHUR MASON 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
GEORGE ILLMAN 4	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

This is the first peal rung on tower bells in this variation. Rung as a compliment on the 78th birthday of Mr. A. Songhurst, the respected secretary of the local society.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FRED CHAMBERS Treble	ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH... .. 5
†MISS M. HOULDSWORTH 2	JONATHAN WHEWELL 6
JAMES SHAW 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH... .. 7
WILLIAM RILEY... .. 4	ARTHUR TOMLINSON Tenor

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THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

(St. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 19, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF SUFFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal in the method ever rung. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. W. Bailey.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH SPOONER Treble	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 2	HARRY GIBBS 6
WILLIAM J. WHEADON 3	HERBERT AUDSLEY 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	SPENCER MARSHALL Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by SPENCER MARSHALL.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Alkmund,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD Treble	JOSEPH BAILEY 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY 2	WILLIAM R. DRAGE 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	HENRY LUTTS 7
*HARRY HILL 4	HENRY C. BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by HENRY LETTS.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells half-muffled on anniversary of the death of Sir A. P. Heywood.

BREWOOD, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES.

THORSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*THOMAS SMITH Treble	†SAMUEL H. COLEY 5
EDWARD HORTIN 2	JOHN PERRY 6
†CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... .. 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL 4	ALBERT G. HUNT Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. Preb. Dunkley, Vicar of the above church; and on St. George's Day. Also as a birthday peal to Mr. J. Perry and on the 35th wedding anniversary of Mr. E. F. Mitchell. The band were hospitably entertained after the peal by Mr. and Mrs. J. Perry. * First peal of Stedman with a bob bell. † 100th peal for the above society. † First peal.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
*FRANK L. FISHER 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	JAMES M. BAILEY... .. 7
JAMES G. ROMSEY 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY... .. Tenor

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

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

BAGSHOT, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(YORKTOWN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Anne,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5046 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JONATHAN CORBETT Treble	THOMAS J. GOULD 5
*MABEL A. NYE 2	FREDERICK FRANCIS 6
*HERBERT J. GOULD 3	FREDERICK C. NYE 7
HENRY STAPLETON 4	*GEORGE PEARCE... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. NYE.

First peal as conductor. * First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung as a farewell to Mr. G. Pearce, a member of the Surrey Constabulary, who, having been promoted to sergeant, is leaving the neighbourhood after 11 years' faithful service in the tower of St. Anne's. His brother ringers wish him every success in his new station.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*JOHN CLAYPOLE Treble	†PHILIP J. MANNING 5
GEORGE BASFORD 2	JOHN R. MAIN 6
GEORGE M. ETTEE 3	†THOMAS ABBOTT... .. 7
GEORGE LINES 4	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*HARRY HALL Treble	ERNEST E. LANHAM 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	THOS. W. LAST 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 4	NORMAN R. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by W. C. RUMSEY.

* First Surprise peal. T. Last's 50th peal! 150th peal by the conductor.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
WILLIAM J. SMITH 2	ABRAHAM WILKERSON 6
HARRY ARGYLE 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 7
EDWARD H. JOHNSON 4	FRANK PERVIN Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by F. PERVIN.

C.C. Collection, No. 222. This composition is believed to be now rung for the first time.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ERNEST V. BEAGLEY Treble	†GEORGE CHANDLER 4
†MISS AVENELL 2	SAMUEL PETER 5
ALFRED J. CROUCHER 3	HUBERT J. CHAFFEY Tenor

Conducted by H. J. CHAFFEY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in seven methods. Miss Avenell is the first resident lady member of the Winchester Guild to ring a peal in seven methods.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALFRED CLARKE Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 4
EDWIN YATES 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS 5
HERBERT C. EDWARDS 3	ALBERT J. GREEN Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Cecil Valentine.

STURRY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*RICHARD FRENCH Treble	HARRISON SMITH 4
†WILLIAM GOLDFINCH 2	CLARENCE HADLOW 5
†GEORGE SIMPSON 3	†ERNEST SLINGSBY Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST SLINGSBY.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal. ‡ First as conductor. Rung as a 'welcome home' to Lord and Lady Milner, of Sturry Court, on their return from France. Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble, as he has only just learnt the art.

NEWCHURCH, NEAR WARRINGTON LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... Treble	TITUS BARLOW 4
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 2	JOHN J. YATES 5
GEORGE POWNALL 3	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

The conductor has now called peals on all numbers of bells from 6 to 12 inclusive.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Queen Bess, Sandal Exercise, Snowdrop, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM BROMHAM Treble	WILLIAM WOODCOCK 4
HERBERT CHAMBERLAIN 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	CHARLES WALSH Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PANTHER.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. F. J. Burman, the Vicar's Warden, who was accidentally killed while cycling on Friday, April 15th, and interred at Wath cemetery on Monday, 18th inst.

BEIGHTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.)

On Monday, April 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, Chester, Beverley, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, London and Wells. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRED PARR Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM 4
HARRY GREAVES 2	W. H. TURTON 5
T. A. HOWSE-SMITH 3	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES SEVERN.

First Association peal on the bells. Supposed to be the first 5,040 changes on the bells. The above peal was attempted on the Saturday previous, and came to grief in the last course, after two hours and 51 minutes' good ringing. All the above belong to the Killamarsh company.

BROMHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM STOCK Treble	HERBERT J. HARLOW 4
CHARLES MORTIMER 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	CHARLES WM. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ENFIELD.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT 17, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6017 CHANGES;

GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 1-2	MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	JOHN ARMSTRONG 7-8
EDWARD H. KING 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First handbell peal.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Eleventh Council (29th annual meeting) will be held in the Upper House of Convocation, at the Church House, Westminster, on Whitsun Tuesday, 17th May, 1921, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30, 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.

The entrance will be from Dean's Yard only.

AGENDA, 1921.

1. Election of President, of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and of Hon. Librarian.
2. Minutes of the last Meeting.
3. Apologies for Absence.
4. Statement of Accounts and of Sale of Publications.
5. Election of Honorary Members.
6. Introduction of new Members to the President.
7. Election of Standing Committee.
8. 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.) Literature and Press.
 - (c.) Legitimate Methods.
 - (d.) Peals' Analysis.
 - (e.) Towers and Belfries.
 - (f.) Bells of Belgium.
 - (g.) Records.
9. That the Analysis Committee be asked to arrange, if possible, that each peal be credited to the Association in whose territory it is rung.
10. That in every Diocese there should be a recognised authority to give advice on matters concerning Church Bells, and that it is hoped that each Guild and Association will take steps to provide such authority.
11. To call attention to the need for a Ringing Defence Committee, and to move a resolution.
12. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
13. Other business, if any.

Dean Rectory,
Overton, Hants.
St. Mark's Day.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.
Hon. Secretary.

P.S.—Since the notice in last week's issue, only one affiliation fee has come in. Any that do not reach me by Ascension Day will be too late.

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

The Analysis of peals rung in 1920 shows a substantial increase in the total, which was only three less than the total of 1913. It is still a long way (888 peals) behind the record of 1913, but it was not to be expected that that huge figure should so soon be reached once more.

Of the 1,471 peals, 1,301 were rung on tower bells, and 170 on handbells. Our instructions from the Council are to arrange the Associations in alphabetical order (cf. 'Ringing World,' Vol. xiv., p. 241, and Vol. xv., p. 315), and we accordingly present the Analysis in that form.

The Norwich and Ipswich Diocesan Association has the largest number, both of peals and points, viz., 179 and 2,490. Of these peals, 153 were rung on tower bells, and 26 on handbells. The only other Association to reach a total of three figures is the Kent County Association, 114, all on tower bells. The second-highest number of points belongs to the Middlesex Association, 1,696, 56 peals on tower and 9 on handbells. The Winchester Diocesan Guild rang the greatest number of handbell peals, 32, 21 of these being Grandsire Triples.

New Methods and new arrangements of old Methods give evidence of a 'forward movement' amongst ringers. Little St. Lawrence Major is an example of the first, and of the second we find two peals of Little Bob and Plain Bob Major spliced together, one on tower bells and one on handbells, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob spliced on the particular plan to which has been given the name of 'Worcester,' of which we say more below.

There are still instances of extraordinary dilatoriness in reporting peals, one, e.g., rung on January 14th, was not published till May 7th! With the welcome enlargement of 'The Ringing World,' there can be no further excuse for this. It is not too much to ask that those who send reports of peals should see that any errors, either their own or the printer's, be immediately corrected. One ringer, for example, allowed a peal, described as 'Stedman Triples—Holt's Original,' to be uncorrected, and his excuse was—'Printer's error, not mine.' We would point out that, by not correcting the error, he

made it his own. Among other evidently incorrect statements, we find a peal of Minor, which is said to consist of 'two 520's of St. Clement's and two 520's of Plain Bob.' This can hardly be a 'printer's error.' One peal was published as rung at Brighton by the Surrey County Association, which we strongly suspect should belong to the Sussex County Association, but no correction has been made by the conductor or by either of the Associations, and, therefore, it is included in the Surrey peals. When the Analysis was completed, two more peals were published on March 18th; one, a peal of Grand-sire Doubles, 'first peal of Doubles by all except the conductor,' whose name was not given, rung as long as September 18th; the other, a peal of Treble Bob Minor with two conductors, rung on November 27th. It is to be hoped that those responsible are not so dilatory in their business as in this matter. In accordance with the Council's instructions, these Peals are not included in the Analysis.

Our Chairman's letter to 'The Ringing World' of January 14th has given rise to the suggestion that the Analysis Committee should deal with the question of the names to be given to peals in two or more already named Methods spliced together, such as the so-called 'Worcester Treble Bob Major.' The letter, of course, only referred to the names given to Minor Methods, several of which have been rung under two or more names, and the Committee hope to receive the help of Minor ringers in the matter. The other question seems to be out of the province of the Committee, but it is one with which the Council or the Methods Committee might be asked to deal. With regard to 'Worcester,' the name is already given to a Minor Method, and the Committee think it would be better to keep to the nomenclature, already to be found in Soltanwall (pp. 583 and 588), and Snowdon's 'Treble Bob,' p. 18.

The number of ringers taking part in their first peal was 490, including several ladies, and lads of the age of 11 and upwards; first with a bob bell, 51; away from tenor, 12; first as conductor, 53, of which 4 were on handbells, one of these conductors being only 13 years old.

There was a very great increase in 'first peals on the bells,' the total being 81, including 22 since re-hanging or augmentation, 57 of these being on 5 or 6 bells; a welcome evidence that six bell ringers especially are extending the knowledge of the Exercise in new directions.

First peal by local band, 10, including one by all railwaymen, and one by a Cathedral band. First on Handbells, 29; first on Tower bells, 11; Peace peals, 30; Muffled peals (including those in connection with the war), 68; Dedication of War Memorials, 19; Wedding Peals, 50, including 4 Golden Weddings, one of these being that of the Chairman of the Analysis Committee (to whom his colleagues here offer congratulations and good wishes); Welcome and Farewell peals, 32; Centenary peals, 5; Tercentenary peals, 2; 1,000th anniversary of the freeing of Leicester from the Danes, and a 1,251st Dedication Anniversary; Church Festivals, 12, including one peal of 8 Georges on St. George's Day; first Archbishop of Wales, Bishop's Jubilee, Consecration and Enthronement, and new Incumbent produced 20 peals; Empire Day, 7; Harvest Thanksgiving, 3; Royal Birthdays, etc., 6; peals by ex-Service men, 4.

Ringers' ages continue to extend both upwards and downwards. We find them ringing peals at the ages of 11, 12, 13 (one conducting), 14, etc., up to 74, 77, 81 and 82! If boys begin at 11, and go on to the age of Messrs. Small and Hofrex, what will be their total peal record? The latter rang a peal of Treble Bob Maximus on his 82nd birthday. Most of us find two arms none too many in a peal; Cpl. H. Churchill, whose right arm was entirely shot away on the Somme, rang a peal of Minor in 4 Methods at Belton, Rutland, striking it perfectly throughout.

Other peals of special interest were: One by four married couples, Grandsire Triples at Epsom; a peal of Maximus on handbells by six brothers, and Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major on tower bells by eight brothers at Leiston.

ARTHUR T. KING, Stevenage, Chairman.
A. T. BEESTON, New Mills.
E. W. CARPENTER, Croydon.
GEORGE WILLIAMS, West End, Southampton.

A PROTEST.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I desire to point out, and protest against, an extraordinary mis-statement in your 'Belfry Gossip' column of yesterday's issue. Speaking of Arundel Parish Church, you say that 'part of the same building is used by the Established Church and part belongs to the Catholic Church.' By the latter title I am afraid you mean the Roman Church which always likes to call itself the Catholic Church. But it is deplorable that we of the Church of England who believe our own church to be just as much part of the Catholic Church as the Church of Rome, should by such statements as this, aid and abet the Roman Church in her extravagant claims. As a matter of fact I believe the part used for Roman services is the private property of the Dukes of Norfolk, and, therefore, does not belong to the Roman Church as such.—Yours faithfully,
W. R. INGHAM.

DEATH OF MR. FERRIS SHEPHERD.

ONE OF DEVON'S PIONEERS.

The death of Mr. Ferris Shepherd, senior, took place at Hersham, Surrey, on Friday last. For some time past he had been a great sufferer from asthma, and during the past winter his strength gave way. During the two last months he was obliged to keep to his bed, and slowly, but surely, in spite of a good constitution and careful nursing, his strength ebbed away.

During his illness, which he bore with great patience, he maintained a cheerful spirit, and displayed quiet endurance to the end.

Mr. Ferris Shepherd came from a good old family of ringers, well known throughout Devon and the West of England. Born on April 30th, 1857, he commenced ringing early in life, and his first peal was a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, in which he rang the 4th. Change ringing in Devonshire was practically unknown in those days, and the attitude towards half-pull ringers and ringing was very hostile in many places. This opposition continued for many years, but step by step, by sheer hard work and by the influence of the Devon Guild, a small number of workers, of whom Mr. Shepherd was one, gradually made change ringing more widely known. In 1884, Mr. Shepherd conducted a peal, in which his three brothers also took part. In 1887 he conducted the first peal in Dorset, and shortly after the eight at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, was increased to ten, he conducted the first peal of Caters ever rung in Devonshire. The first peals of Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples in Taunton were conducted by him.

From 1879 to 1904, Mr. Shepherd rang nearly 70 peals in the West of England, mostly for the Devon Guild. Of these he conducted over 30, and when one comes to weigh these facts—scattered districts, the few change ringers, the opposition to half-pull ringing, and other difficulties—such a record is very worthy of a ringer who spent the best part of 25 years in teaching bands the art of change ringing throughout a county such as Devon. On October 6th, 1902, Mr. Shepherd took part in the first peal on the bells of Exeter Cathedral, and when he left Exeter for Ireland in 1904, he was presented with a beautiful address, together with a handsome gold chain and pendant by the Devon Guild.

From 1904 to 1909, Mr. Shepherd was resident at Arklow, Ireland, and during his stay there rang a number of peals, mostly at Arklow, with Mr. J. W. Washbrook. For the last twelve years deceased lived at Hersham, Surrey, and, together with his sons, took up tune ringing, in addition to the other branches of the art. Always cheerful in disposition, his delight was to train young hands, and many a band owe their early steps in ringing to his untiring energy. His total number of peals was 113, including three handbell peals, one of which was rung by himself and his three sons. Just over twelve months ago he ran his last quarter-peal, the band comprising four Woodrow's and four Shepherd's. He had long desired to ring a quarter-peal with Mrs. W. Shepherd, wife of one of his sons, and this event practically brought his ringing life to a close. The funeral took place on Wednesday, at Hersham.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Easter meeting was held at Whitby on Bank Holiday, there being a good attendance of members from Robin Hood's Bay, Whitby, Saltburn, Middlesbrough, and Darlington (St. John's). The bells, a peal of ten, were kept going throughout the day in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Royal. The striking was generally very good, and several ringers took part in methods that they only get the opportunity of ringing on these rare occasions. Dinner was provided at the Pier Cafe, and presided over by the Rev. C. R. Hone (Rector of Whitby), supported by Vice-Presidents G. F. Alexander (Robin Hood's Bay) and J. M. Fassman (Middlesbrough), and the secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe).

After the loyal toast, the Rector welcomed the Association to Whitby, and spoke very highly of these meetings in bringing ringers together. Although he did not understand very much about change ringing, he had paid various visits to the belfry, and was very much taken up by the enthusiasm of his own ringers and the welcome he received. He eulogised the work which his ringers did, and specially mentioned their attendance at the church services, which he hoped the ringers generally did not forget.

Mr. G. F. Alexander, in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Whitby for presiding over the meeting, and also for the use of the bells, said the clergy should take a greater interest in church bell ringing than they usually did, so that the ringers themselves would come more into touch with the clergy.—The motion was seconded by Mr. J. M. Fassman, who said that a good many of the clergy never took the slightest interest in ringing.—This vote having been carried by acclamation, the Rector responded, expressing the hope that the Association would not be long before it paid Whitby another visit.

Several new members were elected, including the Rector of Whitby as an honorary member.

CARISBROOKE BELLS.

ROYAL BELL CASTING.

The Croydon Foundry has been honoured by another royal visit. On Friday last the Princess Beatrice, who is Governor of the Isle of Wight, visited Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's establishment to witness the casting of the new peal for Carisbrooke Church. The Princess was naturally much interested in the proceedings, which were explained to her by Mr. Cyril Johnston, and she also inspected the work in connection with bells and clocks going on in other parts of the factory.

The original bells at Carisbrooke were cast in 1770, and the old inscriptions have been reproduced, including the following:—

Musick is medicine to the mind,
To honour both of God and King
Our voices shall in consort ring.
In wedlock bands all ye who join,
With hands your hearts unite;
So shall our tuneful tongues combine
To laud the nuptial rite.
Our voices shall with joyful sound
Make hills and valleys echo round.

A new inscription which is being added reads:—

Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory.

A model bell was cast from the metal of the old Carisbrooke peal, and presented to the Princess, who also heard tunes played on the fine new peal of ten for Rochester Cathedral, which were standing mouth upwards on the foundry floor.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Exeter branch of the Devon Guild was held at Exmouth on Saturday, April 9th. It opened with a service in the Church of All Saints, at Withycombe, the Rev. G. E. Davies (Exeter) giving an address. Ten was subsequently provided in the All Saints' Institute, by the kindness of Mrs. R. B. Ponsford and other ladies.

Mr. E. Shepherd presided over the quarterly meeting, and among those present were Mr. W. J. Southwood (secretary and treasurer), Mr. J. C. Oke (assistant secretary), the Revs. G. E. Davies, J. E. B. Ball (Littleham), and F. H. Franklin (Withycombe), Messrs. S. Hull and R. B. Ponsford (churchwardens), and about 33 members of the Exeter and district branch.

It was decided to suspend the next quarterly meeting in July, and to hold the annual assembly on Saturday, November 26th, at Heavitree.

The Devon Guild annual meeting has been fixed to take place at Torquay on Whit-Monday, and in view of the Prince of Wales' visit to Exeter on that date an expression of opinion was asked for the general secretary as to the advisability of holding the meeting on that day or on the previous Saturday afternoon.

A suggestion was thrown out that Torquay might be asked to give up the meeting in favour of Exeter on the occasion. This led up to an interesting discussion. One speaker suggested that if the ringers met at Exeter the four towers could be opened up and the bells rung in honour of the Prince's visit. Whether this would be in keeping with the unveiling of a County War Memorial to the fallen was questioned, and a member considered that the ringing of a knell would more suitably mark the occasion. It was eventually agreed, on a vote being taken, to adhere to the holding of the meeting at Torquay.

Votes of thanks were extended to the clergy and to the ladies for providing tea, and to Mr. Skinner for making the arrangements.—Replying to a similar compliment for presiding, the Chairman remarked that ringing, like everything else, if they wanted to push things forward, must have help from the younger generation.

NORTH-EAST BRANCH.

It was only right that the claims of Cullompton to have one of the quarterly meetings of the North-East Branch of the Devon Guild held there should have received recognition, seeing that less than a year ago the bells were rehung and augmented to ten by Messrs. Taylor and Son, and are the only ring of ten within the area of the activities of the branch. The meeting was held on April 2nd, and the attendance numbered 38, including Mr. E. Shepherd, who kindly superintended the ringing in the absence of the hon. secretary, through indisposition, and other ringers from Exeter. A service was held in the fine old Parish Church, and a very interesting and practical sermon was preached by the Vicar (the Rev. R. N. F. Phillips).

After tea, the Vicar was thanked for conducting the service, and regret was expressed that he was so soon leaving the neighbourhood. Reference was also made to his work in connection with the bells and to the impetus he had given to the introduction of change ringing in Cullompton.—Mr. Elsworthy (Halberton) was heartily thanked for his help in instructing the local band, members of which showed how they had profited thereby.—Ten local ringers were elected members of the Guild.—A vote of thanks was passed to the ladies for the excellent manner in which they had arranged the tea, and general regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of the hon. secretary (the Rev. E. V. Cox). It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Hintsam, probably in July.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.**

A comparatively well-attended meeting was held at Petersfield on Saturday week, when, despite the threatened railway strike, members attended from Alverstoke, Havant, Curdridge, Petersfield, Portsmouth and Portsea, visitors from Maidstone and Liss, and also the Ringing Master, Mr. George Williams (North Stoneham). Ringing began with Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Double Norwich Major and Cambridge Surprise Major followed. An excellent tea was served in the Church Hall, to which over 20 ringers sat down. At the business meeting which followed, Mr. G. Williams was voted to the chair, in the absence of the Vicar. One performing member, one honorary member, and one compounding member were admitted, and it was decided that the next quarterly meeting should be held at Soberton on July 16th.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Petersfield for the use of the bells was passed, after which further ringing took place.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Puttenham on Saturday, April 9th, and was attended by ringers from Aldershot, Cranleigh, Godalming, Guildford (two towers), Haslemere, Shere, Seale, Worplesdon, as well as the local company. The Rector, the Rev. Canon Cooke, Yarborough, officiated at the service, and tea was served in the old Schoolroom, the Rector presiding. Eight new members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, for his excellent address, and for presiding at the meeting. During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were brought round on the church bells.

CHURCHKIRK, LANCs.—On Sunday evening, April 24th, 720 Bob Minor: W. Hindle 1, W. Aarons (1st 720) 2, F. Hollins 3, A. Chadwick 4, L. Rostron 5, L. J. Williams (conductor) 6.

ROYSTON, HERTS.—On Sunday, April 24th, for evening service, 588 Stedman Triples: A. Gilbert 1, W. L. Darlow 2, W. B. Manning (conductor) 3, R. Wilketson 4, E. Bonnett 5, S. E. Roberts 6, R. G. King 7, P. Muncy 8.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—Ely Diocesan Association.—On Sunday, April 24th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Vigors and All Saints, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 50 mins.: E. Webb 1, J. Page 2, C. Hall 3, J. Giddens 4, C. E. Patten 5, A. Page 6, G. Bridge 7, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 8.

OPENING PEAL ON NEW SHEFFIELD BELLS.

When the war memorial peal of eight bells, by Taylor and Co., of Handsworth, Sheffield, was opened last December by an ex-service band it was arranged that at the first convenient opportunity this band should ring the first peal on them, and this was successfully accomplished on Saturday week, when at the first attempt a well-struck peal of 5,036 changes of Bob Major (already recorded) was brought round in 3 hrs. 2 mins.

The bells are a fine-toned peal tuned on the Simpson principle, and the steady striking brought the beautiful harmonies well into evidence, causing much pleasure to many listeners belonging to the parish, who were round about, and several of whom came up the tower at the conclusion of the peal to express their gratification.

It is of interest to note that the third bell, presented by the Handsworth Girls' Club, was rung by a lady, Miss W. M. Hague, so that at the opening of the bells she took this bell, although unaware at the time of its association.

After the peal, the band, in company with Mr. Watkinson, late of the Cathedral, who is training the Handsworth ringers, were most hospitably entertained by the Rector of Handsworth, and Mrs. Baker, who expressed the pleasure they felt in now possessing such an excellent peal of bells, and in hearing them put to such good use. After tea, some of the band entertained those present with some well-struck touches on the handbells, Grandsire Cafers, Duffield and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples being successfully brought round.

The band, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' would like to express their hearty appreciation of the kindness of the Rector and Mrs. Baker in entertaining them so hospitably, and in showing so much interest in all their doings, and to Mr. Watkinson and the local ringers for making all the necessary arrangements for the peal.

GRIMSBY.—On Sunday, April 24th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins.: W. E. Meffen 1, F. Overton 2, S. Bromfield 3, J. B. Budd (conductor) 4, F. Metcalfe 5, R. S. Long 6, E. Brown 7, J. W. Seamer 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major, in 44 mins.: F. Overton 1, H. Mingay 2, S. Bromfield 3, J. B. Budd 4, A. W. Long 5, R. S. Long 6, F. Metcalfe 7, J. W. Seamer (conductor) 8. First quarter of Double Norwich by all and in Grimsby. All the above are Sunday Service ringers at this church.

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ANALYSIS OF PEALS

Compiled by the Committee

ASSOCIATIONS.	MAXIMUS.		CINQUES.		ROYAL.		CATERS.			
	Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	Cambridge Surprise	Double Oxford	Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire
Points per peal	18	15	32	13	40	22	16	12	28	10
1 Anc. Soc. Coll. Youths...	2	—	2	—	9	—	1	—	3	—
2 Bath and Wells	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
3 Bedfordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 Cambridge U. Guild.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 Central Northants	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
6 Chester Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
7 Cleveland and N. Yorks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8 Devonshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
9 Dudley and Districts	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
10 Durham and Newcastle	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
11 Ely & St. Edmundsbury	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
12 Essex County	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
13 Gloucester and Bristol	—	—	—	2(c)	1	—	—	—	3	6
14 Hereford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
15 Hertford County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
16 Kent County	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	1
17 Lancashire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18 Lincoln Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	—	1
19 Llandaff Diocesan.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
20 London County	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	4	1
21 Middlesex County	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22 Midland Counties	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	6
23 Norwich and Ipswich ...	—	—	3	—	—	—	2	2	—	—
24 Oxford Diocesan	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
25 Peterboro' and Districts	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 R. Cumberland Youths	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27 St. Martin's Guild.....	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
28 Salisbury Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
29 Salop Archidiaconal.....	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
30 Stafford Archdeaconry	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31 Stoke Archidiaconal ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32 Surrey County	—	—	—	—	4	—	3	—	1	1
33 Sussex County	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	1	2	2
34 Warwickshire Guild ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
35 Winchester Diocesan ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
36 Worcester & Districts	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2
37 Yorkshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
38 Independent Societies	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	—
TOTALS...	3	1	23	3	11	1	23	8	37	36

(a) 1 Double Oxford.
(b) Little Bob.

(c) Including 13,001^{—4} peals.
(d) 1 Erin.

PRESENTATION TO MR. EDWIN HORREX.

At the meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths, on Tuesday evening, April 19th, held at the Coffee Pot, the worthy and respected 'father' of the College Youths, Mr. Ted Horrex, was presented with an enlarged photograph, suitably inscribed and framed, together with a sum of money.

The photograph was taken by Mr. F. Ball, a member of the society, on Mr. Horrex's 83rd birthday, the inscription reading as follows: 'Presented to Mr. Edwin Horrex by the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, with their hearty congratulations, upon his having rung a peal of Stedman Triples on Easter Monday, 1921, at the age of 83.'

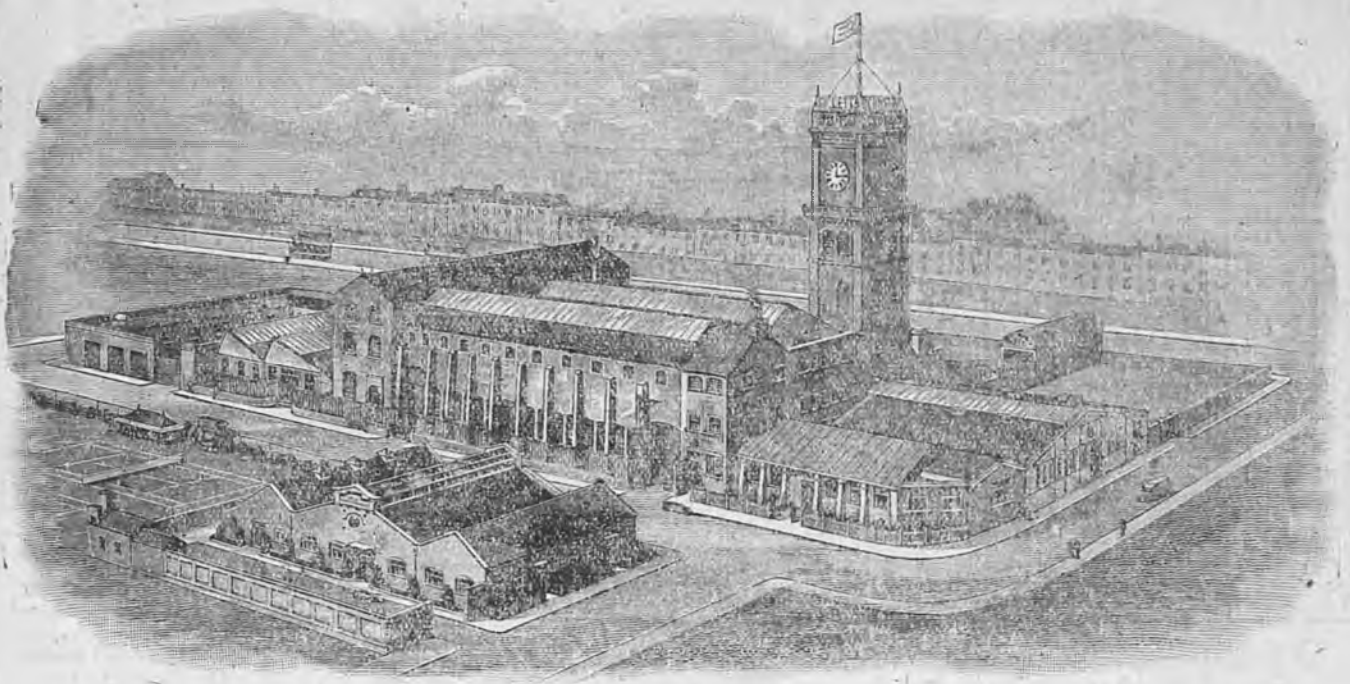
The presentation was made by Mr. T. Faulkner, acting chairman, who, in a brief but appropriate speech, assured Mr. Horrex that the society were very proud of him, and further expressed the wish that he might be spared long to remain their 'father'. The photograph would ever remind him of the happy times spent among them, and the real affection in which he was held by the society and the whole of the ringing fraternity generally.

The 'Grand Old Man' briefly responded, thanking the members for their kindness, and Mr. Ball for taking the photograph.

Postcards of Mr. Horrex can be obtained from Mr. T. Ball, 9, Galveston Road, East Putney, at 5d. each, post free, or enlarged and mounted, 3s. 6d., post 1s. 3d.

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1921.**

THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

(Continued from page 241.)

The 16 peals rung by Independent Societies were rung in the following counties: Derby, 5; Glamorgan, 2; Middlesex, 2; Norfolk, 2; Northampton, 1; Nottingham, 2; Stafford, 1; Worcester, 1.

The 206 peals of Treble Bob were rung as follows: In the Kent Variation: Maximus, 6; Royal, 27; Major, 146. In the Oxford Variation: Royal, 3; Major, 22. In the spliced: Kent and Oxford Variation, 2 peals of Royal.

The 237 peals of Grandsire Triples may be sub-divided as follows: Holt's Original, 56; Holt's 10-part and variations, 34; Parker's 6-part, 11; Parker's 12-part, 71; Carter's 12-part and variations, 15; Taylor's peals, 17; Hollis' peals, 6; Thurstans' peals, 6; Day's peals, 3; Vicars' peals, 3; and other peals, 17.

The 150 peals in Plain Methods comprised: On Tower Bells: Maximus, 1; Royal, 8; Major, 93. On Handbells: Maximus, 2; Royal, 9; Major, 37. There were also rung one peal of Double Oxford Bob Royal, one peal of Double Oxford Bob Major, one peal of Oxford Bob Triples, and two peals of Union Triples.

The 163 peals of Stedman Triples comprised: Thurstans' 1-part, 1; Thurstans' 4-part and variations, 135; Washbrook's peals, 10; Carter's peals, 6; Rev. E. Bulwer's peals, 4; Sir A. P. Heywood's peals, 4; Parker's peals, 2; Lates' peal, 1.

The number of methods rung in the various peals of Minor and Doubles are shown in the following tables:—

(1) PEALS OF MINOR.

Table with columns for TOWER BELLS (No. of Methods 13-1), HAND-BELLS (No. of Methods 14-3), Total Tower, Total Hand, Grand Total, and Minor. Rows list various dioceses and associations.

(2) PEALS OF DOUBLES.

Table with columns for TOWER BELLS (No. of Methods 5-1), HAND-BELLS (No. of Methods 1), Total Tower, Total Hand, Grand Total, and Doubles. Rows list various dioceses and associations.

The conductors of five peals and upwards are shown in the following list. Figures in brackets added to a name denote the number of handbell peals conducted.

65 peals, A. H. Pulling (49); 40 peals, W. E. Lye (1); 34 peals, C. P. Bailey (17); 30 peals, G. H. Cross (2); 23 peals, G. Williams; 21 peals, F. Bennett (1); 20 peals, E. Morris; 19 peals, E. M. Atkins (9), K. Hart; 18 peals, C. R. Lilley (1); J. Thomas (9); 16 peals, C. W. Clarke; 15 peals, T. Groombridge, senr.; 14 peals, O. Sippetts; 13 peals, C. Edwards, F. W. Richardson (1); 12 peals, J. E. Groves (6); G. F. Swann (5), T. E. Taffender (4); 11 peals, C. T. Coles, F. H. Dexter, E. C. Goby, W. C. Medler (4); 10 peals, N. R. Bailey, C. E. Fisher, J. E. Sykes, A. Wright; 9 peals, T. T. Norton (3), W. H. J. Hooton (8), H. Langdon (2), F. W. Naunton (2), G. Pigott, H. Sperring, J. W. Washbrook; 8 peals, W. E. Bason (1); 9 peals, O. Broyd (5), A. W. Gayton, S. Grove; 7 peals, J. Austin, G. H. Daynes, J. T. Dyke, F. A. Holden (3), F. J. Lambert, J. Lord, G. R. Newton, A. Belle, W. C. Rumsey, S. Thomas, A. Tout; 6 peals, W. J. Allen, E. Barnett, senr., A. D. Barker, F. Chamberlain, A. E. Edwards, J. Hunt, W. Keeble, R. Matthews, F. M. Mitchell, J. Motts, H. R. Pasmore (3), W. Poston, J. Potter, G. E. Symonds, J. H. W. White, W. Willson; 5 peals, W. Ayre; W. H. Barber, A. Davies, E. P. Duffield, J. Hemming, Rev. H. L. James (1), W. J. Jeffries, E. Jenkins, P. J. Johnson (3), D. T. Matkin (3), C. W. Payer, W. Short.

In addition to the foregoing, 25 persons conducted four peals; 38 three peals; 95 two peals, and 236 one peal. One peal on tower bells was non-conducted, two peals on handbells were conducted in 720's by all the band in turn, and two peals were published without the name of the conductor. Miss E. K. Parker conducted two peals, viz., London Surprise Major for the Hertfordshire Association, and Superlative Surprise Major for the Middlesex Association; and Miss O. L. Lumley conducted two peals on handbells, one of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and the other of Kent Treble Bob Major, both for the Yorkshire Association.

Four peals above 7,000 changes were rung in 1920. The longest, a peal of 13,001 Grandsire Cinques, was rung by the Painswick Youths; another, of 10,080 changes, was rung on handbells in 14 Minor Methods for the Essex Association, and two other peals of 7,186 and 7,104 changes respectively; the one, Double Norwich for the Norwich and Ipswich Diocesan Association, and the other, Kent Treble Bob Major for the Yorkshire Association. The number of peals rung on tower bells was 1,301, and on handbells 170.

The peals rung month by month in 1919 and 1920 are appended for comparison.

Table with columns for months (January to June) and years (1919, 1920). Rows show the number of peals rung each month.

Total for 1919, 1045; for 1920, 1471.

The total number of peals on tower and handbells rung year by year since 1881 is as follows:—

Table with columns for years (1881-1920) and total number of peals rung each year.

AN APPEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The many ringing friends of Mr. W. S. Wise will regret to hear that he has been laid up for twelve months, and is now confined to his bed with no hope of recovery. His long illness has resulted in bringing him into very low circumstances, and I should welcome for his assistance any subscriptions, however small, forwarded either to me, or to Mr. W. Wise, 19, Cromwell Road, West Croydon, direct, which will be duly acknowledged. ARTHUR MASON, 99, Northcote Road, West Croydon.

LADIES' GUILD.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday week at Farnham, about 40 ringers and their friends being present. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. J. M. O. Crum, Rector of Farnham, who gave an extremely interesting address. After tea, a short business meeting was held, when three members were elected, and Hershaw was chosen for the next meeting in June. The Rector had, at his own suggestion, kindly obtained permission for the ringers to visit the castle and grounds, and under his able guidance the majority of the ringers spent a very pleasant hour. Ringing was afterwards resumed. The following towers were represented: Aldershot, Bagshot, Binsted, Cranleigh, Farnham, Farnborough and Guildford.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, April 24th, 1,265 Stedman Caters, in 52 mins.: J. W. Driver (conductor) 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hollier 3, F. Skevington 4, A. Cutmore 5, G. C. Hes 6, W. E. Judd 7, A. Harding 8, H. Belcher 9, N. A. C. Smith 10.

CHATHAM.—At St. Mary the Virgin's Church, on Sunday evening, April 24th, in 51 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original): F. Belsey 1, Chr.-Sergt. J. Bennett, R.M. (conductor) 2, H. Hogarth 3, H. Springate 4, S. Shellock 5, F. Richardson 6, C. Norris 7, G. Lawrence 8.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, April 17th, at St. George's Church, for evening service, 832 Bob Major, in 33 mins., by the local band: H. Watts 1, R. Allred, jun. 2, H. Allred 3, J. T. Allred 4, W. Hindley 5, T. Allred 6, H. Allred 7, R. Allred, sen. (conductor) 8.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, April 17th, for evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Padgham 1, W. Marshall 2, A. Relfe (conductor) 3, A. Marshall 4, A. Smith 5, H. Price 6. All belong to the local band, and this is their first 720 of Cambridge since the war. Also recently, 720 Worcester Treble Bob: H. Padgham 1, W. Marshall 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Marshall 4, A. Relfe (conductor) 5, H. Price 6.

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, April 17th, for evening service, 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor: W. Sambles 1, G. Jones 2, J. Thomas 3, W. Thomas 4, J. W. Clarke 5, J. Morgan (conductor) 6. First 720 in this method ever rung on these bells for Sunday service.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—On Sunday, April 17th, at the Parish Church, in 1 hr. 10 mins., a date touch of Stedman Triples (1921 changes), composed by A. J. Pittman, and published on this page on April 8th: A. Walker, jun. 1, J. H. Lenton 2, W. Hawley 3, A. Walker, sen. 4, J. Fryer 5, J. Jackson 6, H. Walters (conductor) 7, T. Holder 8.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.—On Sunday, April 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Bush 1, G. Warinton 2, Miss N. Stevens 3, Miss L. Stevens 4, J. B. Hessey (composer and conductor) 5, A. E. Gray 6, J. Crocker 7, H. R. Stevens 8.

THORNE, YORKS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, April 17th, 720 Bob Minor: C. Thorley (1st 720) 1, A. Woods 2, W. Sleight 3, A. Darley 4, C. H. Thorley (conductor) 5, W. Hobson 6.

TILNEY, NORFOLK.—At the Church of All Saints, for morning

service, on Sunday, April 10th, 720 Bob Minor (42 Singles, by J. R. Penning), in 39 mins.: T. Williamson 1, H. Baker 2, C. Cousins 3, C. Donald 4, W. Rose, junr. 5, F. Rose (conductor) 6.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. Paulinus, on a recent Sunday evening, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Garner 1, W. Coe 2, H. Audsley 3, J. Spooner 4, E. Barnett, sen., 5, H. Gibbs 6, E. Barnett, jun. (conductor) 7, H. Childs 8.

WOOLWICH.—On Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), at St. Mary's Church, in 47

mins., by the following: W. H. Horsley 1, F. Grove 2, W. Aldridge 3, W. W. Horsley 4, W. Watchorne 5, A. J. Horsley 6, N. North (conductor) 7, E. Pollard 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: F. Trappitt 1, J. Trappitt 2, A. Arnold 3, Mrs. R. Whittington 4, T. Tulbot 5, J. Ploverman 6, A. Trappitt (conductor) 7, R. Whittington 8, A. Clayton 8, J. Fowler 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by ringers of treble and tenor.

BOURNE, Lincs.—On Easter Day, for morning service, a spliced 720 in 4 methods, Durham, York, Surfleet and Beverley Surprise: J. Neal 1, F. Blood 2, J. W. Lake (conductor) 3, J. Osborne 4, A. S. Allen 5, T. L. Bainbridge 6. Also 360 of London, Cuneastre and Walls (spliced): A. E. Larkinson 1, rest as before. For evening service, an attempt to ring Lincoln and Coldstream (spliced) failed, but 360 of these methods were rung by: A. E. Larkinson 1, F. Blood 2, J. W. Lake 3, J. Osborne 4, A. S. Allen 5, T. L. Bainbridge 6. Arranged for F. Blood, late member of the Bourne Company.

EDENHAM.—On Easter Day, in the afternoon, an attempt for a Surprise peal was lost in the second 720 owing to a change course. Afterwards touches of Double Court and Worcester Treble Bob.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—On Easter Day, for morning service, at St. Michael's Church, 476 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Tucker 1, F. Bird (conductor) 2, W. T. Prior 3, H. M. White 4, H. Dew 5, W. Tucker 6, W. Wilkinson 7, C. Ridgewell 8. Also 350 Oxford Bob Triples.

PERRY BARR, STAFFS.—At St. John's Church, on Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: W. Cooper 1, G. T. Mitchellson (conductor) 2, R. Ingram 3, M. Watts Read 4, F. Horton 5, F. W. Rishworth 6, E. Weston 7, H. Cook 8. All are members of the local band.

RINGING FOR ETERNITY.

By the Rev. H. DRAKE.

Sir Oliver Lodge tells us that his son Raymond, from the other world, said that the vicious are sent to a place which is 'not hell exactly,' where 'they gravitate together, but get so bored.' To which a theologian has retorted, 'One might venture to say that it is exactly hell.' It is not necessary to believe in these revelations in order to learn a lesson from them.

Ringers can get a better idea of the infinity of God than most people. We know that we can only understand our Art by strictly limiting it. We begin with changes on a very few bells, and never go beyond those on twelve. Yet we know that there are an infinite number of changes, which are quite beyond our power to conceive, and yet (like everything else) are held in being by God, the Absolute and Infinite. We can imagine how much more glorious and beautiful the changes on sixteen bells would be either to listen to or to ring, than any we now use. We can imagine all the uninteresting changes in the one octave rendered attractive by what is missing being added in the other octave; or we can imagine new principles by which all uninteresting changes are eliminated. And all this is only a step out of our reach. What are the possibilities of Infinity?

On the other hand, how unending may be the tedium of dulness. Think of 'Plain Changes' on 16 bells; or of a parody of Stedman in which all the bells behind make places instead of dodging. Or imagine men who know about the best there is of change ringing, and are capable of appreciating it, deliberately spending all their lives in discussing the possibilities of changes on four bells only. Would they not 'feel so bored' and have made their own bell?

There is nothing that can prepare a ringer's heart for the worshipping of the God of order and of change, like the harmony of well-struck changes, leading to their fore-ordained end in a musical order. But if after having thus received 'boldness to enter into the holiest,' he turns away and 'neglects so great salvation,' has he not in similar manner made his own bell? Nay, but we will 'draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,' and hear those things 'which it is not lawful for a man to utter.'

HERBERT DRAKE.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1260 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

2314567				
1243576	3	5		
1423567	3	6	8	
2134785	5	7	8	
3241567	5	7	8	
4512785	5	7	8	
4132756	3	6	8	
3421657	5	7	8	
2314756	5	7	8	

Twice repeated.

The late Henry Johnson.

1376 BOB MAJOR.

23456	W	B	M	H
36245	--	2	3	
23564	--	--	3	
24536	--	--	2	
25346	--	--	2	
23456	--	--	2	

Reduced to 704 by calling W and M after first 5 courses.

F. W. Rogers.

1299-STEDMAN CATERS.

231456789	5	16
515482978*		
314265	--	2
412365	--	2
413265	S	2
512465	--	2
214365	--	2
214365879	12S	19

*1 2 3 6 7 8 9 14 16

A. Walker.

1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

234567	
752654	1
237546	3
372546	4
653472	1
536472	4
725643	2
367425	1
253746	2

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NOTICES.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 30th. Tea in Co-operative Hall at 5.15, at 2/- per head. Visitors to advise me.—Reginald Bond, Hon. Sec., St. Peter's Rectory, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Mistley on April 30th. Service, with address, at 4.30, followed by tea at the Church Institute. All ringers welcome.—H. T. Pye, District Sec., 49, Wickham Road, Colchester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Business meeting, 5.30 p.m.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, Dis. Sec., 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield (Stainforth G. C. Station), on April 30th. Bells (8) ready at 12.30; tea at 4, followed by short service.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chipping Sodbury on Saturday, April 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Radcliffe on Saturday, April 30th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Branch Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Est. 1755.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aston on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea will be provided free in the Vicarage Rooms at 5 o'clock.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11 Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their Annual meeting on Saturday, April 30th, at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Chas. Bower, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. A Monthly meeting will be held at Keevil on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.—Harold F. Brown, 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

SALOP RINGERS' GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Oswestry, Saturday, April 30th. Ringing and short service at St. Oswald's Church. Tea 1s. 4d. at Oswestry Castle Refreshment Rooms and meeting. Local ringers invited.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The Annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor on Saturday, May 7th. Bells ready 2 o'clock. Short Service 5.30. Tea in Parish Room 6 o'clock. Will all who require tea kindly acquaint Mr. C. Haynes, 439, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, a few days

before the meeting? The charge for tea will be 1s. 6d. per head.—Sam Thomas, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Tea will be arranged, at a moderate charge, for all those who advise me by Monday, May 2nd. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, May 7th, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Milnrow Parish Church, Saturday, May 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 7.—I. Schofield, Hon. Sec., 12, Kersley Street, Oldham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—S. & W. District.—A meeting will be held at Norwood Green on Saturday, May 7th, by the kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. Thomas Parker. Ringing at 3. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring same let me know by May 1st.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, Chiswick.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Brighton on May 7th. Service at St. Peter's at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting St. Peter's Parish Room 4 p.m. Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas, 2 to 3.30 p.m., from 6.30 p.m. No tea arranged this year.—H. R. Butcher, Gen. Hon. Sec., Kent View, Crowborough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Guild service 4.30, followed by tea (kindly provided) and meeting. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The Annual meeting of this Society will be held at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available from 3 till 9 p.m. The general business meeting will take place at 7 p.m. in the Parochial Hall. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings will be held *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on May 3rd; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 12th and 26th; *St. Paul's Cathedral (members of the Central Council and friends heartily welcomed) on May 17th; Southwark Cathedral on May 24th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on May 31st, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A Quarterly meeting of the Winchester District of the Guild will be held at Sherfield English on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, visitors 1/6 each; those who intend being present must advise me by May 2nd.—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Thurleigh on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea will be provided if possible.—H. L. Harlow, District Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (5) available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 o'clock. Tea at Vicarage 5.45, 1/- each; those requiring tea must notify me not later than May 4th.—C. Edwards, District Sec., Gt. Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, May 7th. Please notify me on or before May 1st how many intend to be present from your tower.—E. Steele, 109, George Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, District Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Rickmansworth on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at Mrs. Barrett's, Church Street, at 5.30 p.m. Those likely to attend will oblige by kindly notifying me.—H. Eden, Hon. Sec., Watford District, 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Retford on Saturday, May 7th. East Retford bells (10), West Retford (6), Ordsall (6) will be available from 2 p.m. to 8.30. Tea at Howard's Restaurant at 4.45 p.m., 1/6 per head to members, 2/6 per head to visitors who notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford, not later than Wednesday, May 4th. A hearty welcome to members of kindred associations.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at West Coker (8 bells) on Saturday, May 7th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will (D.V.) be held at Mobblerley on Saturday, May 7th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held on May 7th at Cawthorne. Bells available from 4 to 9 p.m. Buses run from Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Southwold District.—A meeting will be held at Wrentham on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting in Church School Room, 5.30 p.m., to elect District Sec. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Naunton, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild Festival will be held at Marlborough on Monday, May 9th. Annual meeting at Town Hall, 2 p.m. The Earl of Shaftesbury will preside. Service in St. Mary's Church, 3.30. Preacher, Rev. C. D. Hoste, Rector. Tea at Town Hall, 4.45, 1/-. Please give Secretary a week's notice. Bells available: Marlborough, St. Peter (8), St. Mary (6); Aldbourne, Bishop's Cannings (near Devizes), Calne (8); Ogbourne, St. George, Pewsey, Savernake Forest (6 and 5).—F. L. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting of the above branches will be held at Christ Church, Aughton, near Ormskirk, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available at

3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. Business important.—W. Hughes and J. Halsall, Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Moorside on Saturday, May 14th, instead of Heywood, as arranged at last meeting. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Rochester Cathedral. The new Ring of Ten will be dedicated by the Very Rev. the Dean of Rochester on Whit Saturday, May 14th, at 3.30. H.E. the American Ambassador and the Lord Bishop of Rochester will be present. Further particulars next week.—A. Osborne, Secretary.

VISITORS TO LONDON.—Whit Sunday, May 15th. Help will be appreciated at St. John's Church, Wilton Road, S.W.1, close to Victoria Station, S. E. & C. R. Ringing from 6 to 7 p.m. Grandsire.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Walbamstow on Whit-Monday, May 16th. Short Service at St. Mary's Church at 3 p.m., with a valedictory address by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Honorary Secretary. Tea (1/3 each) at 4 p.m., at the Church House, to be followed by the Annual meeting. The following towers will be open for ringing during the day: St. Mary's (10), St. Saviour's (8), Chigwell Row (6), Leytonstone (6), Wanstead (6) and Woodford (6). Those intending to be present at tea must notify Hon. Sec. not later than Tuesday, May 10th, as a guarantee for number has to be given.—H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec., The Temples, Witham, Essex.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Ripon on Whit-Monday, May 16th. The bells at the Cathedral (10) tenor 20 cwt., Sharrow (8) tenor 13 cwt., are available for ringing. Committee meeting will be held at the Black Bull Hotel, Ripon, at 11 a.m. Lunch will be provided at the Black Bull Hotel at 1 p.m. prompt. Members 2/-, non-members 3/-, those intending to be at lunch must notify the Hon. Sec. not later than Wednesday first post, May 11th, or will not be provided for.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesborough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday Meeting will be held at Darlington. Committee meeting at 12 noon at the Fleece Hotel, Blackwellgate. Dinner at 1 o'clock. Members 2s., non-members 3s. 6d. General meeting afterwards. Important business: Ringers' War Memorial. The bells of St. Cuthbert's and St. John's (8) and Holy Trinity (6) will be available for ringing during the day. All those intending to be present should inform me not later than May 12th.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec., 80, Fern Dene Road, Gateshead.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—For the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk.—A joint meeting of the Norwich and Ipswich Branches will be held at Lowestoft on Whit-Monday, May 16th. By kind permission of the Rector the ring of 8 bells at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, will be available. Dinner will be served at the Crown Hotel, High Street, at 1 p.m. Tickets 3/6 per head. The general business meeting will take place at St. Margaret's Institute, Alexandra Road, at 2.15 p.m. Members intending being present must notify the same to the Gen. Sec. not later than Thursday, May 12th.—Edward Evans, Branch Sec., Ipswich; Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Branch Sec., Norwich, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 16th. Committee meeting at 11.15 a.m. in Upper Vestry (All Saints' Church). Service at All Saints' Church at 12 noon. Luncheon at the Peacock Hotel at 1 p.m., at 3/6 per head to all those who notify Mr. S. J. Lawrence, 7, Castilian Terrace, Northampton, by Tuesday, May 10th. Business after luncheon. Bells available: St. Giles (10), St. Peter's (8), St. Edmund's (8), St. Sepulchre's (8). All Saints (8), if possible.—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and War Memorial. See last week's Notice for particulars. Motions: To alter Rule III. and addendum, Rule IV.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankards Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—By kind invitation, a joint meeting will be held at Peterborough on Whit Monday. It is proposed to journey by charabanc, via Huntingdon. All ringers wishing to attend please notify me as soon as possible. Further particulars later.—V. Shorter, Hon. Gen. Sec., 3, Pembroke St., Cambridge.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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CLANDON, SURREY.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on Sunday, April 17th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: Mrs. Melville (first 720) 1, F. Day 2, J. Goacher 3, W. R. Melville 4, W. Savage 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6.

KILDWICK.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, April 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,440 changes), in 56 mins.: P. Duffill 1, T. Rogers 2, C. Brown 3, G. Robinson 4, H. Wilcock 5, H. Roe 6, W. Billows (conductor) 7, C. Law 8. Rung as a farewell touch to Mr. P. Duffill, who sailed for Canada on Saturday, April 16th, his brother ringers wishing him every success and the best of luck.

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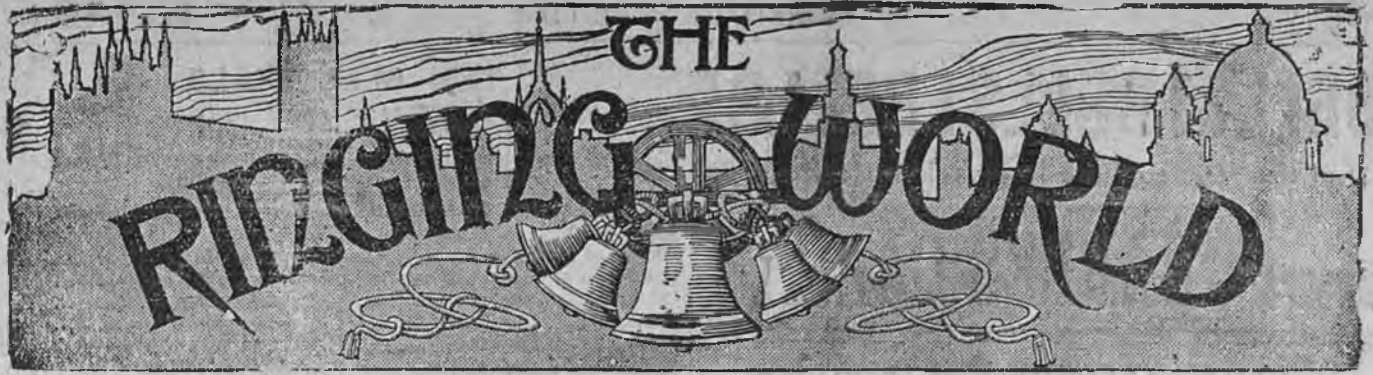
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CENTRAL COUNCIL BUSINESS.

A perusal of the agenda of the Central Council shows that there is a full day's work for the members when they meet in London on Whitsun Tuesday. There is more than sufficient preliminary and routine business to occupy the Council until well past the luncheon interval, especially if the members, as they are sometimes inclined to do when they enter fresh upon a meeting, spend their time in discussing trivialities. There are no less than seven committee reports to be considered, as well as the election of officers and of eight committees to take place, and there are, in addition, motions of some importance set down for debate. In dealing with the early business, therefore, the members will be well advised to have an eye upon what is still before them, and we hope the Council will take the opportunity also, of officially visiting the Cenotaph and depositing a wreath there in memory of the one thousand ringers who fell in the war, as has been suggested in these columns.

Of the three motions already down in the agenda for discussion, there are two which we think will commend themselves wholly to the Council; we refer to that suggesting the setting up in every Diocese of a recognised authority to give advice on matters concerning church bells, and that which calls attention to the need for a Ringing Defence Committee. With regard to the former, some few associations already have, we believe, a 'committee of advice,' although we are not quite sure that their function has been exactly what is intended by the resolution now to come before the Council. In principle the proposal has everything to commend it, but to make it successful in practice, if carried out, the Associations who appoint the Committees will have to exercise the greatest care in their selection. In this matter the best ringer, or the most popular member, may not necessarily be the best adviser on a technical subject of this kind, and incompetent advice would be worse than none at all.

To the recent proposal to put ringers under the jurisdiction of the Parochial Church Councils, as well as sporadic attempts made in various districts to get Church bells silenced, may be attributed, we presume, the suggestion for a Ringing Defence Committee, and that there is need for such a body in the ringing organisation seems fairly obvious. One of the objects of the Council itself was, we believe, to look after the interests of ringing in this as well as in other respects, and there is no doubt that a small, alert committee, prepared to grapple at a moment's notice with any threatened attack upon the position of ringers or ringing would be a great advantage. We hope that the Committee, if appointed, will include at least one member with legal knowledge and experience appointed from within the Council, or co-opted from without.

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JOHN H. LENTON 4	JOHN FRYER 9
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ROBERT RICHARDS 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER 7
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On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
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Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

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JOHN METHERELL 2	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
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JOHN W. ROWBOTHAM Treble	ALBERT A. HUGHES 6
LOUIS ATTWATER... .. 2	JAMES WILLSHIRE 7
WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 3	HENRY R. NEWTON 8
HENRY R. PASMORE 4	JOHN N. OXBORROW 9
ALFRED B. PECK 5	WILLIAM CROPLEY Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PISTOW.

Conducted by J. N. OXBORROW.

First peal in the method on the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to W. Cropley.

ALFRED BOWELL, CHURCH BELL FOUNDER, IPSWICH.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

EDWARD JENKINS... ..Treble	ROBERT RAYNOR... .. 5
ROBERT RICHES... .. 2	HARRY HALL... .. 6
ERNEST CURTIS... .. 3	WALTER RICHES... .. 7
JOHN ETHERIDGE... .. 4	ALBERT RICHES... ..Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

This composition, Author's No. 147, is now rung for the first time.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT... ..Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS... .. 5
JOHN BASS... .. 2	JOHN SMITH... .. 6
ALFRED DAVIES... .. 3	JOHN LLOYD... .. 7
WILLIAM POTTER... .. 4	CHARLES E. PERKINS... ..Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES E. BORRETT... ..Treble	ALBERT ROUGHT... .. 5
MISS A. MAY DURRANT... .. 2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN... .. 6
GEORGE P. BURTON... .. 3	GEORGE MAYERS... .. 7
JOHN E. BURTON... .. 4	GEORGE H. CROSS... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ROWLAND T. PAYNE... ..Treble	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 5
ALFRED BALLARD... .. 2	ARTHUR CATTELL... .. 6
*REDVERS F. ELKINGTON... .. 3	ROWLAND BARROW... .. 7
JOSIAH MORRIS... .. 4	*SYDNEY J. GARNER... ..Tenor

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day. * First peal. It was intended to ring Major, but meeting short the above was substituted; those marked * taking part at last minute, and credit is due to them upon their performance.

CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

(ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

REGINALD POLE... ..Treble	SAMUEL SNELSON... .. 5
JAMES E. LILLEY... .. 2	†WALTER FAIRHEAD... .. 6
ALBERT L. SHORT... .. 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY... .. 7
*JOHN DUNNING... .. 4	†ROBERT CHILTON... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. Mr. Dunning hails from Aldford, Chester, the rest from St. Chad's, Salop. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. P. Treasure, who was inducted on April 21st.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM COOK... ..Treble	GEORGE MARRINER... .. 5
MISS NORA E. SHORTER... .. 2	ALBERT ELLIS... .. 6
ALFRED J. BULL... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
JOHN H. WHITE... .. 4	ARTHUR DEAN... ..Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

CLUN, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ..Treble	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON... .. 5
CHARLES EDWARDS... .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST... .. 6
ALFRED TALBOT... .. 3	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS... .. 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN... .. 4	WILLIAM MEAD... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

Rung on St. George's Day in honour of the patron saint of England.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. MEERS... ..Treble	JONATHAN PRESTON... .. 5
GEORGE F. SWAN... .. 2	THOMAS H. REEVES... .. 6
GEORGE F. GARRISON... .. 3	ARTHUR GARDNER... .. 7
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON... .. 4	HARRY DICKENS... ..Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Arthur Gardner and Harry Dickens.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

J. HAIGH... ..Treble	F. MITCHELL... .. 5
C. WINNER... .. 2	W. SPICE... .. 6
SERGT. J. BENNETT... .. 3	F. RICHARDSON... .. 7
MISS E. GOODSHIP... .. 4	W. HAIGH... ..Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. HAIGH.

First peal in the method by Miss Goodship. Rung on St. George's Day. For calling see K.C.A. Report, 1904, No. 911.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 5
MISS EMMA TONGE... .. 2	RICHARD F. DEAL... .. 6
ROBERT J. DAVIES... .. 3	SAM BOOTH... .. 7
HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 4	DAN RENSBAW... ..Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

CHARLES ABLITT... ..Treble	ALBERT A. FLEMING... .. 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING... .. 2	*JAMES ROSE... .. 6
*GEORGE PRYKE... .. 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE... .. 7
WILLIAM BURGESS... .. 4	GEORGE W. ABLITT... ..Tenor

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE. Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

* First peal of Oxford Major.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN JOYCE Treble	HARRY STOTT 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL 2	JOHN PALFRAMAN 6
HERBERT HAIGH 3	ERNEST H. SIMPSON 7
GEORGE ROBINSON 4	JOSEPH BROADLEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN HERON, JUN. Conducted by ERNEST H. SIMPSON.

Rung half-muffled on the occasion of the unveiling of a war memorial to those men of the parish who fell in the Great War.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*JOHN MACKAY Treble	FRED HOPPER 5
BERTIE O. SODEN 2	JOHN T. HENSMAN 6
FRED WILFORD 3	JOHN W. METHERELL 7
WILLIAM ROGERS 4	WILLIAM J. ALLEN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. W. METHERELL.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First in the method as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. H. Stow and Miss M. Smith, the bride being the daughter of one of the choirmen.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM NIBLETT Treble	CHARLES CAMM 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	ERNEST GIBBS 6
ERNEST E. BARBER 3	WILLIAM RANFORD 7
*JOHN BAYLISS 4	HENRY CHANGE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal of Triples on an 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Gibbs, wife of the ringer of the 6th, and Miss Camm, sister of the conductor.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 25, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM STURGESS Treble	†JOSEPH C. DEAN 5
†WILLIAM R. PARKER 2	JOHN T. HENSMAN 6
*WALTER H. AUSTIN 3	WILLIAM FAREY 7
†WILLIAM E. ATTERBURY 4	WILLIAM J. ALLEN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. J. ALLEN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. ‡ First peal of Bob Major away from treble. W. Farey's 50th peal. First peal of Major on the bells for 180 years, the last being a peal of Bob Major by the College Youths, conducted by B. Annable. Composition No. 115, Central Council Collection.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, April 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

†JOHN J. TURNER Treble	*FRANK F. HILL 5
HERBERT DAY 2	FRED W. HILL 6
*KENNETH G. SHELDON 3	ALEX. HUTCHINSON 7
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 4	*HENRY GEORGE Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by FRED W. HILL.

* First peal in a Surprise Method. † First peal. H. George's 100th peal.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 27, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

*WILLIAM A. PENFOLD Treble	GEORGE BILLENNESS 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 2	THOMAS HOAD 6
FREDERICK G. BURDEN 3	HARRY PARKES 7
†WILLIAM H. HOAD 4	GEORGE KENWARD Tenor

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal and first attempt. † Elected a member previous to starting.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM H. JOINES Treble	HUBERT J. SKELI 5
JAMES D. DREWETT 2	ALBERT CALVER 6
AMOS CLARK 3	WILLIAM GROVES 7
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT 4	ALFRED J. TRAPPETT Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

Rung as a centenary peal for the bells, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. F. Bailey.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	REV. E. BANKES JAMES 5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 2	REBVEN SANDERS 6
ALBERT W. COLES 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This peal was arranged and rung at the request of the Rev. E. Bankes James, for Master C. W. Woolley, aged 14 years, it being his first peal on tower bells. He was heartily congratulated by the rest of the band at the conclusion of the peal for the excellent way in which he rang, and the Rev. E. B. James has every reason to be proud of his pupil. Thanks are due to the Rev. H. B. and Mrs. Woolley for their hospitality to the ringers both before and after ringing. The peal was the first in the method on the bells.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FRANCIS W. NEATE Treble	GEORGE HINTON, JUN. 5
*THOMAS WALTERS 2	WILLIAM LEWIS 6
SIDNEY HOLT 3	JAMES R. MACKMAN 7
JOHN J. JEFFRIES 4	WILLIAM PAGE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. PAGE.

* First peal in any method away from the treble. First Surprise peal ever rung in Worcester.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... Treble	ALAN R. MACDONALD 5
EVERED J. WALSON 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
JOHN THOMAS 3	HORACE BELCHER 7
*CHARLES EDWARDS 4	PERCY E. CLARK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Percy E. Clark. With the exception of the conductor, all are Sunday service ringers at St. Stephen's.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST LINCOLN Treble	CHARLES CUTTING 5
*CHARLES F. SAYER 2	†GEORGE LEE 6
THOMAS BECKETT 3	ALFRED H. WATSON 7
†CHARLES BAILEY 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by F. W. NAUNTON.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. † First peal of Major on tower bells. The composition has only 5 and 6 in 6th's at course ends. For calling see Association Report 1895, peal No. 644.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALMUND,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

HENRY LETTS Treble	JOHN C. DICKEN 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	EDWARD C. GOBBY 6
KENNETH G. SHELDON ... 3	ALEX. HUTCHISON 7
FRED W. HILL 4	ALFRED C. WRIGHT Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. C. WRIGHT.

CHIPPENHAM.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

*ERNEST TRUMAN Treble	FREDERICK LAMBETH 5
*ALBERT HUNT 2	WILLIAM HOLBERT 6
*EDWARD PERRY 3	SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 7
LEONARD AMBROSE 4	HENRY POWELL Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY WILTSHIRE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

MOITRAM IN LONGDENDALE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. W. W. WOLSTENCROFT Treble	ISAAC SCROFIELD 5
EYHEL GRIMSHAW 2	FRANK STONELY 6
CISSIE THORP 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
ADA WOLSTENCROFT 4	ARTHUR PRESTWICH Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

The ringer of the 5th hails from Oldham, 6th from Miles Platting, the rest from Ashton-under-Lyne. First peal on the bells in which ladies have taken part, and rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Schofield, who were married at this church 31 years ago.

ROTHERFIELD.—At St. Deny's Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: S. Russel 1, H. Hammond 2, E. Bishop 3, H. Smith 4, E. Bishop, senr. 5, C. Brasier (conductor) 6, F. Hammond, W. Hammond 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

THRUSSINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5280 CHANGES;

Consisting of Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Extreme and Grand-sire, being 44 different six-scores. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ALFRED BALLARD Treble	PHILIP HARDY 3
*ROWLAND BARROW 2	ERNEST MORRIS 4
*ARTHUR CATTELL Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in four methods. This is the 2nd peal on these bells, the first being on Dec. 15th, 1894, conducted by W. Willson.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, College Single Reverse, Double Court, Double Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's Bob, and Oxford Single Bob.

*FRANK RUFFLES Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 4
WALTER RUFFLES 2	PERCY POTTER 5
ERNEST CURTIS 3	HARRY HALL Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal. First peal in seven plain methods on the bells and by all the band.

WARETON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES SMITH Treble	OLIVER MUTTON 3
GEORGE TURNER 2	FRANK ISSERT 4
MATTHIAS HOBBS Tenor	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

First attempt for a peal by all except the conductor, who hails from Barton Seagrave. The rest are local ringers.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in eight methods, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Worcester, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS CECIL HEPBURN ... Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS 4
*CECIL CHAPMAN 2	THOMAS GARLEY 5
WALTER T. WILSON 3	GEORGE A. BLANLEY Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal containing more than three methods.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH)
On Monday, April 25, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HARRY HOLDEN Treble	*JAMES WHATMORE 4
JOHN LLOYD 2	CHARLES E. PERKINS 5
*JOHN KENDALL 3	*ROBERT GORDON Tenor

Conducted by C. E. PERKINS.

* First peal of Doubles.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 53 mins.: E. Tall 1, O. R. Gladdiss 2, R. Brown 3, F. Mursell 4, J. W. Faithfull 5, H. Reeves 6, H. Payne (conductor) 7, O. Gollop 8. First quarter by the local band, also the conductor's first quarter as captain of the band.

PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
On Tuesday, April 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ELSIE BRANDON Treble	GEORGE BARKER 4
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON 2	FRANK ROWLINSON 5
WILLIAM WALDRON 3	JOHN J. JUTSON Tenor

Conducted by J. J. JUTSON.

First peal in seven methods by the local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to K. A. Jutson.

CHURCHKIRK, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's with different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

W. HINDLE Treble	A. CHADWICKE 4
A. INGHAM 2	L. ROSTRON 5
F. HOLLINS 3	L. J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by a local band for 15 years. Rung as a mark of esteem for Mr. Thomas Redman, formerly vice-president of the Lancashire Association, who has retired from the Exercise through ill-health.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by
ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MORRIS of Leicester. Conducted by the performer.
Witness: GEORGE JORDAN.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 25, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MICHAEL COSLANY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MISS A. MAY DURRANT ... 1-2	ALBERT ROUGHT 5-6
CHARLES E. BORRETT 3-4	GEORGE H. CROSS 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal 'in band' by the ringer of the 1-2, great credit being due to her for the way she rang throughout. This composition, with 4-5-6 only in 6th's, is now rung for the first time.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. GODFREY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR DYE 1	CHARLES WYBROW 5
ARTHUR W. BALDWIN 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 6
CHARLES S. TUTHILL 3	WILLIAM E. BASON 7-8
GEORGE COOKE 4	ROBERT W. COOKE 9-10

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by W. E. BASON.

First peal of Royal by all except Messrs. Godfrey and Bason, and was their first peal of Bob Royal on handbells.

ARMLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT 10, MITFORD ROAD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 size in G.

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1-2	JOHN WM. MOORHOUSE ... 5-6
MISS OLIVE L. LUMLEY ... 3-4	GERALD MOORHOUSE 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by MALCOLM MOORHOUSE.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob on handbells by all, also in the City of Leeds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Beverley, on Saturday, April 23rd. Beverley is a quaint little town, set in a level land at the southern edge of the Yorkshire Wolds; a town of red roofs and gables, cobble-paved streets, and old-world quietude. It possesses two magnificent churches, which contain two very fine organs, and, what is more interesting to these pages, two splendid peals of ten bells. In spite of the inclement weather and the railway restrictions, a fairly large number of members were present, representing towers at Hull, Goole, Selby, Howden, Sutton, Market Weighton, Scunthorpe (Lines), Barrow-on-Humber (Lines), and Elland (W.R.).

The Minster bells were rung to various methods in the afternoon, and service was held in the choir. The clergy taking part were the Rev. Canon Nolloth, D.D. (Vicar), the Rev. W. E. Wigfall, M.A., and the Rev. E. J. Barry, M.A. (curates), while the Rev. E. Hope, M.A. (Vicar of St. Mary's), was the preacher. His sermon was based on the last two verses of the 150th Psalm, 'Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals; praise Him upon the loud cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.' In an able address, he said that men were suffering in their social and industrial life to-day, because they had lost the sense of gratitude of God. Instead of lifting up their hearts in thanks and praise to God for all He had given them—life and health and all things—men were looking upon one another with envious and covetous eyes. There was no harmony between men, because they did not fulfil their proper functions in offering their praise to God. They needed to be in harmony with themselves just the same as each bell in the peal was in tune with itself, as well as being in tune with the rest of the peal. They wanted to get back to that spirit of fellowship and harmony with one another, that would bring joy once more into their lives.—The service concluded with a fine voluntary by Mr. J. Camidge (organist), which was greatly appreciated, the large and powerful organ being heard to great advantage.

Tea was afterwards served in the Minster Parish Room, to which a company of 50 did full justice, and this was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. A. E. West (Sutton) presided.

Mr. A. Madeley (Hull) moved that the best thanks of the division be accorded to the Rev. Canon Nolloth for his many years of valuable interest and service in connection with the Association and change ringing, and said that ringers throughout the county sincerely regretted that the time had arrived when the Canon found it necessary to enter into retirement. Mr. Madeley also read letters from the Rev. C. C. Marshall and Mr. P. J. Johnson, president and general secretary of the Yorkshire Association, which referred in high terms to Canon Nolloth's great interest in bells and bell ringing.—Mr. W. Gibson (Beverley) seconded, and Mr. F. Cryer (Selby) supported the motion, which was carried with applause.

Canon Nolloth feelingly acknowledged the resolution, and said his severance with the parish, the Minster, and the bells, would be a great wrench to him. He, however, thought it better to retire now when things were in good order.

A vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of the late Mr. Thomas M. Barker, 'All Saints', Pontefract, and recently Ringing Master.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of St. Mary's for his able address at the service, and, at his request, he was elected an honorary member of the Association.—Three new members were elected: Mr. F. Carrick (Sutton), Mr. A. Walker, Junr., and Mr. W. H. Hawley (Pontefract).

The next meeting was fixed to be held at Howden in July.

The visitors then adjourned to St. Mary's tower, where several touches were rung in various methods.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting was held at St. Peter's Church, Felkirk, near Barnsley, when ringers were present from Darfield, Wath, Sandal, Hoylandswaine, South Kirby, Royston, Crofton, and Wortley. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and tea was provided by the Ladies' Working Party in the old school in the churchyard. About 80 guests were present, and after the first sitting some of the ringers gave a few short touches on the handbells, while others resumed at the tower, where touches of London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent, Oxford and Bob Minor, and other methods, were rung. The business meeting was presided over by Mr. C. Normington, and two new members were elected.—A short address was given by Mr. Raynor, of Sandal, on the art of change ringing, and a few words followed from two of the lady workers.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the ladies for such an enjoyable tea; also to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. Richardson, of Cudworth, who gave an interesting address. Ringers then returned to the tower, and ringing continued until 9 p.m., the gathering having been very enjoyable.

HINTS FOR BEGINNERS.**THE EASIEST WAY TO CALL PEALS OF GRANDSIRE.**

Among the correspondents who have written to ask me to help them is one who inquires which is the easiest way to call a peal of Grandsire Triples. A good deal, of course, depends upon the capabilities of the conductor and the amount of previous practice he has had in calling touches. Given ample practice in touch calling, a peal ought really to present few difficulties, and yet it is almost inevitably the case that the beginner at peal calling finds the task a big one. It is, I suppose, because of the added importance of the occasion, and the greater responsibility involved, not only by the longer length that is to be attempted and the extra mental strain, but by reason of the fact that an error near the finish may render valueless, perhaps, three hours' efforts of eight men, while there is with some people just that touch of excitement to be contended with which comes when they are put to any real test. These influences combine to make the calling of a peal no easy undertaking for the beginner, and, simple as it may be for the old hand, I for one do not belittle the job of 'first as conductor,' even if it is only a peal of Doubles. Indeed, the correct counting of the six-scores rung in a peal of this kind, where every 'part end' is the same, is a thing which in itself requires no mean mental effort.

When it comes to calling peals, then any method by which the young conductor can be certain of his ground as he proceeds, is of great advantage. In my view the easiest course for a beginner to pursue is to select a peal with as simple a calling as possible, learn by heart the places in which the observation bell will come at each call, and then ring the observation bell. There may be some conductors who may not agree with me in this, but my opinion is that this method (for beginners) is the safest as well as the easiest. If one calls by the bells 'before'—and I have in mind Holt's ten-part, to which beginners are so partial, and which has one bell seven times before in each part—there is a danger, unless one takes special precautions by making check observations, of error in the number of times this bell is bobbed 'before.' But if the conductor is ringing the observation bell he has only his own position to look for, and not that of two other bells, which would be necessary if depending on the other system.

With regard to the selection of a peal, the one divided into the largest number of parts is usually the easiest to remember, generally because there are fewer calls to memorise. One of the best peals for the beginner is Parker's twelve-part, for, while there are more calls

in the 420 changes comprising each part of this peal than there are in the 504 changes of one part of Holt's ten-part, there is only one form of calling to remember, whereas in Holt's there is a different calling (reckoned by the order of the places in which the observation bell falls at the bobs) for each half. Some ringers, of course, have a more retentive memory than others, and would be able to tackle at the first attempt something more involved than either Holt's or Parker's peal, but as I have been asked for the easiest way, I have tried to answer my correspondent from that view only.

While on the subject of conducting, I will deal with the inquiry of another correspondent, who asks: 'Suppose I wish to conduct a touch from any bell excepting tenors and treble, and use calls as if ringing the tenor, would the touch come into rounds by continuing ringing till the call-bell was at home, or would there be a danger of the tenors coming up the wrong way or the other bells being mis-placed? The bells in mind are a peal of eight, and the methods rung Plain Bob, Grandsire, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.' A simple answer to this question would be 'Sometimes,' but I am afraid such a reply would not be of much assistance to my correspondent. Often the substitution of some other bell for the observation bell will result in the touch coming round right enough, but in Major it will in most cases part the tenors and upset all the music, while there is just another little trick that may be played upon the unwary beginner. Take Bob Major as an example. There is a familiar touch of 224 (two courses) got by calling the tenor W and H twice. Suppose you attempt to get this touch by substituting, say, the 2nd as the observation bell, you will find that before the bells run round you will have rung three courses, and that you will have had repetition. The proper length can be got by beginning the calling at a Home, but the coursing order of the big bells and the music is turned topsy-turvy. Then with Grandsire Triples; it is not always possible to change the observation bell. Suppose you want to call a touch in which the 7th is the observation bell and no call brings it into the hunt, you cannot substitute the 2nd for the 7th, can you? And even if the observation bell does go into the hunt, you could not use the 2nd as a substitute unless you begin the calling in a different place, making the first call that which brings the observation out of the hunt.

These are only some of the difficulties which present themselves when one desires to substitute one bell for another, and use the same calling. If my correspondent desires to ring some bell other than the observation bell, I should recommend him to practise calling by transposition; but that, of course, is a different matter, and one which I will deal with at some future date.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

When we wrote last week that we had some recollection of a son of Mr. J. W. Washbrook having rung a tower bell peal at an earlier age than eleven years, we were not very wide of the mark. Walter Washbrook rang his first peal (Grandsire) at 10 years and 3 months; James W., junr., his first (Grandsire) at 10 years and 6 months; and Harry Washbrook his first (Stedman) at 11 years. Jas. W. Washbrook, junr. (Mr. Washbrook's only surviving son), conducted Holt's ten-part at the age of 12 years.

This, we think, will settle the controversy as to the youngest ringer of a tower bell peal, but it does not in any way detract from the merit of the performance of those other young men who have rung peals at an early age. In addition to those whom we have already mentioned, Mr. John T. Kentish rang his first tower bell peal at the age of 13, in September, 1891, on the treble, and a few weeks later rang an inside bell to Grandsire Triples. The two sons of Mr. A. W. Osborne, of Reading, also began early. Horace rang his first peal at 12 years 6 months, and Leonard when barely 12 years of age.

Mr. Bert Langdon informs us that he has not, as we thought he had, conducted a peal of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques 'in hand' from every pair of bells; but he informs us that Mr. G. N. Price, late of Oxhey, has done so. He also reminds us of the interesting fact that Mr. Harry R. Pasmore has called peals on hand-bells in Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob on 8, 10 and 12 bells, and in addition conducted the first Surprise peal rung 'double-handed,' viz., Superlative.

The old peal of six at Mangolfield, Gloucester, with tenor 10½ cwt., have been recast into a peal of eight by Messrs. Warner and Sons, and will be reopened on Saturday, May 14th.

The fact that the strike has restricted the train service, and consequently keeps some ringers at home when they would like to be sharing in a peal, has not damped the spirits of the humorist, who, having to decline an invitation on account of the trains, wrote as follows:—

The 12.24 is too early—the 2.52 doesn't run,
Things now point only too plainly to the fact, I'm unable
to come.

Many thanks for your kind invitation

To a tower where I've not had a pull.

May you score all the same

As I beg to remain,

Respectfully yours, 'Barney's Bull.'

'We do not feel that the bell ringer has such a close spiritual affinity with the clergyman as the organist.'—The Dean of Manchester.

Mr. W. Page, of Worcester, writes that his name should have been included in the Peals Analysis among the list of conductors of seven peals in 1920.

A meeting was held recently at Lavenham, and ringers representing many towers in West Suffolk were present. After a discussion it was proposed and carried that a new association should be formed and called the Suffolk County Association.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Pontypridd on Saturday, April 24th, when a large muster put in an appearance. The bells, a light musical ring by Taylor and Co., were kept busy during the afternoon. Service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Watkins Edwards), who gave a most useful and able address. Tea followed in Morgan's Restaurant, and it is interesting to note that although himself a Nonconformist, Mr. Morgan presented the ring of bells to the parish church. Owing to a larger number attending than was expected, the catering arrangements were somewhat taxed, and tea had to be served by relay.

The business meeting followed, and progress was reported from various towers. Quite a large number of new members were elected. The next Glamorgan quarterly meeting is to be held at Penarth, which follows the Monmouth quarterly meeting fixed for Magor.

Following the meeting, good use was made of the bells during the evening.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association held a meeting on Saturday, April 23rd, at Oswaldtwistle, and over 40 members were present from Blackburn (Parish Church and St. Michael's), Burnley, Darwen, Chorley, Standish, Rawtenstall, Accrington, Church Kirk, and the local company. The bells were kept going from 2 p.m. till 9 o'clock, with a brief interval for tea and meeting. The touches brought round included Plain Bob, Kent, Double Norwich and Superlative Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Plain Bob, Kent, College Exercise and Coventry and Loudon Surprise Minor.

The Rev. J. Walling presided at the tea and meeting, and Clitheroe was chosen for the next meeting.—The usual votes of thanks to the clergy and wardens, and also the local ringers for giving the ringers a hearty welcome, brought the meeting to a close.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Eleventh Council (29th annual meeting) will be held in the Upper House of Convocation, at the Church House, Westminster, on Whitsun Tuesday, 17th May, 1921, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30, 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.

The entrance will be from Dean's Yard only.

AGENDA, 1921.

1. Election of President, of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and of Hon. Librarian.
2. Minutes of the last Meeting.
3. Apologies for Absence.
4. Statement of Accounts and of Sale of Publications.
5. Election of Honorary Members.
6. Introduction of new Members to the President.
7. Election of Standing Committee.
8. 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.) Literature and Press.
 - (c.) Legitimate Methods.
 - (d.) Peals' Analysis.
 - (e.) Towers and Belfries.
 - (f.) Bells of Belgium.
 - (g.) Records.
9. That the Analysis Committee be asked to arrange, if possible, that each peal be credited to the Association in whose territory it is rung.
10. That in every Diocese there should be a recognised authority to give advice on matters concerning Church Bells, and that it is hoped that each Guild and Association will take steps to provide such authority.
11. To call attention to the need for a Ringing Defence Committee, and to move a resolution.
12. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
13. Other business, if any.

Deane Rectory,
Overton, Hants.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.
Hon. Secretary.

A LATE MOTION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have sent the following resolution to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, but unfortunately it arrived a day late for the agenda of the Central Council: 'That this meeting recommend all Guilds and Associations to hold their annual meeting within three months previous to the Central Council meeting on Whit-Tuesday.'

I hope the members will allow me, if there is time, to bring it forward under No. 13 on the agenda, as I consider it is the greatest drawback to the Exercise that Associations taking an interest in the Council should hold their annual meetings either months before or after the Council meeting.—Yours, etc.,

A. H. PULLING.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' INVITATION.

Sir,—May I direct attention to the kind invitation to members of the Central Council and their friends issued by the Ancient Society of College Youths, and to be found in their notice on p. 245 of your last number? In view of this kindness on their part, and remembering the exceedingly pleasant evening that most of us spent with them on a former occasion, I am making no other arrangements for the evening in question.—Yours,

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

THE LATE MR. FERRIS SHEPHERD.

The funeral of the late Mr. Ferris Shepherd, whose death we recorded last week, took place at Hersham, Surrey, on April 27th. The service was conducted by the Vicar, and the lesson was read by Canon G. F. Coleridge. The mourners included the widow, Messrs. Ferris and William Shepherd (sons), Mrs. F. and Mrs. W. Shepherd (daughters-in-law), Mr. Edwin Shepherd, of Exeter (brother), and Mrs. Searle (sister-in-law). The Hersham ringers were also present, and rang the handbells over the grave after the committal. Afterwards the church bells were rung muffled.

Mr. W. Shepherd writes: 'Allow me, through the medium of your paper, to express my thanks to all those ringers and friends who so kindly wrote expressing sympathy with us in our sorrow. I am unable to reply individually to all who wrote, and I feel sure they will accept these few words of thanks.'

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH.

After all the hopes and fears of the preceding week, it was a great relief to the members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild to find the 'line was clear' for them to get to Shoreditch on Saturday, April 16th, for their annual general meeting. A pull in good company on a very fine peal of twelve bells tempted many to the Church of St. Leonard and quite a number rang their first touch of Cinques or Maximus during the afternoon and evening. Others, not so ambitious, made their way to St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, where several touches of Triples and Major were rung, and although the business of an annual meeting, held on a Saturday afternoon, does not as a rule leave much time for ringing, nobody was disappointed in getting a pull at one or both of the churches.

The service at 5 p.m. was conducted by the Rev. R. H. Thompson, curate of Leonard's, and a very forceful sermon was preached by the Rev. A. Taylor, Vicar of St. Bride's, Fleet Street. The text was taken from St. John x. 11, 'I am the Good Shepherd.'

Following the service, tea was served in the Church Room, after which the business meeting was held. The annual report, which was presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles), was adopted as satisfactory. It showed that during 1920 there were three honorary and 93 ringing members elected, including entirely new bands at St. Mary's, Ealing, and St. Giles-in-the-Fields. Several members were lost by death and other causes, leaving the present membership at the number of 741. The peals rung during the year numbered 85, and 130 members took part in them. Eight members rang their first peals, and two their first as conductors. A large number rang their first peals in new methods, including two in Stedman Cinques, two in London, three in Bristol, two in Cambridge Royal, eight in Treble Ten, etc. Master R. A. Farden rang his first peal at the age of 16, a peal of Stedman Cinques.

The balance sheet was passed as quite satisfactory, showing a credit balance of £12 19s. 8d., without taking into account a further sum of 25 voted by the S. and W. district as a special contribution.

The following were elected officers of the society for the ensuing year: President, Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O.; vice-presidents, Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P., and Mr. T. Beadle; Master, Mr. W. Pye; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P.; hon. secretaries, Messrs. C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier.

Four representatives to the Central Council were elected, as follows: Messrs. W. Lawrence, W. Pye, J. R. Sharman and C. T. Coles.

Sincere and hearty votes of thanks were accorded to all who had contributed towards the success of the meeting, viz., to the Rev. F. E. Birch, Vicar of Shoreditch, who was unfortunately prevented by illness from being present, and to the Rev. Hudson Shaw (Bishopsgate), for the use of the bells at their respective churches; to the Rev. W. Taylor, Vicar of St. Bride's, Fleet Street, for his very interesting address; to the Rev. R. H. Thompson for conducting the service; to Mr. T. Walker, churchwarden at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, for the excellent arrangements made at that church for ringing; to Mr. Bradley for great assistance rendered at Shoreditch; and to the several ladies who had attended to the wants of the members at tea.—Mr. Walker, in acknowledging the vote on behalf of his Rector and himself, expressed his pleasure at being present, and hoped that those who had visited Bishopsgate had enjoyed the ringing.

During the evening, a bob course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells, brought by Mr. J. Rayner, of St. Andrew's, Holborn, by Miss E. K. Parker, Messrs. J. Thomas, G. E. Pye, W. Pye, W. Hewett and E. Sanders, whilst several touches of Stedman Triples and Caters, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, were rung by the handbell enthusiasts from Edmonton and Southgate.

A CELEBRATION AT CLUN.

St. George's Day was celebrated at Clun, Salop, by a peal of Grand-sire Triples; it only needed a team of all Georges to fourfold its features. The parish church is dedicated to St. George, and the church authorities gladly entered into the proposal of Mr. Wm. Mead, the churchwarden, to have a 'joy peal.' This was successfully rung, with slow striking, but sure bob calling, 'Ye hobbes' being the composition of Mr. J. J. Parker, a Buckinghamshire author. The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson was elected a member of the Hereford Guild and Clun Society, and welcomed to the district, this being his first peal essayed since pre-war days. Mr. Talbot, who cycled 40 miles over Welsh mountainous roads, got home again after midnight. Mr. John Clark, of Ross, was prevented joining the team through illness at the last hour, and so Major could not be attempted as intended. The Sunday special services were organised in honour of our patron saint, the preacher both morning and evening being the Rev. S. Dugdale, M.A. (who was born on St. George's Day), and the famous modern St. George's hymn was sung; the words of which are by Boufflower—a name familiar to Gloucester ringers—and set to music by Dr. Lloyd, of Eton, Bucks.

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**HON. SECRETARY'S RETIREMENT.**

The annual meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, on Saturday, April 30th. Members of the following towers were present: Armley, Burley, Leeds Parish Church, Headingley St. Chad's, and Holbeck. Touches of Stedman and Double Norwich were rung in the evening. The meeting was held in the Parochial Hall, the President, Mr. J. Peacock, being in the chair.—A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the retiring secretary, Mr. W. Gage, who, on responding, said he had only been absent from two meetings during his four years of office. As there had been no nomination of a secretary at the Armley meeting, and the efforts to induce the retiring secretary to retain office were unavailing, Mr. Cooper, of Holbeck, proposed Mr. Malcolm Moorhouse, who was elected unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, and the local company, terminated the meeting.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION.**THE WAR MEMORIAL.**

A quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Wiveliscombe, when six towers were represented by about 20 members. The fact that the declaration of the poll at the by-election for the division was to be announced no doubt affected the attendance. A short service was held in the Parish Church, at which (in the absence of the Vicar) the Master, the Rev. C. C. Parker, officiated.

The business meeting was held in the bellry, the Rev. C. C. Parker presiding.

Mr. Taylor, Ilminster, asked how much had been given towards the memorial, and the Secretary replied that the amount in hand was £77 7s. 6d. towards the net cost of £85. Several towers had not responded, and it was decided to write them again, and if necessary make a second appeal to all the towers in the Association.

Attention was also called to the leading article in 'The Ringing World' with regard to representation on Church Councils, calling upon ringers at churches where there were peals of bells to see that they nominated one or more of their members on their Parish Church Council.

The Master announced that the annual meeting would be held at Bath on July 2nd, and that the Bishop of Bath and Wells would dedicate the memorial at the service.—Mr. Parker was asked to draw up a form of service for the occasion.

Three honorary members and seventeen performing members and probationers were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. H. McCleerick for the use of the church, for the service, and the use of the bells.

This concluded the business, and tea was then partaken of. During the afternoon and evening the bells were made good use of, Grand-sire and Stedman Triples and Bob and Treble Bob Major being rung.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NEWBURY BRANCH TO HOLD PRACTICE MEETINGS.**

The quarterly meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Chieveley on Saturday, April 16th. There was a good attendance of 50 from the various towers of the branch, together with the Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and Mr. R. T. Hibbert, secretary of the Guild. The bells were kept going in touches of Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor and Grand-sire Doubles. Service was conducted by the Rev. Atlee, Rector of Chieveley, and an address was given by the Rev. Thorpe, secretary of the branch. Tea was partaken of at the Parish Room, and was followed by a short business meeting.—It was proposed that there should be combined practices in the branch. The suggestion was upheld by the Master and Secretary, and it is hoped that the foremen of the different towers will back up Mr. E. R. Robey, who was elected secretary, and make the scheme a success.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Atlee for making all arrangements for tea, etc.

Afterwards there was further ringing, and on the whole the meeting was a great success. The summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury on June 11th.

AN APPEAL.*To the Editor.*

Sir.—The many ringing friends of Mr. W. S. Wise will regret to hear that he has been laid up for twelve months, and is now confined to his bed with no hope of recovery. His long illness has resulted in bringing him into very low circumstances, and I should welcome for his assistance any subscriptions, however small, forwarded either to me, or to Mr. W. Wise, 19, Cromwell Road, West Croydon, direct, which will be duly acknowledged. **ARTHUR MASON.**

99, Northcote Road, West Croydon.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**PROPOSAL TO APPOINT DISTRICT SECRETARIES.**

The quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Warwick, on Saturday, April 16th. The bells of St. Mary's (10) and Emscote (8) were open for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and were made good use of. The Guild's service was held in St. Mary's Church, at which the Vicar (Canon Llewellyn-Wood) officiated. Tea was partaken of at the Dale Temperance Hotel, after which the business meeting was held, presided over by the President of the Guild (Canon H. C. A. Back, M.A.). Members were present from Allesley, Coventry, Berkswell, Nuneaton, Stoke, Solihull, Knowle and Warwick.

The report of the committee appointed to consider the printing of a report to cover the Guild's work from 1915 was presented, and after some discussion it was decided to issue a report, the printing of which was not to exceed the cost of £14.

The President, in the course of a few remarks, welcomed the new hon. secretary (Mr. A. Wilkerson), and hoped he would continue in the office for many years.—Mr. Wilkerson pointed out that those members who were present at the last meeting would remember he only took over the duties until the annual meeting at Rugby in July, but if the members wished him to remain in office, he hoped they would seriously turn the matter over in their minds in the meantime, for, personally, he felt it utterly impossible to do the work efficiently single-handed. He did not wish to speak disparagingly of any previous officers of the Guild, for the years of war had hindered any progress, but he was amazed to find in the county upwards of 70 towers with five bells and upwards not affiliated to the Guild. He appealed to the members for their earnest consideration of the appointment of three or four district secretaries at the annual meeting.

The bells of St. Mary were again utilised after the meeting until 8.50 p.m., the methods rung including Stedman and Grand-sire Caters, Kent Royal, Double Norwich Major, Bob Major, Bristol Surprise, Grand-sire and Stedman Triples.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of St. Mary's for the use of the bells and officiating at the service, a similar compliment being paid to the Vicar of Emscote.

LADIES' MEETING AT WEST BROMWICH.

The Parish Church of All Saints, formerly St. Clement's, West Bromwich, is an old and interesting church. The church was given to the Convent of Worcester by Henry I., and afterwards granted by that house to the priory of Sandwell, and was rebuilt by the new possessors in the Decorated period. It appears to have been repaired, and the east end rebuilt about 1619, and again repaired in 1677, but in the years 1785-6 the fabric was almost wholly taken down and rebuilt (the chancel and some other small portions excepted) in the style of that period. The upper part of the tower was renewed in 1824; in 1872 the church was thoroughly restored in the Decorated style, the plan of the old church pulled down in 1786, being adhered to as closely as possible. It now consists of chancel with south aisle, nave with south aisle and sacristy, organ chamber, south porch and an embattled western tower with pinnacles, containing clock and eight bells, the tenor being about 18 cwt., and the bells having recently been recast by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough.

It was at this place that the Ladies' Guild (Midland section) held their quarterly meeting on April 16th, with a good attendance, considering the uncertainty of a strike. Visitors came from Erdington, Handsworth, Smeethwick, Solihull, Coseley, Darlaston, and included, of course, members of the local band. The bells were utilised in various methods, with the aid of the gentlemen present, during the afternoon. Service was held, at which the Guild's form was used, the organist and choir being present. The service was taken by the Rev. M. M. Connor, M.A., Vicar and Rural Dean, and the lesson was read by Mr. J. Preston, secretary of Erdington ringers. The Vicar gave an interesting address, welcoming the Guild to West Bromwich.

After service, the ringers adjourned to the School for tea, kindly provided by the local company. The Vicar again came on the scene, and said how delighted he was to have the Guild at his church, and hoped that some day there would be a band of lady ringers at All Saints.—Mrs. Groves replied on behalf of the ladies present, thanking the Vicar for allowing them the privilege of coming to ring, and for his fine address. She also thanked the organist and choir for their services.

After the repast the usual business meeting was held, when it was decided not to hold the June quarterly meeting in view of the annual meeting of the Guild being held at Erdington, when it is hoped a good number will be present.

On returning to the church, the Vicar showed the party round the old building, and pointed out and explained all the remarkable features of the place, much to the interest of his hearers. The bells were again rung up to 9 o'clock, when the ringers and friends departed for home, after a most enjoyable afternoon, thanks to the local band, who made all arrangements.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

It is quite certain that some of the touches which appear on this page will have been composed by others besides those whose names appear under them. It happens so with peals, much more likely is it, therefore, that it will occur with short lengths. Mr. F. W. Thornton, of Greenwich, now points out that the quarter-peal over the name of Mr. H. G. Miles which appeared last week was composed and rung upwards of 30 years ago by Mr. I. G. Shade.

It is interesting to note that the touch by the late Henry Johnson, published last week, the touches by J. J. B. Lates this week, and others by the same authors, which we hope to publish in the near future, have been in the possession of Mr. Bernard Witkell for many years, and so far as he is aware have never been either rung or published.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STURRY, KENT.—On Sunday, May 1st, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor was rung in 45 mins., by the local band, for morning service: R. French 1, E. Clarke 2, R. Maile 3, W. Thompson 4, W. Goldfinch 5, E. Slingsby (conductor) 6.

CANTERBURY.—On Sunday evening, May 1st, at the Church of St. Alphege, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. J. Paine 1, H. G. Fairbrass 2, C. W. Brett 3, F. G. Brett (conductor) 4, W. F. Jenkins 5, E. G. Buesden 6.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 1st, for evening service, 840 Stedman Triples, in 30 mins., composed by John Carter: *W. Crawford 1, R. Evans 2, W. Wase 3, B. Rixon 4, *R. Jones 5, J. Hanley 6, W. Saunders (conductor) 7, A. Bayley 8 *Longest length in the method.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Winchester Guild.—On Sunday, May 1st, for afternoon service, 1,120 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 49 mins.: H. Payne 1, R. Brown (longest length inside) 2, J. W. Faithful 3, W. G. Rowe 4, C. J. Fray 5, D. C. Williams 6, W. T. Tucker 7, G. Williams (conductor) 8.

ROCK FERRY.—Chester Diocesan Guild (Wirral Branch).—On Sunday, May 1st, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: J. T. Howarth 1, W. Dean 2, J. Cooke 3, E. Hughes 4, H. Martin (conductor) 5, H. Young 6. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells by the local band, and the first quarter-peal of Doubles by all except the conductor. Also the longest length on the bells and by the local band. Also 720 of Grandsire Doubles, in 26 mins.: J. T. Howarth 1, W. Dean 2, H. Martin 3, E. Hughes 4, J. Cooke (conductor) 5, H. Young 6. The above touches were rung before and after a service on Industrial Sunday, which was attended by the Mayor and town councillors of Birkenhead.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, May 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins.: G. Edwards 1, A. Harding 2, P. E. Clark 3, E. Harris 4, J. E. Roots 5, E. J. Walsom 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, H. Belcher 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, May 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Eriou 1, Miss W. King 2, G. Upshall 3, R. J. Hasted 4, B. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

OXFORD.—Reading Guild.—On Sunday, April 24th, for evensong, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: Miss V. Robinson 1, L. T. Osborne 2, G. Wheeler 3, H. Osborne 4, A. Bailey 5, H. Egby 6, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 7, G. Cook 8. Miss Robinson, who hails from Wokingham, is a daughter of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On Sunday, April 24th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (15 bobs), in 27 mins.: L. Brookes 1, B. Clements 2, P. Webb (conductor) 3, J. Webb 4, W. Flitton 5, A. G. Lilley 6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday morning, April 24th, for service, 504 Grandsire Triples: *M. Hall 1, R. Picton 2, B. Jones 3, Rev. C. F. Ayerst 4, E. Elliott 5, W. E. Oakley 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. Hewitt 8. * Longest length.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264), in 47 mins., by: J. H. Iliffe 1, E. Fletcher 2, H. Harrison 3, H. Straw 4, S. Burgoyne 5, C. J. Baker 6, J. F. George 7, E. C. Gobeys (composer and conductor) 8. — On Sunday, April 24th, for morning service, 576 Treble Bob Major, and for evening service, 640 Treble Bob Major, with the same band: C. J. Baker 1, J. F. George 2, E. Fletcher 3, H. Straw 4, S. Burgoyne 5, J. H. Iliffe 6, H. Harrison 7, E. C. Gobeys 8. For the morning service, J. F. George tenor and E. C. Gobeys 2nd.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday evening, April 17th, at St. Mary Abbot's Church, A. Walker's 1,263 Stedman Caters: A. Outmore 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, C. H. Dobbie 3, P. L. Miles 4, P. H. Smith 5, A. B. Bennett 6, A. E. Bradley 7, A. W. Davis 8, H. G. Miles 9, W. E. G. Hewton 10.

LONDON.—London County Association.—On Sunday, April 17th, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, S.E., 1,280 of Cambridge Surprise Major: J. R. Gammon 1, J. Carter 2, H. J. Gummer (conductor) 3, R. G. Chappell 4, E. J. King 5, W. H. Pickett 6, I. J. Attwater 7, T. H. Taffender 8. First quarter-peal of Surprise by the ringer of the 4th. — On Sunday, April 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Rushton (first away from tenor) 1, J. Carter 2, J. R. Gammon 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, E. J. King 5, R. G. Chappell 6, W. H. Pickett 7, H. Spinks 8.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, April 17th, for afternoon service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins.: W. Warren 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, T. Crane 3, L. Hammond 4, A. H. Took 5, Jas. Howard 6. Rung on the 70th birthday of T. Crane.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, April 17th, for evening service, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples, in 43 mins., from 'The Ringing World,' April 15th: W. H. Stevens 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, F. Skevington (conductor) 4, H. Cook 5, R. Mackrill 6, C. Hunt 7, J. Willmott 8.

TO HONOUR THE LORD'S DAY.

By the HON. SECRETARY OF THE SALISBURY GUILD.

It should be a source of inspiration to us ringers in our Sunday work to realise its true purpose and significance. It is not the function of the bells on Sunday just to serve as an elaborate form of clock for notifying the time of service—misguided opponents of ringing sometimes argue on that supposition that bells are superfluous in these days, when most people have watches and clocks. Nor is it the main object of the bells to sound the call to prayer, and to remind men of the duty of worship—much as that reminder is needed. But the primary purpose of our Sunday ringing is to do honour to the Lord's Day. In the 'Table of all the Feasts to be observed in the Church of England' our Prayer Book places first 'All Sundays in the year.' The Christian Day of Rest and Worship must always be a Feast, just because it is the weekly memorial of our Blessed Lord's Resurrection, and as such should be celebrated alike with reverence and with gladness. It is the sacred privilege of us ringers to honour the Lord's Day with the hallowed music of the bells, and to enhance with their solemn harmony the dignity of Sunday worship. The joyous strains that we send forth from our belfries strike the keynote of that worship: 'This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.'

F. L. EDWARDS.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

TWO 756's STEDMAN TRIPLES.
2514567

2415367 6th in Slow
2513467 6th in Slow
2431567 6th in Slow and out

2314567

1354267 3
5324167 3
2317546 3 14

Each twice repeated.
The late J. J. B. Lates.

616 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

234587
S 572634 1
— 345267 2
— 453267 4
S 354267 4
S 273654 1
— 542367 2
S 245367 4
— 452367 4

Repeated.
H. Martin.

TWO 672's DOUBLE NORWICH.

23456 1 4 5 6
36452 — — —
32465 — — —
24365 — — —
23456 1 4 6
85324 — — —
23564 — — —
43265 — — —

Each repeated.
J. Hunt.

701 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

23456789
2456978 1-4-58
43254 9 in 38
25465 18-8-9
42365 9 in 3
34265 9 in 3
25465879 1-3-48
42365 8 in 3
34265 8 in 3

G. Hollis.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A humorous correspondent sends us the following account of a meeting of the Chester Guild at Market Drayton on Saturday, April 16th, when about 20 ringers foregathered to arouse the interest of the neighbourhood in the art.

"One cycling member," he writes, "stated he had had a 'non-stop' run; but he was either a 'T.T.' or addicted to 'terminological inexactitudes'!" Two other riders from the same district experienced great delay in the first few miles; in fact, no progress seems to have been made until after 2.30 p.m.; but why this should be so appears shrouded in mystery!"

Ringling commenced about 4 o'clock, and touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung. Master Lilley (who recently got his first peal) showed that 13 years of age is not too early to begin change ringing. One active youth (presumably a relation of Tarzan) on finding the tenor difficult to pull off swarmed up the rope to investigate. However, on nearing the ceiling he discovered that the hole was not big enough to admit the rope and himself, so returned to earth, and tried more effective, if less spectacular, methods.

A most acceptable tea was provided by somebody who wishes to remain anonymous. At the tea-table the Vicar proved that even the learned are liable to fail at times, for he made a sad mess of the table cloth! The reverend gentleman stated with regret, that it would be the last time he would be able to welcome the Guild, as he was shortly going abroad. He tried to sell the ringers an ancient mechanical organ, but failed to find any bidders, and will most likely take the pipes to South Africa, separately, so as to start a 'jazz choir' among the natives! A sound scheme, certainly!

After tea, ringing was resumed, and unfortunately, a fine touch of Kent Treble Bob Major was brought to a premature close, owing to some misunderstanding by the conductor about the time the 'shops' shut! The bells were lowered in peal about 9 p.m., only one incident occurring. Two members apparently could not decide who was doing the job, as they appeared to take turns at the rope. The bell (being unused to two masters) retaliated by neatly removing a piece of skin from the hand of one, and slapping the other in the face.

On adjourning to a 'friend's' house, the ringers had a most cordial reception, and were pressed to receive a little liquid nourishment at the expense of a native of the town. They modestly accepted the kind offer, but their elation was somewhat damped by learning that the town had scored an important success in the world of football, and had reached the conclusion that the bells had been rung to celebrate the event.

A party of cyclists were observed to leave the town in fine style (after 10 p.m.). One of them, to judge from the movements of his rear light, was attempting to 'loop-the-loop,' make 'figure eights,' and do various other 'stunts.' He unfortunately 'nose-dived' rather suddenly, and crashed badly. The machine was undamaged, and he explained that he had dismounted to attend to his lamps. Later he took a wrong turning to the right, and might have been going yet, had not the sight of a huge sheet of water so demoralised him that his lamps went out again. He was positive he had seen no water on his way to the meeting. It is a matter of conjecture what became of the other cyclist, as he has not been heard of since, and must be regretfully reported missing. The last few miles homeward were marred by a heavy snowstorm, but the foresight of Guild members in general, and one in particular, was evidenced by the fact that he arrived home in a whirl of snow, with his mackintosh securely fastened—to his bicycle!

LATE NOTICES.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Faversham and Ospringe, on Whit-Monday, May 16th. Bells available at 3 o'clock.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dist. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Drayton, Berks, on Saturday, May 14th. Service at 3 p.m. Business meeting 3.30. Tea 4.30. Towers at Drayton, Milton, Steventon, Sutton and Abingdon available. Will all requiring tea notify H. R. Cooper, Milton, Steventon, Berks?

HARLOW COMMON.—Essex Association.—On Easter Day, for early service, 672 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Brown 1, V. Tipton 2, S. Clark 3, W. Morris 4, H. Smale (conductor) 5, G. Dent 6, J. Cordell 7, W. Wheeler 8. For 11 a.m. service, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 46 mins., by the ringers standing in the same order. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

NOTICES.

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SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The Annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor on Saturday, May 7th. Bells ready 2 o'clock. Short Service 5.30. Tea in Parish Room 6 o'clock. Will all who require tea kindly acquaint Mr. C. Haynes, 439, Sandycroft Road, Sheffield, a few days before the meeting? The charge for tea will be 1s. 6d. per head.—Sam Thomas, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—S. & W. District.—A meeting will be held at Norwood Green on Saturday, May 7th, by the kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. Thomas Parker. Ringing at 3. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, Chiswick.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Brighton on May 7th. Service at St. Peter's at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting St. Peter's Parish Room 4 p.m. Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas, 2 to 3.30 p.m., from 6.30 p.m. No tea arranged this year.—H. R. Butcher, Gen. Hon. Sec., Kent View, Crowborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings will be held St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 12th and 26th; *St. Paul's Cathedral (members of the Central Council and friends heartily welcomed) on May 17th; Southwark Cathedral on May 24th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on May 31st, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Thurlough on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea will be provided if possible.—H. L. Harlow, District Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (5) available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 o'clock. Tea at Vicarage 5.45.—C. Edwards, District Sec., Gt. Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, District Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at West Coker (8 bells) on Saturday, May 7th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Rickmansworth on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at Mrs. Barrett's, Church Street, at 5.30 p.m. Those likely to attend will oblige by kindly notifying me—H. Eden, Hon. Sec., Watford District, 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Retford on Saturday, May 7th. East Retford bells (10), West Retford (6), Ordsall (6) will be available from 2 p.m. to 8.30. Tea at Howard's Restaurant at 4.45 p.m., 1/6 per head to members, 2/6 per head to visitors. A hearty welcome to members of kindred associations.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held on May 7th at Cawthorne. Bells available from 4 to 9 p.m. Buses run from Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild Festival will be held at Marlborough on Monday, May 9th. Annual meeting at Town Hall, 2 p.m. The Earl of Shaftesbury will preside. Service in St. Mary's Church, 3.30. Preacher, Rev. C. D. Hoste, Rector. Tea at Town Hall, 4.45, 1/. Please give Secretary a week's notice. Bells available: Marlborough, St. Peter (8), St. Mary (6); Aldbourne, Bishop's Cannings (near Devizes), Calne (8); Ogbourne, St. George, Pewsey, Savernake Forest (6 and 5).—F. L. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting of the above branches will be held at Christ Church, Aughton, near Ormskirk, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. Business important.—W. Hughes and J. Halsall, Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Moorside on Saturday, May 14th, instead of Heywood, as arranged at last meeting. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Rochester Cathedral. The new Ring of Ten will be dedicated by the Very Rev. the Dean of Rochester on Whit Saturday, May 14th, at 3.30. H.E. the American Ambassador and the Lord Bishop of Rochester will be present. Further particulars next week.—A. Osborne, Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Mangotsfield bells.—Opening Ceremony by the Rev. Bishop Clifford, Saturday, 14th May, 1921, at 3.30 p.m. The Vicar extends a hearty invitation to all ringers. Meat tea in Schoolroom at 1/6 per head. Kindly notify Rev. F. R. H. Crews, by 10th May, the Vicarage, Mangotsfield, Bristol.—P. C. Williams, E. Guise, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A meeting of the above district will be held at Darley Dale, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. All ringers invited.—A. Braines, Hon. Dis. Sec., 140, Parker St., Derby.

VISITORS TO LONDON.—Whit Sunday, May 15th. Help will be appreciated at St. John's Church, Wilton Road, S.W.1, close to Victoria Station, S. E. & C. R. Ringing from 6 to 7 p.m. Grandsire.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Walthamstow on Whit-Monday, May 16th. Short Service at St. Mary's Church at 3 p.m., with a valedictory address by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Honorary Secretary. Tea (1/3 each) at 4 p.m., at the Church House, to be followed by the Annual meeting. The following towers will be open for ringing during the day: St. Mary's (10), St. Saviour's (8), Chigwell Row (6), Leytonstone (6), Wanstead (6) and Woodford (6). Those intending to be present at tea must notify Hon. Sec. not later than Tuesday, May 10th, as a guarantee for number has to be given.—H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec., The Temples, Witham, Essex.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Ripon on Whit-Monday, May 16th. The bells at the Cathedral (10) tenor 20 cwt., Sharrow (8) tenor 13 cwt., are available for ringing. Committee meeting will be held at the Black Bull Hotel, Ripon, at 11 a.m. Lunch will be provided at the Black Bull Hotel at 1 p.m. prompt. Members 2/-, non-members 3/-, those intending to be at lunch must notify the Hon. Sec. not later than Wednesday first post, May 11th, or will not be provided for.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesborough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday Meeting will be held at Darlington. Committee meeting at 12 noon at the Fleece Hotel, Blackwellgate. Dinner at 1 o'clock. Members 2s., non-members 3s. 6d. General meeting afterwards. Important business: Ringers' War Memorial. The bells of St. Cuthbert's and St. John's (8) and Holy Trinity (6) will be available for ringing during the day. All those intending to be present should inform me not later than May 12th.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec., 80, Fern Dene Road, Gateshead.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 16th. Committee meeting at 11.15 a.m. in Upper Vestry (All Saints' Church). Service at All Saints' Church at 12 noon. Luncheon at the Peacock Hotel at 1 p.m., at 3/6 per head to all those who notify Mr. S. J. Lawrence, 7, Castilian Terrace, Northampton, by Tuesday, May 10th. Business after luncheon. Bells available: St. Giles (10), St. Peter's (8), St. Edmund's (8), St. Sepulchre's (8). All Saints (8), if possible.—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Peterborough, on Whit-Monday. Char-a-banc will leave Roman Catholic Church, Cambridge, at 10 a.m. sharp. Fare 8/- return. Lunch 2/6 at 1.30. Service 4 o'clock, tea 4.30, 1/3, at St. Mary's. Bells of St. John's (8), Woodston (6), St. Mary's (6), open for ringing. All ringers who intend coming must notify me by May 12th.—V. Shorter, Hon. Gen. Sec., 3, Pembroke St., Cambridge.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The Annual General meeting will be held at Torquay, on Whit-Monday. Guild service at St. Luke's at 12.15. Dinner and meeting at 1. Towers open: St. Mary's Church, Babbacombe, Paignton, etc. Names of members requiring dinner must reach the Gen. Secretary by May 10th.—Rev. E. S. Powell, Holbeton Vicarage, Plymouth.

THE ROMNEY MARSH GUILD hopes to be 'at home' on Whit-Monday, and to have a day's ringing through the Marsh, starting at Appledore at 10 a.m. Further notice next week.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

SUFFOLK COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Bury St, Edmunds, on Whit-Monday, May 16th. By kind permission the bells of St. James' Cathedral (10), St. Mary's (8), St. Leonard's, Horringer (8), will be available. Dinner will be served at the Griffin Hotel, at 2/6 per head at 1 p.m. Business following. All those intending to attend dinner please notify Mr. Wm. Goodship, 9, Southgate St., Bury St. Edmunds, not later than May 12th.—A. Symonds, Lavenham, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Postponement of Meeting.—In view of the continuance of the Coal Strike and the consequent drastic reductions in the railway services, it has been decided to postpone the joint meeting of the Norwich and Ipswich Branches at Lowestoft on Whit Monday, May 16th, 1921.—Edward Evans, Branch Secretary; Arthur L. Coleman, General Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be at Duffield on June 18th.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual General meeting of the Guild is postponed on account of the uncertainties of travelling.—J. Herschel, Hon. Sec., Clandon Rectory, Surrey.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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DEBATABLE PROPOSALS.

Last week we referred to two of the motions which are to come before the Central Council next Tuesday, and which, we think, are likely to meet with approval in principle. It is not so certain that the two other resolutions—one already on the agenda and one which may be brought forward by sanction—will commend themselves so readily to the approval of the members. The first of these proposals is that the Analysis Committee be asked to arrange, if possible, that each peal be credited to the Association in whose territory it is rung. Without going into the question as to whether this would be an advisable course or not, one can foresee difficulties in the way of the practical application of such a proposal. The most obvious are the obstacles that arise in areas covered by more than one Society, and the trouble that may arise through the men who ring the peal not being members of the Society in whose area they are ringing. Suppose, for instance, a peal is rung at St. Andrew's, Holborn, to whom should it be credited—to the College Youths, the Cumberlands, the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, or the London County Association? Or again, if a band from Birmingham pay a visit to Norwich, and none of them happen to be members of the Norwich and Ipswich Association, is the peal to be counted as a Norwich peal? We do not know what the Council will say, but, subject to the enlargement of the idea by the proposer, the suggestion on the face of it scarcely seems practicable.

The proposal which Mr. Pulling hopes to have the opportunity of bringing forward, is framed with the object of inducing all associations to hold their annual meetings within the space of three months before the meeting of the Council. We think Mr. Pulling will have to advance some strong arguments if he is to persuade the Council to interfere with the internal arrangements of the individual associations. At present, each association fixes its annual meeting to suit the convenience of its members and not the convenience of the Council; and while anything that would increase interest in the doings of the Council would be all to the good, there are, in some cases, local circumstances which would prevent the adoption of a date just prior to Whitsun. Then, too, there are some associations so little concerned in the doings of the Council, that the Council is seldom if ever mentioned at their meetings except when triennial election of representatives takes place. Associations such as these would not be in the least concerned to make a change. If Mr. Pullen could, by his motion, galvanise wider interest in the Council among the Associations, he would serve the Exercise a good turn, and we hope, when he comes to move his resolution, that he will have some useful advice to give on this point.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE TOWN HALL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 52 cwt.

SAMUEL WOOD	Treble	CHARLES H. PAGE	6
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN.	2	SANDEL BOOTH	7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	3	HARRY CHAPMAN... ..	8
BEN THORP	4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN.	9
FREDERICK PAGE... ..	5	RICHARD F. DEAL	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

The thanks of the band are due to the tower-keeper, Mr. Walter Billinge, for having the bells in excellent ringing order.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5780 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH	Treble	BERT HORTON	6
*ALBERT T. SCRIVENS	2	JAMES GEORGE	7
HERBERT KNIGHT,	3	WILLIAM FISHER... ..	8
GEORGE HUGHES	4	ERNEST MORRIS	9
GEORGE GARRISON	5	JOSEPH E. SYKES	Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal of Royal. Longest peal on the new bells. The composition in 12 courses has the 2nd at home throughout, and is now rung for the first time. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Albert Walker, Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. The composer hails from Leicester, and was especially invited to take part in the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5824 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

ALEX. MARTIN	Treble	WILLIAM TAYLOR	5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	2	FRED HARWOOD... ..	6
ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG	3	*ROBERT SANDERSON	7
E. ROGER MARTIN	4	EDWARD ARMSTRONG... ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

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

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5840 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN T. KENTISH	Treble	HENRY S. REEVES	5
WILLIAM NASH	2	ARTHUR SHEPHERD	6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER	3	JAMES PARKER	7
GEORGE W. FLETCHER	4	*REV. C. G. WARD	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight. The band were kindly entertained by the Rev. C. J. and Mrs. Ward at the conclusion of the peal.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

CHARLES ABLETT	Treble	GEORGE ABLETT	5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	2	ALBERT FLEMING... ..	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	THOMAS W. LAST	7
GEORGE BENNETT	4	GEORGE FLEMING	Tenor

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED J. BULL... .. Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES 5
PERCY H. DOICK 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
JAMES BURDFIELD 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
ARTHUR J. BARLETT 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.
 * First peal of Major.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

SAMUEL CORBETT Treble	BENJAMIN GODGH 5
GEORGE HUGHES... .. 2	JAMES GEORGE 6
ALFRED ROWLEY... .. 3	WILLIAM FISHER... .. 7
JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. 4	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Rev. W. T. De Vine, for many years Vicar of the parish, and also to the late Mrs. J. T. Homer, wife of the Rev. J. T. Homer (curate). Rung after meeting short for Kent Treble Bob.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
 (LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT RILEY Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
WILLIAM E. JUDD 2	JAMES BULLOCK 6
HARRY FRANKS 3	ALBERT TURNER 7
*LEWIS W. GOODWIN... .. 4	ALFRED JOUCE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT TURNER.

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

CAVERSHAM, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (EX-SERVICE MEMBERS OF THE READING BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

PTE. F. POUNDS Treble	CPL. A. BAILEY 5
V.A.D. NURSE E. GOODSHIP 2	MAJOR C. JENKYN, S.C.F... 6
PTE. L. OSBORNE 3	CPL. A. COLLUM... .. 7
PTE. R. RUNHAM... .. 4	SERGT. R. BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by CPL. A. COLLUM.

First peal peal as conductor.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM IRELAND Treble	*GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ... 5
WILLIAM C. WISKENS 2	JOHN SOUTER 6
CHAS. MILLS 3	CLEMENT J. MORR 7
WILLIAM ROSE 4	ERNEST F. POPPY Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by C. J. MORR.

* First peal in the method.

CHARLBURY, OXON.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandair, Doubles (1,260 changes): L. Conduct (first quarter) 1, H. Shaylor 2, F. Widdows 3, W. Busby 4, J. Keyte (conductor) 5, A. Shaylor 6.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*CLAUDE I. DAVIES Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 5
*HERBERT LUDKIN 2	*ARTHUR LINTOTT 6
*JOHN COOKE 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
JAMES R. GRIFFIN 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.
 * First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, which are the front eight of the twelve.

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

On Thursday, May 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN W. SEAMER Treble	STEPHEN BROMFIELD 5
*FRED OVERTON 2	†FRED METCALPE 6
CHARLES TAYLOR 3	JOHN E. KENNINGTON ... 7
J. BENJAMIN BUDD 4	WILLIAM BOLTON Tenor

Composed by F/SERGT. F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.
 * First peal away from treble. † First peal of Major.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHALLIS WINNEY Treble	EDWARD HARRIS 5
EVERED J. WALSON 2	HORACE BELCHER 6
*PERCY E. CLARK 3	GEORGE SPENCER 7
THOMAS BEADLE 4	JOSEPH MILNER Tenor

Conducted by CHALLIS WINNEY.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas Beadle.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE CLARK Treble	HENRY WOODHOUSE... .. 5
†LEWIS BEARDSMORE 2	FREDERICK CLARK 6
FRANCIS BEARDSMORE 3	GEORGE HALKSWORTH ... 7
REV. A. RHYS JAMES 4	*HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Conducted by G. HALKSWORTH.

First peal of Stedman by all except the conductor. * First peal. † First peal on eight bells. L. Beardsmore was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.
THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM COOK Treble	WILLIAM DOUGLAS 5
BENSON DOUGLAS 2	JOHN ROTHERY 6
GEORGE W. TENNEY 3	JOHN SPEDDING 7
JOHN JOS. SPEDDING 4	WILLIAM T. HOLMES Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by WILLIAM T. HOLMES.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal on the bells. Rung at the first attempt by the above band. First peal by the conductor for the Association. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Douglas for their hospitality in entertaining the ringers to tea on the completion of the peal, also Mr. J. D. Baxter, one of the pioneers of change ringing in this county and for many years Hon. Sec. for the Association, who was waiting outside to congratulate the band, and the conductor, who hails from Cockermouth, and who cycled 34 miles to call the peal.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Brooks'.		Tenor 37 cwt.	
*WILLIAM G. NIPPER... .. Treble	ALFRED E. REEVES 5	ALFRED E. REEVES 5	WALTER FARLEY... .. 6
ALBERT STOWELL 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN Tenor
SIDNEY M. ABRAHAM 3			
PERCIVAL W. CAVE 4			

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters. * First peal of Stedman and first attempt. First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*TOM STANCLIFFE Treble	*FRED RIGBY 5
ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 6
EMMANUEL DUTESON 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
FRED CHAMBERS 4	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. F. Rigby hails from Chorley, the rest belong to the Blackburn Branch. This peal was rung as a token of esteem to Mr. Tom Redman, of Burnley, former vice-president of the Lancashire Association, on his retirement from the Exercise through ill-health.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.	
*SIDNEY JARRETT Treble	CHARLES NORRIS... .. 5
RICKS PAINE 2	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN 6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 3	CHARLES WINSER 7
CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 4	WILLIAM HAIGH Tenor

Composed by FRED A. HOLDEN. Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells since augmented to eight by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich.

CITY OF LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.) (SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN-IN-THE-EAST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

*WILSON RUSHTON Treble	GEORGE A. CARD... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	ISAAC J. ATTWATER 6
JEFFREY R. GAMMON 3	HARRY MANCE 7
ROBERT G. CHAPPELE 4	WILLIAM H. PICKETT... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal away from tenor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MALINS LEE, SHOPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

JACK HARLEY Treble	FRANK MOLE 4
EDWARD WOODVINE 2	ALBERT WOODVINE 5
*ERNEST ATTWOOD 3	*RICHARD PLANT... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WOODVINE.

First peal as conductor. * First peal.

BATHEASTON.—At St. Saviour's Church, for morning service, on May 1st, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples was rung in 42 mins.: J. Taylor 1, H. E. Holder 2, J. W. Bell 3, T. Grant 4, G. Janes 5, H. D. Taylor 6, C. W. Bell (conductor) 7, H. Mills 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.	
HERBERT E. DAY Treble	ERNEST W. DAY 4
*ERNEST J. NEWELL 2	GEORGE T. CROFT 5
*LEONARD FIDLER 3	WILLIAM J. CROFT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. CROFT.

* First peal on six away from the treble. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Arthur Croft, a local ringer and brother of the conductor, who was killed in action on April 25th, 1917.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 3 six-scores of Stedman, 4 of Canterbury Pleasure, 4 of Old Doubles, 4 of Plain Bob, 17 of Extreme and 10 of Grandsire, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK J. BOWLEY, SEN. Treble	CHARLES ALLSOPP 4
ARTHUR CATTELL 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
FRED COTTON 3	HARRY PEACH Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal in 6 methods of Doubles on the bells and by all the band.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

GILBERT DANDO Treble	EDMUND KING 4
JOSEPH T. DYKE 2	THOMAS GRIFFIN 5
STANLEY CARTER... .. 3	*GEORGE DANDO... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung after meeting short for Minor.

TEYNHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 of College Single, and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Oxford Single Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*EDWARD W. TUMBER ... Treble	EDWIN J. HARTOP 4
WILLIAM LAKER 2	CHARLES TUMBER 5
WILLIAM WOOD... .. 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

* First peal. Rung on the 23rd wedding anniversary of C. Tumber and as a birthday peal to the conductor W. Wood and E. Hartop hail from Queenborough, Isle of Sheppey, and the rest are members of the local company.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WALTER MARSHALL ... Treble	ALBERT RELFE 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
ANDREW MARSHALL 3	JAMES WAGHORN Tenor

Each ringer called 720, starting from the treble, and each called one part of the 720 of Plain Bob in the same order.

GRIMSBY.—On Sunday, May 1st, for morning service, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal Stedman Triples: F. Overton 1, J. W. Seamer 2, A. W. Long 3, S. Bromfield 4, J. B. Budd 5, F. Metcalf 6, R. S. Long (conductor) 7, W. E. Wiffen 8. First quarter, as conductor in any method.

FOY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*THOMAS W. ROWLEY ... Treble	*ALFRED T. POULTON... .. 4
JOHN BEVAN 2	JOHN CLARK 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Minor.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

CHRIS. BOWERS Treble	DAVID HORNE 4
WILLIAM RANFORD 2	E. WILLIAM TURNER 5
CHARLES LAYTON 3	GEORGE JORDON Tenor

Conducted by E. W. TURNER.

BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 4 six-scores of Plain Bob, 8 of Extreme and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

*CHARLES CATTELL Treble	ARTHUR CATTELL 3
WILLIAM H. CLARKE 2	FRED J. BOWLEY, SEN. 4
ERNEST MORRIS Tenor	

The first 32 six-scores were called by ERNEST MORRIS and the last 10 by WILLIAM H. CLARKE.

* First peal. First peal on these bells.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

This peal was rung especially in honour of Ascension Day.

FARMBOROUGH, BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

*WILLIAM ROSEWELL... .. Treble	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN... .. 4
*GERALD F. GRIFFIN 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE... .. 5
STANLEY CARTER 3	*FRANK F. FLOWER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells. The ringer of the 2nd is only 13 years of age.

YEALMPTON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Plain Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. COOK Treble	WARREN S. HORNEROOK ... 4
WALTER H. MARSH 2	FRANK W. HOCRADAY... .. 5
WILLIAM J. RUNDLE 3	REV. E. S. POWELL Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

First peal on the bells.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores called in ten different ways. Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST WILKSHIRE Treble	CHARLES CAMM 4
ERNEST GIBBS 2	CHARLES ALLEN... .. 5
JOHN BAYLIS... .. 3	*ARTHUR SLATER... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. A. Pitt, aged 80, who had been a ringer at the above Church from the age of 18 until recently.

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

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Sandiacre, Hull, Bourne, Cunecastre, Annable's London, Netherseale and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt

FRED PARR Treble	GEORGE BERNHAM 4
HARRY GREAVES 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON 5
T. A. HOWSE-SMITH 3	CHARLES SEVERN... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES SEVERN.

The methods Hull and Bourne were rung at the first attempt without any previous practice, not a blow having been struck in either of the methods till the peal attempt.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MORRIS of Leicester. Conducted by the performer, Umpire: WALTER SPARROW, Stowmarket.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT STATION BUILDINGS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, viz.: seven each of April Day, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Original, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

PERCY LANE... .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4
REGINALD HARRISON 5-6	

Conducted by D. T. MATKIN.

First peal in six methods by all and rung at first attempt. First in six methods in the county and for the Guild 'in hand.'

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Fourteen and a half Mins.
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5048 CHANGES;

CAM VARIATION.

W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 1-2	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.)... 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHBY (Trin.) 3-4	*H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in this variation, which is the same as the Granta variation, except that Kent places are made in 3-4 instead of a dodge, when the treble is in the slow.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, May 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHBY (Trin.) 1—2 | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 5—6
REV. E. BANKS JAMES (Caius) 3—4 | *REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 7—8

Composed and Conducted by the REV. E. B. JAMES.

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

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by
ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MORRIS of Leicester.
Witness: WALTER SPARROW, Stowmarket.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by
ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MORRIS of Leicester.
Umpire: WALTER SPARROW, Stowmarket.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, May 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT 32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART

EDWIN H. LEWIS... 1—2 | CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 5—6
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 3—4 | HERBERT LANGDON ... 7—8

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpire: HENRY G. MILES.

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

On Thursday, May 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS RUSSAM ... 1—2 | *J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 7—8
ALBERT WALKER ... 3—4 | *GEORGE F. SWANN ... 9—10
*PERCY O. LAFLIN ... 5—6 | *ALBERT E. NORMAN ... 11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referee: MORRIS J. MORRIS.

* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus on handbells by all the band, by the Guild and in the city of Birmingham.

ARMLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in One Hour and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT 10, MITFORD ROAD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1—2 | GERALD MOORHOUSE ... 5—6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 3—4 | MISS OLIVE L. LUMLEY ... 7—8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (2616 Y.A.R.).

Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.

First peal in the method as conductor.

DEATH OF MR. WALTER WISE.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Walter S. Wise, at Croydon, on Thursday, May 5th, after a lingering illness.

It will be remembered that an appeal was made in our last two issues for assistance for Mr. Wise, on account of the straitened circumstances in which his long illness had placed him. Any assistance which the Exercise can give to the widow, who is sadly in need of it, will be welcomed by Mr. Arthur Mason, 99, Northcote Road, West Croydon.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Eleventh Council (29th annual meeting) will be held in the Upper House of Convocation, at the Church House, Westminster, on Whitsun Tuesday, 17th May, 1921, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30, 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.

The entrance will be from Dean's Yard only.

AGENDA, 1921.

1. Election of President, of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and of Hon. Librarian.
2. Minutes of the last Meeting.
3. Apologies for Absence.
4. Statement of Accounts and of Sale of Publications.
5. Election of Honorary Members.
6. Introduction of new Members to the President.
7. Election of Standing Committee.
8. 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.) Literature and Press.
 - (c.) Legitimate Methods.
 - (d.) Peals' Analysis.
 - (e.) Towers and Belfries.
 - (f.) Bells of Belgium.
 - (g.) Records.
9. That the Analysis Committee be asked to arrange, if possible, that each peal be credited to the Association in whose territory it is rung.
10. That in every Diocese there should be a recognised authority to give advice on matters concerning Church Bells, and that it is hoped that each Guild and Association will take steps to provide such authority.
11. To call attention to the need for a Ringing Defence Committee and to move a resolution.
12. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
13. Other business, if any.

Deane Rectory,

Overton, Hants.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Hon. Secretary.

RECORDS COMMITTEE: REPORT, 1921.

The resolution of the Council authorising the work of this Committee is as follows:—

'That the Central Council compile and keep up to date an official list of the first Peal and longest Peal in each Method, and on each number of bells.'

Your committee have noted the suggestion that 'progressive lengths' should be included in the list, and also the approval of the suggestion by the author of the resolution, and have accordingly ventured so far to extend the terms of reference.

Very early in our efforts we were faced with the difficulty of insufficiency of sources of information. Many such are only to be found in the British Museum, and were out of reach. Similarly so were the private records of the Ringing Societies and Associations. We hoped for an adequate response to the appeal for claims to first performances made in 'The Ringing World' last June, but were disappointed. Our joint possessions of the old books afforded us only limited assistance. We felt it to be necessary to search through the files of 'Church Bells' and 'Campanology,' but were quite at a loss to know where to find either, nor had either of us a complete set of the 'Bell News.' Under such circumstances we felt it would be advisable to confine the field of search to modern times. Two facts contributed in leading us to this decision; first, a reference made by the author of the resolution to the satisfactory character of the similar work of the late Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon in connection with the Standard Methods; and, second, an expression of his opinion that 'the main thing now is to catch the newer records before they are lost, and hunt up the older ones later.'

We have accordingly made the time reached in Mr. Snowdon's records our general starting-point. Even though limited, the inquiry has proved to be such as to make it impossible in the time available to collect and include all the details required. We have not been able, e.g., to deal with the handbell performances as thoroughly as we wished—the information now submitted pertains principally to greater lengths. We have not ventured even to touch Minor and Doubles peals. Perhaps it is better we have not. For we have felt the difficulty of deciding how to deal with them; or whether it is possible to deal with them at all.

Generally speaking, it may be understood that each performance in the list carries the claim to be the 'first' or 'greatest.' Respecting

some, the claim is qualified by such expressions as 'supposed to be,' or 'believed to be,' or 'on record.'

We have considered it to be outside our province to settle—even if it were possible—conflicting claims to 'first' performances. In cases where such conflict exists we have included both performances.

Difficulties connected with nomenclature have presented themselves. We have concluded that Double Oxford Hob and Double Oxford Court Bob are identical.

For the present we submit the results of our efforts in tabular form. But when the list is brought up-to-date each method on each number of bells will require a separate page. Each record performance in the method could be entered as in the present list. We think it advisable that a plain lead of the method should also be included, and the suggestion has also passed between us that the composition of each peal should be entered as well. Whether the inclusion of these details comes within the Council's view of the 'official list' we are uncertain. An expression of opinion would be helpful.

Our work represents a careful search through between 30 and 40 volumes of 'Bell News,' and several of 'The Ringing World.' Obviously it is too much even to hope that what we now submit is correct in all respects. Yet to be of real value it should be. We suggest, therefore, the advisability of publishing the list with an invitation to the Exercise to examine it and point out the errors.

We venture to bespeak the co-operation of the Exercise in the continuance of the work. Your committee would find it of great advantage to be in possession of the Council's authority to appeal in its name to each Association to authorise its secretary to furnish information respecting its claims to first and greatest performances. For the work of your committee, and most likely for other purposes, the addition of a complete set, as far as possible, of the annual reports of all Associations and Guilds, to the Council's library, would be of great value and assistance. We also ask the Council to consider the advisability of including in the committee someone residing within easy reach of the British Museum, to undertake that part of the work which can only be done there.

We conclude our report with a grateful acknowledgment of the kindness of those gentlemen who responded to the appeal for information made last June, and of those who by gift and loan of volumes of 'Bell News,' alone made it possible for us to obtain the greater portion of the particulars we now submit.

A. T. BEESTON, Convenor, New Mills, Stockport.

H. LAW JAMES, Surfleet, Spalding.

T. HERVEY BEAMS, Bradpole, Bridport.

ST. CLEMENT DANES VESTRY FOR USE OF MEMBERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Apparently delegates to the Central Council who may be in London on Monday, will be left to their own devices. I shall be pleased, therefore, to allow them to use the choir vestry of St. Clement Danes, Strand, as a place of call or rest. An attendant will be on duty from 12 to 6, and messages may be left with him if desired.—Yours truly,

W. PENNINGTON BICKFORD.

P.S.—There will be ringing on Whit-Sunday morning for service, and visitors will be welcomed.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS.

Visitors to London will be welcome on Tuesday evening at the College Youths' customary practice at St. Paul's Cathedral at 8 p.m., and afterwards at the meeting at 'The Coffee Pot.'

Westminster Abbey bells, through the efforts of the London County Association, will be open from 5 to 6 p.m., and there will be ringing at St. Clement Danes after the unveiling ceremony.

THE FREEMASONS' PEAL

TABLET TO BE UNVEILED.

The first peal by Freemasons, which was rung at St. Clement Danes, Strand, by ten members of the Craft, who were also College Youths, on December 4th, 1919, to celebrate the conclusion of the war, is to be fittingly recorded in the church by a marble tablet. The unveiling ceremony is to take place at 6 p.m. next Tuesday (after the Central Council meeting), and will be performed by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, of Birmingham, who holds the highest rank in Freemasonry which it is possible to attain to in England. The Bishop of Willesden, himself a very prominent Freemason, will give a short address, and it is expected that there will be a large number of ringers and Freemasons present. Tickets may be had on application to the Rector (the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford), The Anchorage, St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C. 2, or to Mr. G. R. Fardon, 143, Percy Road, Shepherd's Bush, W.

Mr. Fardon, who was the composer and conductor of the peal, has already been presented with a very beautiful testimonial by the members of the Warrant Officers' Lodge, to which he belongs, in recognition of his efforts in connection with this unique peal.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The prolonged strike, with the restrictions of travelling facilities, is causing the postponement of association meetings. As announced last week, the Winchester Guild annual meeting, and the Norwich and Ipswich meeting at Lowestoft are postponed, and to these have now to be added the Essex Association annual meeting, which had been fixed for Walthamstow next Monday; and the Whit-Monday meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association, which was to have been held at Darlington.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths will hold their summer meeting at Waltham Abbey on the 9th July.

We hear that Mr. John Carter has returned to Douglas, Isle of Man, for the summer.

Mr. R. J. Wilkins, of Bristol, does not, we regret to learn, make the satisfactory progress towards recovery that his friends would wish.

Anything which adds to variety is to be welcomed. At Lamberhurst, last Tuesday week, a peal of Minor in seven different methods was rung. Each of the ringers called a 720, and then, in order to equalise the honours, each called one-sixth part of the final 720 of Plain Bob.

Last Wednesday was the anniversary of the record length of 14,111 London Surprise Major rung at King's Norton in 1903.

On May 15th, 1837, which was Whitsun Monday, the St. James Society rang 12,036 Grandsire Caters at All Saints', Fulham, in 7 hrs. 50 mins., and the peal was recorded on a tablet in the belfry as 'the greatest amount of changes ever performed by ten men only.' And this was after ringing over 9,000 changes on a previous date. Unfortunately for the record breakers, they were not aware that 20 years before the Painswick Youths had rung 12,312 Titium Grandsire Caters single-handed.

Next Thursday will be the anniversary of the 11,080 Kent Treble Bob Royal, rung in 8 hrs. 2 mins., at Shoreditch, by the College Youths in the far-off days of 1777.

Considerable progress in change ringing, says the Hon. Secretary of the Salisbury Guild in his annual report, has been made during the year, especially at Devizes and in North and East Dorset, where combined practices were arranged, chiefly in six-bell towers during the summer. Good ringing was obtained in the standard Minor methods, and local ringers were in most cases piloted through their first course of Grandsire.

Next Wednesday, May 18th, is the anniversary of the peal of 16,608 Kent Treble Bob Major, rung at Mottram-in-Loudendale, Cheshire, in 1883. It was conducted by Samuel Wood, who only on Saturday last rang a peal at Manchester Town Hall, where the tenor is 52 cwt. The Mottram peal still remains the record length in the method.

Members of the Ladies' Guild are asked to note that Saturday, July 2nd, 1921, has been fixed for their annual meeting at Erdington, Birmingham, when a good attendance is requested.

The new 7th and tenor bells at Bishopstoke, Hants, will be dedicated to-morrow (Saturday) by the Bishop of Southampton. The tenor is 9½ cwt, in F sharp.

Mr. Tom Salter, of Kidderminster, who fractured a rib, has, we are glad to say, now recovered from the accident.

The Salisbury Diocese has just one hundred towers affiliated to it, and it is interesting to note that the condition of the bells, given in the annual report, is either 'good' or 'excellent' in no fewer than 82 cases.

Mr. Robt. Holloway, of Acton belfry, performed upon the tubular bells in Robert Planquett's opera, 'Les Cloches de Corneville,' at Ealing, April 30th.

AN ANCIENT RINGING BOOK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—I have twice come across a small very old book which contains a pretty full description of ringing, giving several methods pricked out and much quaint instruction on the art. It contains also treatises on fowling, shooting (archery), fishing, bowling and billiards, and other recreations. The copy I saw last week had about one-third missing at the beginning, including the title-page, out of 202 pages.

Can anyone tell me the title and date of this book? I fancy it is called 'Recreations,' and must be of the 17th century. It mentions the College Youths in the article on ringing, which is about 40 pages, evidently written by an expert.—Yours, etc.,

JAMES F. HASTINGS.

Martley Rectory, Worcester.

WHICH IS THE OLDEST BELL?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—I have been asked which is the oldest bell in Great Britain? The bell of the Town Hall, Llantwit Major, Glamorganshire, is believed to have been cast in the year A.D. 40, as a memorial to a Roman soldier whose name is engraved thereon. Can you tell me if this is correct?—Yours,

HENRY S. ELIAS.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**HENRY JOHNSON'S TOMBSTONE TO BE RENOVATED.**

The first quarterly meeting for the year of the St. Martin's Guild of the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Aston on Saturday, April 30th, and, as is usual when meetings are held at this favourite tower, was well attended. The 15th century tower of Aston Church has been a happy hunting-ground for ringers for considerably more than a hundred years, as its ancient records tell, and several old St. Martin's 'Youths' lie at rest in the beautiful old churchyard, including the immortal Henry Johnson. Thomas Reynolds and James Jones are also buried here, the latter having passed away only a few months ago, while the former, who at the time of his death had rung more peals of Stedman Cinques than any other man, was rung to his last sleep in 1912. One feels it is always a duty, when at Aston, to visit the graves of these 'Youths,' and to spare a moment from the bustle of the present to survey the past and what has been. And it is not always a sad duty, for someone is almost certain to recall an anecdote or two which, instead of tending to tears, lead on to laughter, and we have a feeling that our old friends would rather have it that way if they knew—which, perhaps, they do. On Saturday, then, it was agreed that the lettering on Henry Johnson's tombstone ought to be re-gilt or blacked in, as may be advised by an expert, and it was decided that it should be done. The inscription, which is deeply incised, reads as follows:—

This Stone is erected by the Ringers of England
in grateful memory of
HENRY JOHNSON,

To whose ability and perseverance the Art of
Change Ringing is widely indebted.

Born at Lichfield, Feb. 28th, 1809, died at Aston, Jan. 7th, 1890.

'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do
Do it with thy might.'

The stone itself is in an excellent state of preservation, quite as good as when it was erected, but the atmosphere of Aston has seriously affected the gilding of the letters, which is not to be wondered at. It would affect anything. It reeks of the smell of all sorts of things that are manufactured, and some that are fried—with chips. Of the manufactured things, beer is perhaps the predominant note, Aston being a sort of imitation Burton-on-Trent, having almost as many breweries, but, thank goodness, not nearly so many level crossings!

One of the said breweries is right next to the Vicarage garden, and the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Cole, remarked that if anyone present did not happen to be a teetotaler he had only to take a walk round his garden, when he would, by taking long sniffs, be able to fill himself without going to a 'house,' and that it would be cheaper, too. It was said that several members went for a stroll in the pleasure, but found it rather 'mild.' The writer of these notes reminded Canon Cole that this condition of things was quite in accordance with tradition, as there were several men in the room who remembered when the two churchwardens were brewer and maltster respectively.

Tea was provided in the Vicarage Rooms (not in the garden), the wardens, Messrs. Phillips and Poole very generously defraying the cost.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. Alderman Pritchett proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of his bells, room and garden, to the wardens for so kindly providing tea, and to the ladies for waiting at table.

In reply, Canon Cole said how pleased he was to welcome the St. Martin's Guild to his tower. He appreciated very much the work that his ringers did Sunday by Sunday, and he wished them to know that though they were out of sight, they were recognised as doing a good Christian work. He hoped the Guild would make their visit an annual one.

Mr. Churchwarden Phillips replied for himself and his co-warden, who was unfortunately prevented by illness from being present. He said nothing gave him more pleasure than to listen to the bells, and he was quite sure that the majority of people liked them. Bells had the faculty of taking one back in thought to things long since gone by, and he was certain ringing must be a very fascinating and, in his opinion, a noble hobby. He seconded the Vicar's wish that this might be made an annual event. He would like to become an honorary member of the Guild, and he would answer for his co-warden also (cheers).

Mr. Godden having intimated his desire not to be re-elected as representative on the Central Council, the Chairman proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to him for his long and most useful services to the Guild, formerly as secretary and lately as Central Council representative. This was carried with acclamation, and Mr. A. Paddon Smith was elected to the vacant office.

After the meeting members went their various ways, some to the tower, where many methods were touched upon, others to the hercynian-forementioned garden to take the air, others elsewhere, where tales of olden deeds were told and retold. As for the writer, he was engaged in trying to picture the surroundings of Aston Church and Aston Hall as they looked only a little over a century ago, and found it a mighty difficult proposition. In April, 1818, the Hall and 1,539 acres of the estate, together with a herd of 150 fine deer, were dis-

posed of, so says the chronicler. And the acres and the deer have been replaced by teeming humanity with all its sniffs, smells, strikes, lock-outs, motor chaps-a-bances, smoking chimneys, and all the other 'advantages' of civilisation.

But the grand old church and the stately Elizabethan Hall still remain to remind us of the days of Aston's departed glory, when royalty, in the person of King Charles I., could be entertained there, and the ringers of those far-off days doubtless gave him a right royal welcome, albeit they would not be members of the St. Martin's Guild.
A. P. S.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DORCHESTER BRANCH AT WYKE REGIS.**

A successful quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held on Saturday, April 30th, at Wyke Regis, when the following towers were represented: Buckhorn Weston, Charminster (including two lady ringers), Dorchester, Fordington, Swanage, Upwey, West Lulworth, Wool, and Wyke Regis. Good practice was made in Grandsire Triples during the afternoon, and the special Guild form of service was held in the church, at which the Rector, the Rev. E. de B. Thurston, assisted by the Rev. D'Arcy Collins, officiated. The Rector gave an admirable address on the words, 'Whatever thy hand findeth to do do it with all thy might,' and dwelt on the use of the bells in Divine service. The service was attended by the full choir, and Mr. A. B. Russ (organist) presided at the organ. Tea was served in the Memorial Hall, and 55 ringers and friends sat down. Excellent arrangements had been made by the Women's Union.

The business meeting followed, and in the absence of the chairman of the district (Mr. R. N. Dawes), Major Hughes D'Aeth (Master of the Guild) presided. He was supported by the Revs. E. de B. Thurston, D. A. Collins and — Phillips (Charminster), Miss Barclay, Miss Thurston and Mr. W. P. Rose (churchwarden). Several apologies for non-attendance were read, including one from Mr. Martin Stewart (late Master of the Guild), who had met with an accident the previous day by falling off a ladder and through a window.

Messrs. E. T. Griffin and R. G. Maunder, of Yeovil, were elected life members of the Guild, and seven ringing members were also elected. For the next meeting Puddletown and Upwey were the competitors, the former being chosen, after the chairman had given his casting vote.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for conducting the service, for the use of the bells, and to the local band for their hospitality; also to the churchwarden for the use of the hall, to the organist and choir, and the Women's Union.—The Master, in proposing the vote of thanks to the Rector, gave an excellent address, and referred particularly to the ringing of the 'Peace' bell on Fridays at noon, to the memory of those that made the supreme sacrifice in the great war.—The Rector, in reply, heartily welcomed the Guild to his parish, and the captain of the local band (Mr. Alf. Rose) hoped they would all come again shortly.

Mr. Wiffen inquired if it was possible to get Sherborne Abbey band to again join the Guild, and the Master promised to do his best to get them to affiliate.

Further ringing took place in the evening, several members of the six-bell towers making good practice with Grandsire Triples, under the conductorship of Mr. Wiffen.

Wyke Regis is the mother church of Weymouth. It is a fine structure of considerable antiquity. It is Perpendicular in style, the oldest portions, the aisle arcades, being of the 15th century. It is exceedingly well placed, its tower being a prominent object for some distance, especially seawards. Several members ascended to the top to view the fine panorama that is to be seen from there, one member remarking it was worth while coming the 35 miles to witness that alone. To the south was to be noticed Portland Bill, and part of the grand fleet riding at anchor in the harbour, with the late German dry dock, the largest in the world. St. Aldhelm's Head, Weymouth Bay (the Naples of England), West Bay, and the Dorset and Devon cliffs, were also visible, while northwards the Dorset Downs, with Blackdown Hill and Admiral Hardy's Monument, loomed up, and this lovely scenery was greatly enjoyed by the visitors.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the N.-E. Division was held at Mistley on Saturday, April 30th. Service was conducted by the Rector, assisted by the curate. Tea was served at the Church Institute, and was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. W. J. Nevard, District Master, presided, supported by the Rector, and the hon. secretary (Mr. H. T. Pye, Colchester). Mr. Frederick Bowell, of Ipswich, was elected a non-resident life member of the association, and Messrs. A. Honeywood and C. W. Beacroft, of Mistley, ringing members.—The Master made an appeal for the Finchingfield Reliance Fund, and the sum of £21 was subscribed.—Great Bentley was proposed as the place of the next meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, etc., and to the ladies for assisting at tea. Touches on handbells and tunes by Mr. Bowell and his son were afterwards rung. On the tower bells touches of Bob Minor, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent and Cambridge Surprise were brought round by members from Ardleigh, Colchester, Great Horkeley, Great Bentley, Great Bromley, Ipswich, Langham, Tendring, Thorrington, etc.

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PEAL REPORTS.**EXPLANATION OF AN ERROR.**

An elucidation of one of the errors that crept into a peal report last year, and was referred to in the Analysis Committee's report in our issue of April 29th, comes from Mr. H. Hoare, of New Fletton. The committee remark: 'Among other evidently incorrect statements, we find a peal of Minor which is said to consist of "two 520's of St. Clement's, and two 520's of Plain Bob." "I feel sure," says Mr. Hoare, "that this refers to a peal that I conducted at Woodston, Peterborough, on August 30th, 1920, the report of which I sent to "The Ringing World." This was published exactly as I sent it, with one exception, the word "two" was used instead of the figure "2." In my report I said: "A peal of Minor, 5,040 changes, etc., consisting of 2,520 changes of St. Clement's Bob and 2,520 changes of Plain Bob." It appeared as two 520's, etc. I called the rest of the band's attention to its not being published as I sent it, and we were under the impression it was a misprint, and I left it at that. That is where I made a mistake. I might say that was the second peal that I had conducted, and, as we are not old hands, and do not ring peals once a week, I make this apology for a mistake.' Mr. Hoare adds that the peal was a good one, and owing to the very bad gas that we were getting at that time, it was a credit to the band for getting through it successfully.

Thus, once more the printer must take the blame. The thing that we wonder at most is not that mistakes creep in, but that there are not a great many more. In the case of the peal at Woodston the copy was written as Mr. Hoare explains, but there are very many instances when there would be every excuse for error.

We would suggest to correspondents that when writing out reports of peals for publication they should do so with a copy of 'The Ringing World' before them, so that they can see exactly the particulars that should be given, and the form in which they should appear. This would often save the omission of essential details.

WESTBURY BELLS.**A GREAT RESTORATION SCHEME.**

A scheme to make the bells of the Parish Church of All Saints, Westbury, Wilts, one of the finest rings of eight in the country has been adopted by the parishioners. It had been decided to rehang the old six, recasting two of the bells and adding two new trebles. The bells were sent to the Loughborough Foundry, but it was found by Messrs. Taylor and Co. that the bells were so much out of tune that it would be impossible to make a satisfactory job without recasting the whole six, and they submitted two schemes, viz.: (a) To recast the old six bells plus two new trebles to a weight of approximately 125 cwt. Tenor 34 cwt. 'C' Natural; (b) The same with the exception, weight approximately 110 cwt. Tenor 30 cwt. Key 'C' sharp or 'D.'

The firm's original report and estimate did not embody such drastic restoration, but merely suggested that only two of the six bells needed recasting. Fortunately, or unfortunately, or perhaps both, they found that no bell was true or capable of being made of true harmonics in its present condition. A deputation was, therefore, sent to the foundry, consisting of: Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild; Mr. J. W. Washbrook, of Manchester; and Mr. E. H. Arnold, hon. secretary of the Restoration Fund, the object being to go into the matter on the spot, to see if such drastic action as recommended by the firm was absolutely necessary, and, if so, to report as to which of the two schemes that were put forward was the more suitable in all respects. The deputation visited the works on April 6th, and duly submitted their report to a subsequent meeting of the parishioners.

This report stated: After close scrutiny and careful consideration we beg to submit to your committee the following report on Westbury bells: (1) We are satisfied that no satisfactory result could be obtained without recasting the six old bells, and we recommend that all the six be recast and tuned on modern principles; (2) if there be any serious difficulty in raising the sum required for the more costly scheme, the committee need have no hesitation in accepting that for a ring of 8 with tenor 30 cwt. in C, or even D; it would make a fine and very musical peal, and a handy weight for ringing; (3) at the same time such a ring would not occupy any position of pre-eminence in the neighbourhood, whereas a tenor of 34 cwt. in C would possess a grandeur and a depth of tone that would tend to render Westbury bells famous throughout the South-West of England; (4) also there may be a desire at some future date to augment the 8 bells to 10. In that case it would be a great advantage to have the heavier tenor in 'C.' Though this point may appear somewhat remote and problematical, we suggest that the committee will be well advised to take it into consideration.

The parishioners adopted the larger scheme, and Westbury should shortly be the proud possessor of one of the finest peals of eight in the country.

A sum of £300 is still needed to complete the work, and an earnest appeal is made to all ringers for help, so that the bells may be opened free of debt. Mr. E. H. Arnold, of 4, Church Terrace, Westbury, is the hon. secretary.

NORWICH & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**MR. A. J. NAUNTON'S RETIREMENT.**

A meeting of the Southwold District was held at Wrentham, on Saturday, May 7th, members being present from Aldeburgh, Knodishall, Leiston, Stoven, Beccles, Barham, Kessingland, and the local company. Various touches were rung throughout the afternoon and evening, the methods ranging from Bob Minor to Cambridge Surprise; and, on handbells, touches of Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters. The business meeting was held in the Church School Room, the chair being taken by the Rector (the Rev. E. R. Yerburgh, M.A.), supported by Mr. A. J. Naunton (hon. district secretary).—The Chairman said the chief business was to elect a new district secretary, owing to the resignation of Mr. Naunton on account of his advanced age. Mr. Naunton had held the office for 25 years, ever since the formation of the district. The Chairman read a letter from the general secretary of the association, Mr. A. L. Coleman, expressing the great regret of the general committee of the association to hear of his resignation on account of his great age, and also conveying the appreciation and thanks of the association for the services Mr. Naunton has rendered for so many years, with their best wishes for his future welfare and happiness in the eventide of life.—Mr. Naunton, in returning thanks, said although he was resigning from the office of secretary, he was not giving up ringing, and his interest in the association, etc., would still continue.—Mr. Sharman proposed that Mr. F. W. Naunton be elected secretary.—This was seconded by Mr. E. Bailey, and carried unanimously.—Mr. A. J. Lincoln proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Naunton for his services during the last 25 years as district secretary.—This was seconded by Mr. Goate, and carried unanimously.

Mr. John Ford, of Brampton, was elected as a performing member to the association, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting.

A hope was expressed that Mr. Naunton might be spared to see his old peal of bells increased to eight. It is hoped to start a scheme for this purpose in the near future.

Mr. Naunton celebrates his 77th birthday on Saturday, May 14th, when his many ringing friends will wish him many happy returns.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SUBSCRIPTIONS AND COMMITTEE DISCUSSED.**

The monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Radcliffe on April 30th, when 21 ringers were present.—The Vicar (the Rev. J. Bamber) gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, and told some humorous anecdotes about ringers he had met in different parts of the country.

Mr. J. H. Banks, the ringing secretary, referred to the difficulties of carrying on the association at the present rate of subscription, and also suggested that a committee of about nine members was large enough to do the work of the association.—After discussion, it was decided to leave the matter over for future meetings.

Christ Church, Barlow Moor, was selected for the next meeting, on Saturday, May 28th.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar for presiding and allowing the use of the bells, also to the local ringers for having everything in readiness, closed the meeting. Ringing was indulged in in the standard methods during the afternoon and evening.

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A meeting of this society was held at Hatfield on Saturday, April 30th. In spite of restricted train services there was a good attendance of members, upwards of 50 being present, representing 12 towers. The bells, a peal of eight, with a 20 cwt. tenor, were kept going all the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Treble Bob being rung in good style. Tea was served in the Schoolroom, and was presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. F. M. Brookes). At the business meeting which followed, a resolution was carried, that in future notices of meetings shall be published in 'The Ringing World' only, and the hope was expressed that all members would support the ringers' paper by each buying a copy every week.—The Vicar of Arksey (the Rev. A. Rhys-James) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Hatfield for the use of the bells, and also to the local band and ladies for making arrangements for the meeting and providing such an excellent tea.—Before ringing was resumed a short service was held in church, at which the Vicar of Hatfield gave an interesting and instructive address.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A special meeting of the Northampton District was held at Hardingstone on Saturday week, when 35 members attended from Northampton, Weston Favell, Kingsthorpe, Cogenhoe, Collingtree, Wootton, Ecton, and the local ringers, together with the vice-president (the Rev. J. P. Friend, Rector of Collingtree), the Rev. Canon Dodson (Rector of Wootton), Rev. Arthur Kitchin (Vicar of Hardingstone), Mr. Fred Hopper, Mr. Fred Wilford, and Mr. Tom Law. Touches in several methods, including Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, were rung during the afternoon. Evensong was conducted by the Rev. A. Kitchin, who gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Hardingstone, and a collection for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to 7s. 7½d.—The next meeting will be held at Old Duston early in June.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, 1,299 Stedman Caters, in 50 mins.: W. H. Hollier 1, H. Belcher 2, W. H. Wood 3, A. Outmore 4, W. Judd 5, G. C. Iles 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8, J. W. Driver 9, P. E. Clark 10. Composition by A. Walker, from 'The Ringing World,' April 29th.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, May 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Belcher 1, G. Spencer 2, P. E. Clark 3, C. J. Tricker 4, A. Beckensale 4, H. W. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, W. H. Hollier 7, A. Lewin (first quarter-peal) 8.

LONDON.—London County Association. — On Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, at St. John the Divine, Kennington, S.E., 924 Stedman Triples: T. W. Taffender (longest touch in any method) 1, G. W. Wild 2, J. E. Gammon 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, E. J. King 5, R. G. Chappelle 6, W. H. Pickett 7, W. Rushton 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, May 8th, at the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins.: H. L. White 1, W. Ayles 2, Miss L. Kemp 3, F. W. Burnett 4, H. L. W. Aitken (first quarter-peal as conductor and first attempt) 5, A. Rose 6, W. Tate 7, E. O. Edney 8.

SURFLEET.—On Sunday, May 8th, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal, in 50 mins.: G. Ladd 1, J. W. Wood 2, A. J. Farr 3, J. T. Brown 4, J. Curry 5, J. G. Ames 6, E. Flowers 7, S. G. Flowers 8, W. Hollingworth 9, R. Richardson (conductor) 10. Rung for the dedication of the war memorial.

SHEFFIELD.—On Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: F. Willey 1, W. Hammond 2, J. W. Smithson 3, E. Shackleton 4, T. Chown 5, W. Stubley 6, W. Chown (first quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor) 7, F. Rippon 8.

NORWICH.—At St. Peter Mancroft, on Sunday, May 8th, for morning service, 414 Stedman Caters: G. Claxton 1, G. Sparks 2, Miss F. Bill 3, Miss H. Bill 4, J. Snelling 5, H. Borrett 6, J. E. Burton 7, G. Burton 8, G. H. Cross (conductor) 9, F. W. Curtis 10. For evening service, 537 Stedman Caters: J. Snelling 1, C. E. Borrett 2, G. Sparks 3, F. J. Howchin 4, G. Mayers 5, D. T. Potter 6, F. H. Knights 7, G. P. Burton 8, G. H. Cross (conductor) 9, F. W. Curtis 10.

BELTON, RUTLAND.—On Sunday, May 1st, on the occasion of the unveiling of a war memorial cross, erected on the village green adjoining the church, a quarter-peal of Minor was rung with bells half-muffled before the ceremony, consisting of 360 Single Court, 180 Plain Bob, and 720 Oxford Bob. For evening service, 720 spliced Plain Bob

and Oxford Bob. Both touches were conducted by Corpl. H. J. Churchill, who lost his right arm on the Somme in July, 1916. The latter was the 209th 720 on the bells, and the 100th rung by the conductor. The ringers were: C. Jelley 1, H. J. Churchill (conductor) 2, I. Grocok 3, A. Buzzard 4, F. Burdley 5, J. J. Jackson 6, with H. Kendall in place of F. Bindley for the 200th 720.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Sunday, May 1st, for evening service, at the Church of St. Alphego with All Saints, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 22 mins.: P. Paine 1, H. Fairbrass 2, C. W. Brett 3, F. G. Brett (conductor) 4, F. Jenkins 5, B. Buesden 6.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—For evening service, on Sunday, May 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): M. Cooper 1, Miss M. Parnaby 2, Miss A. K. Wilkinson 3, Miss D. Bulman 4, A. Coates 5, J. W. Wilkinson 6, Miss B. Wellburn 7, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 8. *First quarter-peal. Previous to the above, on handbells, 650 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Parnaby 1-2, Miss D. Bulman 3-4, A. Coates 5-6, Miss B. Wellburn 7-8. Rapid progress has been attained lately by the seven lady ringers of this tower, who are deeply indebted to Mr. A. Coates, of Whitty, for his kind and frequent assistance, and recently they rang a touch of 350 Grandsire Triples.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Sunday, May 1st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 30 mins., with tenor covering (18 bobs, 2 singles): A. Savage 1, Rev. J. F. Ames (first 720) 2, G. Hollis (conductor) 3, W. Palmer 4, A. Knights 5, G. Thompson 6, F. E. Smith 7.

HIGHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, May 1st, with the bells half-muffled, for the memorial service for the late Vicar of Higham (the Rev. Allen, M.A.), who was buried the day previous, 720 Plain Bob: F. A. Mitchell 1, F. Hayes 2, G. Ambrose 3, H. Argent 4, J. Avis 5, G. Morrad (conductor) 6. The ringers came from Milton-next-Gravesend.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, May 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: W. Atterbury 1, J. Dove (first in the method) 2, W. H. Auslin 3, J. C. Dean 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. Farey (conductor) 7, J. Wilkin 8.

GUILDFORD.—At St. Nicolas' Church, for evensong, on Rogation Sunday, May 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (Grove's variation): C. Dearlove 1, G. Nichols 2, E. A. Etheridge 3, E. Radjon 4, W. Melville 5, S. Radford 6, G. Tomsett (conductor) 7, G. Pettit 8.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, May 1st, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, 576 London Surprise Major: J. Woodberry 1, G. Davies 2, T. J. Salter 3, K. Salter 4, J. Smith 5, E. J. Brooks 6, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 7, J. E. Sykes 8.

THE VOICE OF THE LEADER.

'I am the Good Shepherd,' St. John x. 11.

The relation of God to His children is portrayed in that of the shepherd to his sheep. Communities of mankind are thus described without any disparagement to the individuals of which each community is composed. Communities are in dire need of leadership, and the idea of leadership runs through the parable of the Good Shepherd. The parable is a type of the world. So long as there is harmony everything works smoothly; but this cannot be if either leadership or followers are at fault. To-day the difficulties through which the industrial world is passing, and the apparent confusion which has resulted from them, has been accentuated by the defects in the qualities of the leaders: different voices have spoken to different groups, and misunderstandings have arisen in consequence—and the groups have lost touch. The two qualities of good leadership are honesty of purpose and fidelity to the end, and this is where the message of the bells comes in. They speak not only to individuals, but to the whole community gathered up in a corporate life. In them we seem to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, the one great and true leader of men who lived and died for men and never led men astray. He spoke in the Sermon on the Mount, in His death upon the Cross, and in His resurrection, not only to individual men, but to all men gathered together in a corporate brotherhood. Have we given Christ the same obedience as other leaders? Are our leaders guided by His principles? Have they the interests of their followers at heart? Are they ready if need be to die for them? Eternal love is the key. Until we learn to love one another, we shall never learn to live with one another in peace. The bells, to those who can hear the message, are the voice of Him who was the leader of men. What kind of followers are we? How far do we strive to follow His example? Are our hearts with Him? Is our purpose honest? If not, our service is merely a cold and formal; we do not hear the Shepherd's voice, we are not the true followers He would have us be.

THE REV. A. TAYLOR, St. Bride's,
(Preaching at the meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.)

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1280 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.	1280 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.	521 STEDMAN CINQUES.	377 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.
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J. George.			John Carter.

NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of the 'RINGING WORLD,' to which all communications should be sent, is 63, COMMERICAL ROAD, WOKING.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—POSTPONEMENT OF ANNUAL MEETING.—In view of the drastic reductions in main line and suburban railway services, it has been decided to postpone the Annual Meeting at Walthamstow, on Whit-Monday, May 16.—H. T. W. Eyre, The Temples, Witham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting of the above branches will be held at Christ Church, Aughton, near Ormskirk, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. Business important.—W. Hughes and J. Halsall, Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Moorside on Saturday, May 14th, instead of Heywood, as arranged at last meeting. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Rochester Cathedral. The new Ring of Ten will be dedicated by the Very Rev. the Dean of Rochester on Whit Saturday, May 14th, at 3.30. H.E. the American Ambassador and the Lord Bishop of Rochester will be present.—A. Osborne, Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Mangotsfield bells.—Opening Ceremony by the Rev. Bishop Clifford, Saturday, 14th May, 1921, at 3.30 p.m. The Vicar extends a hearty invitation to all ringers. Meat tea in Schoolroom at 1/6 per head.—P. C. Williams, E. Guise, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A meeting of the above district will be held at Darley Dale, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. All ringers invited.—A. Braines, Hon. Dis. Sec., 140, Parker St., Derby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Drayton, Berks, on Saturday, May 14th. Service at 3 p.m. Business meeting 3.30. Tea 4.30. Towers at Drayton, Milton, Steventon, Sutton and Abingdon available. Will all requiring tea notify H. R. Cooper, Milton, Steventon, Berks?

WESTHAM, PEVENSEY.—The recast ring of six—tenor 10 cwt., by Gillett & Johnston—will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Hastings to-morrow, Saturday, May 14th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m., to which all ringers will be welcome. Ringing before and after tea.—C. F. Lucas, The Vicarage, Westham, Pevensy.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Ripon on Whit-Monday, May 16th. The bells at the Cathedral (10) tenor 20 cwt., Sharrow (8) tenor 13 cwt., are available for ringing. Committee meeting will be held at the Black Bull Hotel, Ripon, at 11 a.m.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesborough.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 16th. Committee meeting at 11.15 a.m. in Upper Vestry (All Saints' Church). Service at All Saints' Church at 12 noon. Luncheon at the Peacock Hotel at 1 p.m. Business after luncheon. Bells available: St. Giles (10), St. Peter's (8), St. Edmund's

(8), St. Sepulchre's (8).—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Peterborough, on Whit-Monday. Char-a-banc will leave Roman Catholic Church, Cambridge, at 10 a.m. sharp. Fare 8/- return. Lunch 2/6 at 1.30. Service 4 o'clock, tea 4.30, 1/3, at St. Mary's. Bells of St. John's (8), Woodston (6). St. Mary's (6), open for ringing.—V. Shorter, Hon. Gen. Sec., 3, Pembroke St., Cambridge.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The Annual General meeting will be held at Torquay, on Whit-Monday. Guild service at St. Luke's at 12.15. Dinner and meeting at 1. Towers open: St. Mary's Church, Babbacombe, Paignton, etc.—Rev. E. S. Powell, Holbeton Vicarage, Plymouth.

SUFFOLK COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Bury St. Edmunds, on Whit-Monday, May 16th. By kind permission the bells of St. James' Cathedral (10), St. Mary's (8), St. Leonard's, Horringer (8), will be available. Dinner will be served at the Griffin Hotel, at 2/6 per head at 1 p.m. Business following.—A. Symonds, Lavenham, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Postponement of Meeting.—In view of the continuance of the Coal Strike and the consequent drastic reductions in the railway services, it has been decided to postpone the joint meeting of the Norwich and Ipswich Branches at Lowestoft on Whit Monday, May 16th, 1921.—Edward Evans, Branch Secretary; Arthur L. Coleman, General Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Faversham and Ospringe, on Whit-Monday, May 16th. Bells available at 3 o'clock.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dist. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—The bells of All Saints', Northampton, will not be available for ringing on Whit-Monday, the tower being under repair. Kingsthorpe will be open for ringing.—S. J. Lawrence, District Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—By kind permission of the Dean, the bells of Westminster Abbey will be available on Tuesday, May 17th, from 5 to 6 p.m., for Central Council visitors. There will be no practice at St. Clement Danes, on Whit-Monday, but visitors will be welcomed on Tuesday, from 6 to 7.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next Meeting of the branch will be held at Gosberton, on Whit-Monday, 16th. Service in Church at 3.30. Dinner in the Public Hall at one o'clock.—Geo. Ladd, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of above will be through the Marsh on Whit-Monday, May 16th. Appledore 10 a.m., Ivychurch 12 noon, Lydd 2 p.m., New Romney 5 p.m. Tea will be available at Lydd at 4 p.m. Ringing friends will be welcome at this meeting.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 26th; *St. Paul's Cathedral (members of the Central Council and friends heartily welcomed) on May 17th; Southwark Cathedral on May 24th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on May 31st, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham. S.W.4.

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at King's Langley, on Saturday, 21st May. Bells available 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Will those intending to be present please notify Mr. L. A. Walker, Railway Terrace, King's Langley?—F. J. Reeve, Hon. Sec., Tring.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 21st, next, at St. Andrew's, Holborn. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. at 1/3 per head. Will all wishing for tea kindly let me know by 16th May? All welcome.—E. C. Russell, Hon. Dist. Sec., 57, Market Street, W.2.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A Ringing meeting will be held at St. Laurence, Thanet, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Will all members please look up Double Norwich for this meeting?—E. C. Buesden, Hon. Dist. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The Quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Henbury, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 Tea 5. Business meeting to follow. Westbury bells available from 7 p.m.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The Spring meeting will be held at Witney, on Saturday, May 21st. Service in St. Mary's Church, at 4 p.m., preacher, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild. Tea at the Central Hotel, at 4.45 p.m., at 1/3 each. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Those intending to be present please notify not later than Thursday, May 19th. All ringers welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney, Oxon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. R. Bacon, District Sec., West Hill, Hitchin.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Wolsey (six bells) on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Guilsborough on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (six) available 2.30 p.m. All ringers invited. Usual arrangements.—W. Bott, Hon. District Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Bigby (Barnetby Station) on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available all day. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge. Service at 5 p.m., when the Rev. J. Barber, M.A., Rector of Stow, will preach. Those requiring tea please notify the Rev. H. T. Parry, The Rectory, Bigby, on or before Wednesday, May 25th.—J. W. Seamer, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Bexhill, St. Peter's, on Saturday, May 28th. Tower open from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea by kind invitation at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. W. Stokes, Div. Hon. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Kinver, on Saturday, May 28. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church 4.30. Business meeting after tea.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hadlow, on Saturday, May 28th. Tower open at 3. Service in Church at 5. Tea in the King's Head Inn at 1/3 per head, followed by business meeting. All members wishing tea must notify the District Sec., not later than Tuesday, May 24th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, May 28th, at 6.30 p.m. The bells at Waddington will be available from 3 to 5 in the afternoon.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, May 28th, to consider the financial state of the Association and other business. Particulars next week.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Hunton on Sat., June 4th. Bells available at 3. Service at 5, with an address by the Rector (Rev. F. A. Dale). Tea at the Court at 5.45, given by Mrs. Bannerman; business meeting after. All those intending being present must let me know not later than Tuesday, May 31st.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Summer meeting of the Newbury Branch will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 4th. Evensong 4.30. Tea at 5. Special preacher, Canon Coleridge. Intending visitors kindly notify Rev. E. M. Thorp, Bucklebury Vicarage, Reading, not later than June 1st.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the association will be held at Bath on July 2nd, at which the War Memorial will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A by-meeting of the Hinckley district was held at Chilvers Coton, on Saturday, May 7th. It was intended to hold the monthly meeting at Nuneaton, but owing to illness near the church the bells were not available, so Coton was chosen as substitute. Members and friends attended from Croft, Coventry, Desford, Higham-on-the-Hill, Hinckley, Nuneaton, Earl Shilton, Leckleton and Wigston. The methods rung ranged from Doubles to Surprise Major.—Mr. C. H. Webb, vice-president, presided over the business meeting, at which it was decided to hold the next meeting at Sapcote, on Saturday, June 4th.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Coton for the use of the bells.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedford District was held at Thurleigh on Saturday, May 7th, members being present from Bedford, Turvey, Riseley, Bromham, Clapham, Roxton, Great Staughton. At the short business meeting which followed tea, Mr. C. W. Clarke presided, and two new members were elected. Great Staughton was chosen for the next meeting, on June 11th.—The Secretary urged that the members should support 'The Ringing World,' as all notices will appear in that paper.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells brought the meeting to a close.—A course of Grandsire Calers was rung on handbells, by: C. Mortimer 1—2, H. L. Harlow 3—4, C. W. Clarke 5—6, F. Webb 7—8, F. Mortimer 9—10.

SOEWBY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Sowerby and District Association was held at Sowerby (Yorks) on Saturday, April 16th. During the afternoon the 'youngsters' had excellent opportunities for instructive practice.—After tea, a brief business meeting was held, at which Mytholmroyd was selected as the next place of meeting, on May 28th.—Mr. Mitton proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. T. Marsden) for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for officiating at the tea-table.—The Vicar, in reply, remarked that when next the meeting was held at Sowerby he hoped to know more about ringing. There is reason to believe the Vicar will then be one of the Sowerby band. Before returning to the tower four of the Todmorden ringers rang well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Major on handbells, after which Mr. Mitton gave a few selections of tunes. On returning to the tower touches of Oxford, Kent, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Woodbine, and Plain Bob were rung, three ladies standing in the latter. This is the first occasion on which ladies have rung on Sowerby bells, which have been in the tower 140 years.

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LATE NOTICES.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—

The Whit Monday Meeting at Darlington is cancelled.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.

—A meeting will be held at Evershoit on Saturday, May 21st. Bells at 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The postponed Annual general meeting will take place at Winchester on Monday, July 4th.—J. C. W. Herschel, Hon. Sec.

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SUFFOLK'S NEW ASSOCIATION.

Our readers will have noted with interest a brief paragraph with reference to the formation of a Suffolk Association. It is a departure of more than passing significance, for it means the setting up of a county organisation in an area already absorbed in two other Associations. East Suffolk forms part of the territory of the old diocese of Norwich and, although now ecclesiastically separated, remains with the old association which, to meet the altered conditions, enlarged its name to the Norwich and Ipswich Association. West Suffolk, comprising the Archdeaconry of Sudbury, formerly formed part of the diocese of Ely, and the towers in that area were affiliated to the Ely Diocesan Association, which, when the rearrangement of the dioceses took place, extended its name to the Ely and St. Edmundsbury Association. In that way the two existing organisations sought to keep under their respective wings the districts which they had formerly covered, although the dioceses which they were originally founded to include had each been severed.

At the time the changes took place there was a movement to set up a separate ringing organisation for Suffolk, and although it was hoped by the officials in the associations concerned that their efforts to preserve the unity of their towers had been successful, it is now apparent that Suffolk ringers were not entirely satisfied. Whether the new association has been established to supplement the work of the existing ones, or whether it is a real attempt to break away the Suffolk towers from both, we are not in a position to say. Ever since 1914 the desire in some of the towers for a county association has been making itself heard, and the movement is strongest in West Suffolk, where it has been thought that the existing organisation was not as sufficiently effective to promote the art as a county association would be. One objection was that there was only one annual meeting in three years within the reach of the West Suffolk members, the other two being in the counties of Cambridge and Huntingdon—an admittedly fair arrangement under the prevailing conditions. It is felt that with a county association a much keener interest will be stirred up. What the future development of this new movement is to be remains to be seen, and it is for the Suffolk ringers themselves to decide. If it is to supplement the work of the existing societies it will be welcomed by all; if it is intended to build up its membership by secessions from the old organisations, it will not be looked upon with an approving eye by the ringers of the other societies over the borders. But the Suffolk Association is an accomplished fact. It would, therefore, be in the interests of good feeling among the ringers of East Anglia, if its position could be quickly and satisfactorily defined.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

SAM THOMAS... .. Treble	*G. FREDERICK ALLAN ... 5
JOHN THORPE 2	*A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 6
GAD BUTCHER 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN 7
GEORGE M. THORPE 4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Bob Major.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, LEISTON.)

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED KREBLE Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY 5
CHARLES F. BAILEY 2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

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

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	CHARLES T. COLES 5
CHARLES J. TRICKER Treble	ARTHUR HARDING 6
JOSEPH MILNER 2	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
THOMAS BEADLE 3	ALBERT BECKENSALE Tenor
GEORGE SPENCER 4	

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Beadle, Vice-President of the above Association.

BROMLEY, KENT
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL Treble	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY ... 5
JOSEPH BROADLEY 2	GEORGE NAYLOR 6
JOE HARDCASTLE 3	PERCY J. JOHNSON 7
JONAS S. AMBLER 4	FRED SALMONS Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

The ringers of 1, 2 and 3 are from Bradford; 4, 6, 8 from Halifax; 5 from York; 7 from Leeds.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

*ERNEST F. CREED Treble	DAVID G. TAYLOR 5
STANLEY CARTER 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
HENRY J. TRIM 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
GEORGE SIBLEY 4	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes): A. Crane 1, W. Mead 2, J. Mead 3, J. Marks 4, W. Sear 5, H. Morris 6, F. Whitehead 7, H. Sear (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by A. Crane and J. Marks, and the second quarter by all the rest except the conductor. For evening service, 350 Grandsire Triples.

GODALMING, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

RICHARD HAYES Treble	CHARLES CHILDS 4
WILLIAM MOOREY 2	THOMAS ATTWELL 6
MAJOR JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 7
CHARLES BISH 4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. BARTLETT.

J. H. B. Hesse's 250th peal. These peals have been rung in 83 different towers in 14 counties and for 19 Associations.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERNARD MOODY Treble	ARTHUR WALKER 5
WILLIAM PEARSON 2	FRANCIS BARKER 6
*WILLIAM H. HAWLEY 3	†HARRY C. WALTERS 7
JOHN FRYER 4	GEORGE W. STEEL Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal in the method. † Fiftieth peal. ‡ First peal in the method as conductor. The ringer of the 5th has now rung every bell in this tower twice through a peal.

OSWALDDESTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

MARGARET HOULDSWORTH ... Treble	JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... 5
MARY E. BARNES 2	JONATHAN WHEWELL ... 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	WILLIAM BARNES 7
JACK BARNES 4	ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH ... Tenor

‡ Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

First peal in the method for ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Frank Shaw, one of the local company. A. Tomlinson hails from Blackburn, the rest are of the local company.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

OADBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
with 10 different callings.

ALBERT BLACKWELL Treble	THOMAS BETTONY 4
*HARRY CHAMBERLAIN 2	*WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 5
WILLIAM LANE 3	ROWLAND DOWEL Tenor

Conducted by W. H. CLARKE.

* First peal. Rung after the unveiling of a War Memorial as a token of respect to the men who fell in the Great War.

HOLBETON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(HOLBETON PAROCHIAL BAND.)

On Tuesday, May 10, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six scores, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*WM. BOOKLESS-BROWNE ... Treble	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL 4
†FREDERICK LAPHORN 2	‡CEDRIC BOOKLESS-BROWNE 5
‡JOHN REBBY 3	BENJAMIN J. MILLER ... Tenor

Conducted by Rev. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal on a bob bell. ‡ First peal. First peal by the parochial band without outside assistance.

PYCHLEY, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores of Plain Bob and 21 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.
 *F. W. RANDELL Treble | M. HOBBS 3
 †H. BAXTER 2 | †A. STAPLETON 4
 A. E. WYKES Tenor

Conducted by M. Hobbs.

* First peal for the Central. † First peal. A. E. Wykes hails from Cransley, M. Hobbs from Barton Seagrave, the rest from Broughton.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
 On Monday, April 24, 1921, in One Hour and Forty-Nine Minutes,
 IN THE TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently.

ARTHUR SYMONDS 1-4 | FRANK TURNER 5
 STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 3-4 | FRANK H. MORTLOCK... .. 6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First away from the treble by F. Mortlock.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, May 12, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
 IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

GEORGE F. SWANN 1-2 | THOMAS RUSSAM 7-8
 ALBERT WALKER... .. 3-4 | ALBERT E. NORMAN 9-10
 PERCY O. LAFLIN 5-6 | MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

SUFFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR.

This method, the first peal of which has been rung at Leiston, is the production of Mr. G. Lindoff, of Dublin. It contains some very musical qualities, and the Leiston band think it more intricate than Bristol Surprise. It will be seen that 7-8 dodge seven times behind at the H Bob.

12345678	5.024	by G. LINDOFF.		
21346587	23456	M	W	H
12435678	36452	1	2	
21345687	34562		1	2
23146578	26543	1	1	1
32415687	25463		1	2
23451786	62534	2	2	2
23451786	65234		1	2
21357168	23564		2	2
42531786	32165	2	2	2
45237168	64235		2	2
54327618	62345		1	2
45236781	63425		1	2
42537618	35426	1		2
24356781	24536		2	2
23465871	25346		1	2
32648517	23456		1	2
36245871				
63428517				
36248157				
32641875				
23488157				
24361875				
42316857				
24136587				
42315678				
24135687				
21436578				
12136587				
14263857				
14235678 Bob				

Any peal of Treble Bob will run true to this method.

BELLS AND BELL HANGING.

BELL TONES.
 To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As the question of tuning has again come to the fore, may I draw attention to a point that has not, I think, been mentioned in correspondence on this subject? If any two notes of vibrational frequency m and n respectively, are sounded together, resultant tones of vibrations (m x u) and (m--n) are obtained. The latter only concerns us here. Now, if n is a fifth above m, the resultant (m--n) is an octave below n. Organ builders make use of this, as, by coupling 16ft. C with the G above 32ft., C appears; and this coupling can be carried through the bottom octave on the pedals when a complete 32ft. stop is impossible. Now apply this to a bell with fundamental (say) C. In both the old and the Simpson tuning the fifth above G is brought out, and the resultant (m--n) will, therefore, be C, an octave below the fundamental. In the Simpson tuning this will be in unison with the octave hum-note C; but it will be a tone distant from the 7th hum-note D of the old tuning. We shall, therefore, have hum-note D and resultant C, a tone apart, sounding together, which must produce discord. As a further point, surely the fact that bells tuned on the old system are quite impossible in a carillon is ample proof that something is amiss with them.—Yours faithfully,
 J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON.

IRON v. WOOD FRAMES—' SIMPSON ' PRINCIPLE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With regard to the question of wedging frames to tower walls, I quite agree that, if the masonry is sound and substantial, and the wedges be driven in hard and fast, it is not likely that any harm will ensue. No one in days gone by protested more against wedging frames to walls than the late Rev. H. J. Ellacombe; yet even he gave his sanction to it some years before his death, under the conditions above mentioned. But, of course, frames ought to be in such a condition as not to need such a practice.

As to metal versus wood for frames, there is something to be said on both sides. No doubt a metal frame fixed to iron girders built into the walls would secure the most perfect rigidity, and serve to brace the tower together as well. It is also much easier to secure firmness and solidity, and get bearings perfectly true with a metal frame than a wooden one. But suppose a metal frame is neglected, and allowed to rust for want of paint—especially in a town where there is chemical action caused by smoke and wet combined—what sort of condition will such a frame be in, say, 50 or 60 years hence? Properly seasoned oak frames are certainly more durable in such cases. I know that it is often difficult to secure properly seasoned timber. But in an oak frame mortices should never be pinned. The diagonal braces being morticed into the top and bottom timbers not more than two or three inches, the whole should be secured by stout iron bolts passing through them from bottom to top, with nuts on the top timbers which can be tightened from time to time as the frame gives or shrinks; all corners being stiffened with plates or dog-ties. I know that such a frame will require attention in the way of screwing up for at least ten years after its erection. Nevertheless I should prefer it; though I may be old-fashioned in my notions.

As to tuning bells on the ' Simpson ' principle, this may be all very well for carillons used for tune playing only, but it is certainly unnecessary for bells used for Peal ringing. I know several ringers, who have rung peals on bells so tuned, who say that the sounds of the bells seem to run one into another, producing a most dismal howl all through the peal. Under any circumstances, I cannot too strongly condemn the practice of some bell founders, who persuade church authorities to go to the expense of having good old bells recast simply because they cannot be tuned in this way.—Yours, etc.,
 Clerical Library, Salisbury. J. R. JERRAM.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch was held at West Coker on Saturday, May 7th. The Rector (the Rev. L. R. Cotter) conducted the service, and gave an interesting address on the history of the Coker bells. He also reminded the ringers they must consider their work not only as a hobby, or recreation, but as a dignified and important church work. The bells were heard by people who did not attend places of worship, and who apparently had no use for religion, and they must surely mean something to them and set them thinking.

About 30 sat down to tea in the Schoolroom, from Yeovil, West Coker, South Peltherton, Martock and Stoke-under-Ham.—A short business meeting followed, presided over by the Rector.—South Peltherton was chosen for the next meeting.—The Rev. H. J. Davies, Vicar of Stoke-under-Ham, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Cotter for his address, the use of the bells, etc.—The organist and the ladies who arranged the tea were also thanked for their services.

The methods practised during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob.

The Stoke and some of the Martock members visited Preston Plucknett tower on their way home, and the privilege of a pull on this nice little ring of six was much appreciated by them.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. STOCKPORT BRANCH MEETING.

The second meeting of the year was held at Mobberley on Saturday, May 7th, and in spite of the railway restrictions and unsettled conditions generally, it was truly a good gathering, about fifty members and friends being present. The service in the church was conducted by the Rev. A. T. Beeson (hon. secretary of the Guild), who gave a very able address. Tea was served in the Schoolroom, where a splendid repast was provided.—The business meeting followed, with Mr. J. H. Jackson in the chair.

The Hon. Secretary presented estimates for the printing of a summary branch report, which ranged from £5 to £7, but as the funds would not permit, it was decided not to print a report this year.—The Hon. Secretary then gave notice of the annual festival, to be held at Chester on Saturday, July 23rd; and expressed a wish that all who could, would attend; also that the Guild annual report would be printed and published as last year, i.e., on the basis of the least number of copies required per tower.

Out of the seven new members elected, six are members of the Rostherne company, this being indeed a gratifying incident, the other was a lady member.—Rostherne was fixed as the place for the next meeting, on Saturday, June 18th.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector (the Rev. G. C. Dicker, M.A.), for permitting the meeting to be held, and for the use of the bells, to which he made a humorous reply.

The church, dedicated to St. Wilfrid, is of considerable antiquity, having been built in the 13th century; it is an edifice of stone, in the Early English and Perpendicular style, its windows exhibit the remains of very old inscriptions, and in the church are many memorials to the 'forefathers of the hamlet.' The nave and chancel are separated by a carved oak screen, bearing an inscription and the date 1500. The embattled western tower was erected in 1533 by Sir John Talbot, and contains a clock and a ring of six bells (tenor 150 cwt.). The ringing chamber is peculiar, owing to the fact that its floor has two levels, one some three or four feet lower than the other, and on this stand the ringers of 4, 5 and 6; the other three standing on the higher level.

The bells were well used throughout the day, ringing commencing at 10 a.m., with an attempt for a peal which had to be abandoned half-way through the fourth 720 owing to the bad 'go' of the tenor.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. LEWISHAM DISTRICT MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Erith (St. John the Baptist's), on Saturday, April 23rd. The bells of this church and the bells of Christ Church were available, and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at the latter tower by special request, the occasion being the anniversary of the birthday of the late Canon W. W. Boulden (donor of the tower and bells), the band being: T. Groombridge, senr. (conductor), 1, T. Groombridge, junr., 2, A. H. Palmer 3, C. Brown 4, R. Morgan 5, G. Bates 6, H. Audsley 7, J. McLaren 8. Touches in other methods followed, but as is often the case, two towers for one meeting was not a success. There was not so large a gathering at the service as was anticipated, due undoubtedly to the storm, but between thirty and forty were present, and a very fitting address was delivered by the Rev. W. F. Cobb (Vicar), who gave the members a very hearty welcome, and said it was a pleasant coincidence they should be meeting there on St. George's Day.

Tea followed in the West Street Schools, kindly provided by the Vicar, and some Erith ladies, the Vicar being present, also the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge (Vicar of Christ Church).

The business meeting followed, with the Vicar in the chair. The Vicar of Christ Church was elected an hon. member, and in thanking the members, said he hoped soon to become a practising member as well (applause). Four practising members were elected, and Eynsford was selected for the next meeting in July.—Mr. W. J. Jefferies read his report of the committee meeting, which was accepted.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of bells, his address, and for presiding; the Vicar and ladies for the tea, the organist and choir, and the ladies who had waited upon the party, and to the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge for the use of his bells.

A collection on behalf of Mr. G. Hayes (Swanscombe), who is in a very bad state of health, realised £1 10s.

An interim meeting of the Ashford District was held at Appledore on Saturday last. About 25 members attended, representing Ashford, Mersham, Stone-in-Oxney, Biddenden, Iden and Tenterden. The visitors included Mr. Castle and friend from Elham, and Mr. L. Mannering from Maidstone. Some good ringing was done in four standard methods, with a course of Oxford Treble Bob being included.—The Rector (the Rev. A. O. Scutt), an hon. member of the association, presided at the meeting following tea.—A proposition was carried to hold a combined practice at Wye next month for Stedman, Treble Bob and Double Norwich, and a notice of which will appear in due course.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very pleasant meeting of the N. and E. District was held at Edmonton on Saturday, May 7th, and although the greatly reduced travelling facilities undoubtedly affected the attendance, over 30 members came during the afternoon and evening to enjoy some good ringing on a very nice peal of bells. A short service was held, at which the Vicar (the Rev. R. O. Evill) gave a hearty welcome to the association. Ringing, he said, was a service to God, and in His name he thanked the ringers for their great services to the church. He exhorted them to be worthy of their work, and not to neglect that to which they, by their ringing, invited others.

Tea was served in the Church House, an excellent meal being partaken of. The business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Vicar.—Three new members were elected, and the place of the next meeting decided upon.

A vote of condolence to the relatives of the late Mr. Ferris Shepherd and Mr. Walter Wise was passed, by the members standing in silence for a few moments.

A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Vicar for his address at the service, for presiding at the meeting, and for the use of the bells; to Messrs. J. Parker and G. Paice, and the local ringers for the excellent arrangements made; to the ladies who had attended to the wants of the members at tea; and to Mr. Crusha (the organist), who had added considerably to the harmony of the proceedings at the service.

The Vicar acknowledged the vote of thanks, expressing his great pleasure at meeting the society, and wishing the ringers every success.—Mr. J. Parker and Mr. Crusha also replied to the vote of thanks passed to them.

Considerable use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire to London, including four Surprise methods, whilst a very musical peal of handbells, brought by Mr. W. Hazell, were kept going for some time to Stedman Cinques and Caters, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

S. and W. MEETING AT NORWOOD GREEN.

The thirty-four members and friends of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association who visited Norwood Green on Saturday, May 7th, were entertained to tea by the Rector, the Rev. J. T. Parker, M.A., when they spent a very enjoyable time. The six sweet-toned bells were kept going until tea-time. There was no service arranged, as the Rector expressed a wish to address the company after the tea. In the course of his remarks, he said how pleased he was to find that so keen a spirit was shown by all the church workers at Norwood Green, for although, perhaps, the choir in the churches generally moved in the light more than the ringers, the latter did their part as well, and he fully appreciated their efforts. It was twenty years ago when he made a start to learn ringing, but an unfortunate accident prevented him from making progress in the art, and then shortly afterwards he went on a journey of 13,000 miles to Rockhampton, on the Fitzroy River, in Central Queensland.

At the meeting, the Rector was elected an hon. member, and the District Master (Mr. C. S. Bird) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding, and to Mrs. Parker and the ladies for their kind attention at the tea-tables; he also included Mr. W. Emmett and the local ringers, who had made things so pleasant.

Later in the evening some of the ringers went on to Heston, where they rang several methods, including Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise. Seventeen towers were represented at the meeting, the more distant being: Swindon, Staines, Croydon, Chertsey and Willesden. The energetic hon. secretary (Mr. W. H. Hollier) was present, looking after the welfare of one and all, and it was a decided addition to have the pleasant company of lady ringers.

DEATH OF A BRIDGEND RINGER.

It is with regret we have to record the death of ex-Corporal William J. Smith, R.E., of Bridgend, Glam. (late of Ovelston, near Bristol), who passed away at his residence on May 9th, after a long and patiently borne illness, contracted through service in France, where he served for four years with 215 A. T. Company R.E.'s, with whom he did much good work. He was once mentioned in despatches by Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig (7th April, 1918), for gallant and distinguished services in the field.

He leaves a widow and four children to mourn their loss, and he will be greatly missed in the belfry, and by all who knew him. He was an excellent ringer, and always in his place for Sunday service ringing. He rang several peals for the Llandaff Association, but unfortunately kept no record. The funeral, which took place at the local cemetery on the 12th inst., was a very impressive one, and was accorded full military honours. The members of the Welsh Legion of ex-Servicemen were present in good numbers, as were the local ringers, who acted as bearers. The floral tributes were many, including a lovely wreath from the ex-Service members, and one in the shape of a bell from his brother ringers. A muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to his memory the same evening, and is recorded in its proper place.

LORD BEACONSFIELD'S FUNERAL PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. W. J. Allen's letter asking for information for Mr. Flavell regarding the late Lord Beaconsfield's funeral peal it may not be uninteresting to many members of the Exercise if the report of the peal on 'Church Bells' of that period were published. Mr. Flavell will no doubt be pleased to know that at least one other member of the band is still very much alive. I allude to Mr. C. F. Winney, who, judging by the peal reports we see from time to time, must be following the art with as much enthusiasm as he did forty years ago.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Extract from 'Church Bells,' April 30th, 1881:—

Funeral peal for the Earl of Beaconsfield.—On Tuesday, the 26th inst., by permission of the Rector (the Rev. J. Lindsay) and churchwardens (Messrs. Stewart and Wigg), of St. Clement Danes, Strand, London, ten members of St. James's Society rang a funeral peal of 5,005 changes of Grand sire Caters, occupying 3 hours 28 mins., in memory of the Earl of Beaconsfield, the bells being half-muffled, and rung during the time the funeral took place: J. Cox 1, R. Jameson 2, J. R. Haworth 3, C. F. Winney 4, W. Weatherstone 5, R. French 6, G. Banks 7, F. Margetson 8, G. Flavell 9, E. Albone 10. Tenor 24 cwt. The peal in four parts, 4, 3, 5, 6 (only), behind the 9th, was composed and conducted by Mr. Cox, being his first peal since his accident last June.

AN ANCIENT BOOK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In answer to the letter in your last issue from the Rev. James F. Hastings, of Martley Rectory, Worcester, I have a book of which the title page and date are as follows: 'The school of recreation or a guide to the most ingenious exercises of hunting, riding, racing, fireworks, military discipline, the science of defence, hawking, tennis, bowling, ringing, singing, cock fighting, fowling, angling, by R. H., London: Printed for A. Bettesworth at the Red Lion, in Paternoster Row, 1732.'

The book contains a page of illustrations, which represent hunting, cock fighting, bowling, angling and archery, and also a kind of billiard table. It mentions the College Youths in the ringing article and some of the names given to the ringing methods are: Morning exercise, Grand sire Bob, a cure for melancholy, London Nightingale, College Bob, Evening Delight, the Wild Goose Chase Triples, etc.—Yours truly,

W. W. THORNE.

Holly Cottage, Ockham, Woking.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The April meeting of the Rochdale Branch took place on Saturday week at Balderstone Parish Church, and 25 representatives were present from Balderstone, Heywood, Todmorden Parish and Unitarians, Milnrow, Glodwich, Oldham, Middleton, Harmer, Crossstones and East Crompton. Touches of Kent Treble and Plain Bob Major, Oxford Minor and Grand sire Triples were rung, but owing to the death of Mr. F. Stansfield, of Balderstone, the bells were deeply muffled.

Mr. Samuel Stott presided over the business proceedings, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Heywood, on Saturday, May 14th.—A resolution of condolence with the widow and family of the late Mr. F. Stansfield was passed.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having everything in readiness for the meeting, was accorded.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting was held at Cheshunt, on April 23rd, when forty members and friends attended from Broxbourne, Edmonton, Stratford, Walthamstow, Leytounstone, Brockley, Hornsey, Dartford, Croydon, Thundridge, Great and Little Munden, besides the members of the Cheshunt band, who turned up in full strength. The business meeting was held after tea, the Rev. A. R. Davies (curate) presiding, supported by the Rev. C. Mayne, principal of Cheshunt Theological College, and the Rev. B. H. T. Drake, Vicar of Thundridge. Several of the students of the Theological College, who are becoming interested in the art, were also present.

Service was held in the church, the address being given by the Rev. A. R. Davies, in the absence of the Vicar, who was away on holiday.—Some very good ringing was accomplished in methods from Grand sire to London Surprise, and the meeting was very enjoyable.

FINCHINFIELD BELL FUND.

Amount already acknowledged £27 4s. 6d.: Great Yeldham company, 10s.; Great Bentley, £1 2s. 6d.; H. T. Pye, 5s.; St. Peter's, Colchester, 5s.; collected at Mistley meeting, £1; Sible Hedingham, 17s. 6d. Further subscriptions, however small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged in 'The Ringing World' by the Rev. H. Jordan, Finchinfield Vicarage, Braintree.

HINTS FOR BEGINNERS.

BUILDING UP THE PLAIN COURSE.

In this article I want to carry my friends who are just beginning the art, a stage further in their change ringing instruction, and help them to build up what we know as the plain course. On page 223 I attempted to explain plain hunting, and gave what is known as the Plain hunting course on six bells. From that, it was obvious that without some process of changing the bells other than by plain hunting, it would not be possible to ring the extent of the changes that are to be had on six—indeed, it would not be possible to do so upon any number above three. As I have already explained, that in order to get the plain hunting course on six, the bells are changed alternately three pairs and two pairs at a time, the bell going first and last when the three pairs are changed, remaining in the same positions while the two internal pairs change. I repeat the figures at the side for convenience of reference. We have seen that at the end of 12 changes, by the method mentioned, the bells come round, but an examination of the example will show how it is possible to prevent the rounds occurring and to produce fresh changes, while still adhering to the general principle of changing first three pairs and then two pairs. In order to get our 132546 we changed three pairs, and, therefore, we have in the next row to change two pairs only. Instead, however, of changing the middle pairs, we change the two last pairs, leaving the

3rd to strike a whole pull over the treble. This whole pull is called 'making a place,' and this term is applied to any whole pull by a bell in one position, except when at lead or behind. In this case, and usually when a bell makes a single place of this description, it results in changing the direction in which the bell has to travel. The 3rd it was on its way up when it reached 2nd's place, but, remaining there a whole pull, causes its direction to be reversed, and instead of going up it goes down, which in this instance involves leading at the next change.

It is this 'place,' as it is called, which enables the bells to carry on with a new block of changes, but before we proceed further we must notice how the other bells are affected. The 2nd was on its way down to lead, but it cannot get there because the 3rd, having stopped to make the place over the treble, gets in the way, and, in consequence, the 2nd has to go one step back before advancing again. This is called 'dodging,' and all the bells, except the treble and the bells in 2nd's place, are involved in this process. You will notice that the 5th on its way up gets as far as 4th's, when it has to take a step back into 3rd's, and in doing so it is said to 'dodge with the 2nd,' the 2nd being in 3-4 down and the 5th in 3-4 up, because those are the two places in which the 3rd and 4th would strike if the bells were ringing in rounds. In the same way, the 4th, having laid its whole pull behind, has started to hunt down, but, stopped from going into fourth's place by the dodge of the 2nd, it has to step back instead into 6th's, before it hunts down to lead. This is termed dodging in 5-6 down. The corresponding dodge in 5-6 up is made by the 6th, which, on reaching 5th's, takes a step back into 5th's before laying its whole pull.

The treble, it should be observed, is unaffected by any of these vagaries of progress, and follows a straight course up and down through all the sections, or, as they are technically known, 'leads' of the course. Each time the treble lead, a different bell makes the 2nd's place, where the rest dodge, and, when each in turn has made 2nd's, the bells come round. This is at the end of 60 changes, and constitutes our 'plain course.' Now, I wonder if my readers, who are beginners, could write out these 60 changes? I advise them to try. It will help them more than all the explanations I can give.

My advice to young change ringing bands to keep open leads in ringing, has brought the following from a Lancashire ringer: 'Only yesterday I heard some very disparaging remarks passed with regard to an initial attempt made by a band who tried it for morning service ringing, and who were congratulating themselves on good progress they had made, when one of the regular band who had unavoidably been absent and had heard their attempt, advised them not to attempt it again if they valued their reputation as a band for good ringing and striking. Personally, I would much rather have open leads, but the majority in the tower where I ring prefer to ring otherwise, and as the effect when one rings open leads and the others don't, is worse than all doing the same, then I have to fall in with the majority. I've heard all kinds of arguments advanced against open leads, but the chief appears to be that the striking is broken up.'

I am quite prepared to agree with my correspondent that if some of the band ring open leads and some do not, the result must be a horrible hash, but I am also convinced the best change ringing is got with open leads. Without them the bells go on in an intricate medley of sound—no beginning, no ending, no rhythm. I am not going to enter upon a defence of open leads in ringing; it needs none. I have heard and taken part in some very excellent peals, with I am proud to say, some of the finest ringers in the country, and ringing of the standard to which I refer never would and never could be attained without open leads. If my correspondent can induce his band to persevere with the practice of open leads they will find that

there is no comparison in the effect of their ringing. Why, all the musical combinations of the bells are valueless unless there is something to mark the end of the changes, the tenors may as well be always dodging together in the middle as at home, and there can be no object in keeping the 2nd out of 6th's place in Major methods, or of keeping the big bells together, when they come behind in Royal or Maximus.

Quite a number of inquiries from those in search of information have reached me, and I will reply to them in due course. Any beginner who is in difficulties with ringing and thinks that I may be able to help should write to me, and I will do my best to assist him.

CONDUCTOR.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The 33rd annual meeting of this association was held at Retford on Saturday, May 7th. As usual, the towers of East Retford (10 bells), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) were available throughout the afternoon and evening, and, needless to add, the visitors were not slow to take advantage of the opportunity thus afforded them for practice. A hearty invitation was given to members of kindred associations, which were represented by ringers from Barlborough, Blyth, East Markham, Laneham, Gainsborough, Mislerton, Harthill, Norton Cuckney, East Retford, West Retford, Ordsall and Worksop. The principal methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Forward Major, and on the six bells, Oxford and Kent, Plain Bob and Single Court. Tea was served at Howard's Cafe, and at this nearly 40 members assembled, including two lady ringers.

The general meeting that followed was presided over by the Rector of West Retford (the Rev. G. E. Summers), who, in the course of a short address, said ringing was a real bit of work for the Church of Christ. He had an admiration for those who pulled the ropes. In the absence of the Vicar of East Retford and the Rector of Ordsall, he gave the visitors a most hearty welcome to the old borough town.

The officers, secretary, treasurer, president, vice-presidents and patrons were all re-elected for the ensuing year, and Mr. D. A. Piercy, of Ordsall, was elected as assistant secretary.—The following new elections took place: Vice-presidents, Rev. J. T. Mumford, Vicar of Norton Cuckney; Rev. W. E. Moss, Rector of Warsop; and Mr. John Dearman, of Warsop. Performing members: East Retford, 12; Warsop, 3; Barlborough, 2; Gainsborough, 4; West Retford, 2; Ordsall, 1, making a total of 27.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Misson, in July.

At the conclusion of the business, the Rev. G. E. Summers referred to the admirable way in which the accounts had been presented, to

the splendid progress that had been made, and to the new members the secretary had induced to join during the year. The financial part of the business was excellent, and was largely, if not entirely, due to the excellent work of Mr. H. Haigh. It was very encouraging to learn that the younger members were so keen and enthusiastic.—Mr. Haigh, in reply, said he had held the office of secretary for nine years, and intimated he would resign at the end of the present year. He felt sure there were others competent and willing to do the work.

Mr. Walter Ayre, Gainsborough, a member of the Lincolnshire Association, congratulated the association on its progress, numerically and financially, remarking that our association with so wide an area had done better than North Notts.

A letter was read by the secretary from Mr. T. R. Flint, of Warsop, who stated that he would be thankful when the industrial crisis were over so that he could get to work on their bell scheme, augmenting the 4 to a peal of 8.

The Hon. Secretary, in presenting the annual report for the year ending December 31st, 1920, said it might be regarded on the whole as satisfactory. There had been a slight increase in the membership to the end of last quarter, which contained the names of 15 vice-presidents, and 131 performing members, non-resident and probationers. The year had been a good one as regarded the variety and quality of the performances accomplished, and it was very gratifying to record that the once silent bells of East and West Retford were now rung regularly for Sunday service and practice. Combined practice by the three towers in the borough might bring about that efficiency that prevailed 20 years ago. The list of new members for 1920 included the Rev. G. E. Summers, Rector of West Retford; the Rev. J. D. Griffiths, Barlborough, and the whole company of Barlborough ringers, who had just recently rung two 5040's in Minor Methods on their own bells, and also at Norton Cuckney, the first 5,000 in the methods on the bells by the association. This company had worked assiduously to make change ringing since the augmentation of their bells from 5 to 6, and the association tendered their hearty congratulations on the achievement. There were still a few towers in North Notts where change ringing was not practised.—If a cycling or other party could visit some of these towers during the summer months good results might follow. The association was in a high state of efficiency, every member had paid up his contribution (there being no arrears), and the balance sheet for the year displayed a surplus of £23 ls. 7d., a gain of 17s. 9d. on the year's working. During the years of his secretaryship he did not remember any year in which he had seen the younger members so keen and enthusiastic.

Thanks were accorded the incumbents of the three towers for the use of the bells, and to the secretary for his splendid services during the year.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

On May 2nd, 1891, the Solihull band started on new lines, and the story of their early experiences, before the bells were rehung and made into a ring of 10, is very interesting. The only one of this band who now rings is Mr. G. A. Martineau, who was instrumental in starting the band, and getting the bells rehung.

Concerning this period is an amusing story of a certain Midland ringer who came over expressly to show the locals how to obtain 120 Grandsire Doubles with Bobs only. He struggled gamely, but 'natural laws' proved too much for him, though it is doubtful whether, to this day, he is absolutely convinced!

Mr. Martineau, who has just completed his 30 years of ringing at Solihull, is still an active member of the band, holding the position of Ringing Master.

One of the earliest peals rung in the magnificent tower of St. Michael's, Coventry, where, alas! there are now no bells to ring, was a peal of 5,220 'Tittom Bob Royal' on May 20th, 1780, by St. Martin's Youths.

Next Sunday will be the 22nd anniversary of the 17,024 Double Norwich Major at Kidlington, rung in 11 hrs. 12 mins.

Among the earliest of provincial ringing societies was the Sherwood Youths, Nottingham, who rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Gainsborough on May 24th, 1768, which in that year was Whitsun Tuesday. The peal board recording the performance emphasises the fact that the composition was a true one by italicising the word true in the phrase, 'Mr. Holt's true whole peal.'

The 5,120 Double Norwich recorded last week as having been rung at Diss, was rung at St. Peter's, Palgrave, where the tenor is 8 cwt. Our correspondent apologises for his 'silly mistake.'

WEDDING BELLS.

At St. Mary's, Bletchingley, on Saturday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. C. V. Risbridger, a ringer at the Parish Church: G. Kirby 1, L. P. Goodwin 2, S. J. Coppard 3, A. Wood 4, A. Cheesman 5, W. Cheesman 6, F. W. Rice (conductor) 7, W. J. Wilson 8.

READING PEAL BOARDS.

On Friday, May 6th, a very interesting ceremony was performed in the belfry of St. Giles' Church, the Vicar (the Rev. F. J. C. Gillmor) unveiling two peal tablets recording a peal of Bob Major and a peal of Double Norwich, rung by the members of St. Giles' Society.

—The Vicar congratulated those who rang in the peals, and also regretted the absence of the conductor of both peals, Mr. A. W. Osborne, who was unable to be present. Some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise were then rung, conducted by Mr. R. N. Runham.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

The bells of Rochester Cathedral, which have been recast, augmented to ten and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, were dedicated at an impressive ceremony on Saturday afternoon, when Alderman Charles Willis, on behalf of himself and other donors, formally asked Dean Storrs to accept them.

Alderman Willis placed in the Dean's hands a rope suspended from the belfry, and in this way was the signal given to the bell ringers, who broke silence by ringing half-muffled for one minute. The Bishop of Rochester, Dr. Hamner, preached.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. HENRY WHITE.

The unveiling of the brass tablet to the memory of the late Mr. Henry White will be performed by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, President of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, in St. Michael's Church, Basingstoke, on Saturday, May 28th. The ceremony is fixed for four o'clock, after which the Basingstoke ringers will be pleased to meet all ringing friends at tea in the Rectory garden. Both towers will be open for ringing during the evening. The Basingstoke band earnestly hope that many old friends of Mr. White, and especially the officials and committee of the Winchester Guild, will find it convenient to attend, in which case will they kindly notify Mr. F. P. Wyeth, New Street, Basingstoke, before Tuesday, May 24th?

ANNIVERSARY PEAL FAILS.

On Saturday, May 7th, a peal of Bob Major was attempted at Wem, Shropshire, on the 23rd anniversary of the opening peal on the bells, viz., May 7th, 1898, but the peal had to be given up after about half an hour's ringing, as Master J. E. Lilley found the 'go' of the second bell more than he could cope with. His father, however, took it in hand, and with Mr. G. Cowley (local) on the tenor, a 1,008 of Grandsire Triples was brought round: H. Bagley (longest touch) 1, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 2, F. A. Barnett 3, A. Short 4, S. Snelson 5, R. Pole 6, E. V. Rodenhurst 7, G. Cowley 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

TUESDAY'S MEETING IN LONDON.
NEW PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.

The first session of the eleventh Council was held in the Upper House of Convocation in the Church House, Westminster, on Tuesday, when, despite the restricted facilities for travel, 71 members attended.

The Associations were represented as follows:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, T. Faulkner, A. A. Hughes and H. Walton.
Bedfordshire: Rev. Canon Baker and Mr. A. E. Sharman.
Central Northants: Messrs. E. M. Atkins, T. Law, D. J. Nichols and F. Wilford.

Chester Diocesan: Rev. A. T. Beeston, W. Bibby and S. Cardell.
Devonshire Guild: Rev. M. Kelly.
Durham and Newcastle: Mr. W. Storey.
Essex: Messrs. W. J. Nevard and G. R. Pye.
Gloucester and Bristol: Mr. W. A. Cave.

Hertford County: Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake.
Kent: Messrs. E. Barnett, J. H. Cheesman and T. Groombridge.
Ladies' Guild: Miss E. K. Parker.
Lancashire: Rev. Canon Elsee, Messrs. J. H. Banks, J. Lowe and W. E. Willson.

Lincoln Diocesan: Rev. H. Law James and Mr. R. Richardson.
Llandaff Diocesan: Mr. J. W. Jones.
London County: Messrs. T. H. Tafender and E. A. Young.
Middlesex County: Messrs. G. T. Coles, W. Lawrence, W. Pye and J. R. Sharmau.

Midland Counties: Messrs. J. Griffin, P. Taylor and W. Wilson.
Norwich and Ipswich: Messrs. G. F. Burton and A. Coleman.
Oxford Diocesan: Rev. Canon Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Messrs. J. Evans and F. W. Hoppood.

Peterborough and Districts: Mr. R. Narborough.
Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. J. Parker and F. Smith.
Salisbury Diocesan: Rev. F. L. Edwards, Major C. Hughes D'Aeth and Mr. T. H. Beams.
Stafford Archdeaconry: Mr. H. Knight.

Surrey County: Mr. C. Dean and Mr. C. F. Johnston.
Warwickshire: Mr. A. Roberts.
Winchester Diocesan: Rev. G. E. Matthews, Messrs. A. H. Pulling, W. Shepherd and G. Williams.
Worcestershire: Mr. A. E. Parsons.

Yorkshire: Messrs. J. Cottewell and P. J. Johnson.
Hon. members: Rev. E. W. Carpelter, Messrs. H. Chapman, R. A. Daniell, J. George, J. H. B. Hesse, A. T. King, J. S. Pritchett, J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde, and the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer the Rev. C. D. P. Davies).

After the meeting had been opened with prayer, the Hon. Secretary said the Council would bear with great regret that the President (the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey) was unable to attend the meeting, as he was suffering from neuritis, and he was sure the Council would share his (Mr. Davies') grief that they would have to proceed to the election of another President. He felt it would be no kindness to Mr. Boughey to re-elect him, and they must proceed to the election of a new President.

On the motion of Mr. W. T. Cockerill, seconded by Canon Baker, Canon Coleridge was unanimously elected President for the ensuing three years. A vote of sympathy with the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey and of sincere thanks to him for his services was passed.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies having intimated his intention of resigning, Mr. E. Alexander Young, of the London County Association, had been nominated, and was duly elected to the office. Mr. Davies was most cordially thanked for his long and valuable services.

Arising out of the minutes, Mr. Davies said with regard to the action taken by the Council on the subject of the demolition of London churches, and their recommendation that towers containing rings of bells should be spared as much as possible, the only reply he had received was an anonymous one, stating that the Bishop's Commission went out of existence last summer.

Mr. Davies also stated that the interview which he and Mr. Young had had with the authorities of the Science section of South Kensington Museum with regard to having an exhibit on bells and ringing, had been a very satisfactory one.

Apologies for absence were received from Canon Papillon, Rev. J. Drake, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Miss Gillingham, Messrs. H. Argyle, G. Bolland, John Carter, T. R. Dennis, C. Edwards, H. Haigh, C. H. Howard, E. H. Lewis, T. Metcalfe, W. Parker, J. W. Seamer, W. R. Small and R. Warner.

The financial statement presented by the treasurer, and audited by the Standing Committee, showed receipts from affiliation fees £12 10s. interest £3 6s. 2d., and sale of publications £23 17s. 9d., which, with a balance in hand of £63 15s. 7d., made a total of £83 11s. 6d. The expenditure had been books and stationery 13s. 5d., notices and printing £9 17s. 3d., postage and expenses £1 5s. 4d., leaving a balance of £71 15s. 6d.

The statement of accounts was adopted.

The Librarian's report showed that the net receipts from the sale of publications had been £3 17s. 9d., against £16 13s. 2d. in the previous year, the number of books sold being 419, compared with 780 in the previous year.

The Council decided to continue to advertise its publications, and also to continue to send out their publications at the advertised price post free.

Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rev. Canon Papillon, Messrs. J. Carter, R. A. Daniell, J. S. Pritchett, J. A. Trollope, were re-elected hon. members for the next three years, and Mr. A. T. King and Mr. J. H. B. Hesse were added.

The Standing Committee, consisting of Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Canon G. F. Coleridge, Canon H. J. Elsee, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Rev. H. Law James, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, A. Daniell, J. Griffin, A. T. King, E. H. Lewis and A. E. Parsons, were elected, and the new Hon. Secretary (Mr. Young) was added.

The Peal Collection Committee were re-elected, viz., Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde and J. W. Parker, and Miss E. K. Parker, who had typed the collection of Treble Bob Peals, and was heartily thanked for her work, was added to the committee.

The Literature and Press Committee: Rev. A. T. Beeston, Rev. C. E. Matthews and Mr. R. A. Daniell were re-appointed, and Mr. G. E. Burton was added.

The Legitimate Methods Committee: Rev. H. L. James, and Messrs. J. A. Trollope and E. H. Lewis were re-elected, Mr. James reporting that the work of the committee was now held up until the Council had funds to publish the methods already prepared.

The Peaks Analysis Committee's report, already published in 'The Ringing World,' was adopted, and Mr. A. T. King, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Rev. A. T. Beeston and Mr. G. Williams were re-elected. It was decided that the names claimed for all unnamed methods in the Minor Methods Collection should be sent in to the Librarian within six months, after which the committee should proceed to name the remainder.

The Towers and Belfries Committee were re-elected as follows:—Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Messrs. E. H. Lewis, J. H. B. Hesse and E. A. Young, Major Hesse reporting three cases in which he had been called in to give advice during the year.

The Bells of Belgium Committee, consisting of Canon H. J. Elsee, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. E. H. Lewis, was allowed to lapse, on the suggestion of Canon Elsee, as in his opinion—which the Council endorsed—the time had gone by when the committee could do anything effective.

The Records Committee, comprising the Rev. A. T. Beeston, Rev. H. Law James and Mr. T. H. Beams, was re-elected, Mr. Trollope and Mr. Daniell volunteering to give the committee assistance in their museum work, in response to an appeal for help in this direction.

The committee, whose report was published in our last issue, was authorised to carry on their work, commencing with Triples for the time being; also to approach the associations, in the name of the Council, to obtain particulars of the longest lengths rung by them. They were also authorised to include in the statistics the figures of the methods and the composition of the peals where possible.

The following motion was on the agenda: 'That the Analysis Committee be asked to arrange, if possible, that each peal be credited to the Association in whose territory it is rung.' In the absence of the Rev. H. Drake, who had given notice of the motion, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies moved it pro forma, and Mr. Trollope similarly seconded, but it was defeated practically without discussion.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn proposed the following resolution:—'That in every Diocese there should be a recognised authority to give advice on matters concerning Church Bells, and that it is hoped that each Guild and Association will take steps to provide such authority.'—The Rev. M. Kelly seconded, and the motion was carried.

Mr. W. Willson proposed that a committee for ringing defence be formed of five persons, or more, as may be expedient whose duty shall be to watch the interests of ringing companies, and reply to any attack in the Press or otherwise when required to do so.—The Rev. F. L. Edwards seconded, and after discussion, which showed a sharp division of opinion, the motion was carried by 23 votes to 27; and by a further resolution the work was put into the hands of the Literature and Press Committee, to which the proposer and seconder were added.

The Council decided to meet next year at Lincoln.

Mr. A. H. Pulling's motion, recommending all associations to hold their annual meetings within three months previous to the Council meeting, was discussed, but withdrawn.

Another late notice of motion had been given by Alderman Chambers, of Derby, suggesting the formation of a Bell Restoration Fund in every association.—Alderman Chambers was not present to move the resolution, and it was, therefore, allowed to lie on the table.

A vote of thanks to the President concluded the meeting.

Afterwards most of the members attended the service and unveiling ceremony at St. Clement Danes, and went on to St. Paul's, and afterwards to the College Youths meeting at 'The Coffee Pot.'

There was also ringing at Westminster Abbey and St. Clement Danes.

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AT THE UNKNOWN WARRIOR'S GRAVE.**IMPRESSIVE AND MEMORABLE CEREMONY.**

A brief but unique ceremony took place in connection with the meeting of the Central Council in London on Tuesday. The idea put forward in 'The Ringing World' that the Council should officially place a wreath at the Cenotaph in memory of the one thousand ringers who fell in the war, was sympathetically taken up by the Rev. A. H. Boughcy (then president), but it was felt it would be more convenient to place the wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey. The Dean of Westminster (Dr. Kyle) readily fell in with the proposal, and when the Council adjourned for lunch they proceeded to the Abbey, where, round the honoured spot the members ranged themselves while the Dean conducted a brief service, in which there was a pause for silent prayer for the dead. After the Collects, the new President of the Council (Canon Coleridge) placed the wreath on the grave. Then, for the first time in all its long history the ancient Abbey heard within its walls the sound of handbells. It was the ringers' farewell to their dead, that unique but telling tribute which marks the passing of a kindred soul. A course of Stedman Caters was rung while the audience stood in silence, and the sound of the bells spread out through the great spaces of the old Abbey, and came back in echoes from the great pillars. The course was rung by ex-Service men: J. Thomas, R.A.F., 1-2; T. H. Haffender, R.N.V.R., 3-4; W. Willson, R.A.F., 5-6; A. H. Pulling, R.G.A., 7-8; W. A. Cave, U.E., 9-10. The ceremony was brief, but impressive and memorable. There was a considerable number of the general public present, and not the least interested of the onlookers were a number of Japanese sailors, who were being conducted round the Abbey.

A SWINDON MEMORIAL.**DEDICATION BY THE BISHOP OF BRISTOL.**

A very handsome tablet has been erected in Swindon Parish Church Belfry to commemorate the peal rung on November 23rd, 1918, to celebrate the great victory of the Allies. The memorial was dedicated by the Bishop of Bristol. Previously Field-Marshal Lord Methuen had unveiled, and the Bishop had dedicated, before a crowded congregation, a magnificent memorial erected in the church in honour of those heroes who had given their lives for their country. The names of the fallen are inscribed alphabetically on the tablet, and includes that of John H. Odey, a highly-respected and deeply regretted member of the Guild. Although he had not accomplished many peals, he was a capable ringer, and in addition to the four standard methods, was proficient in Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge.

Immediately after the service in the church, the Bishop, preceded by his cross bearer, ascended to the ringing chamber, where had assembled to meet him, the Rev. C. A. Mayall, Vicar, the curates, churchwardens, ringers, and many interested members of the congregation.—Major Fitzroy Fleydell Goddard, the Vicar's warden, and Lord of the Manor, unveiled the tablet, and the Bishop, having dedicated it, gave a short and appropriate address to the ringers, and intimated that he took it to be a great honour to be invited into the belfry to dedicate the handsome tablet. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bishop were introduced to the Bishop, who shook hands with all the ringers, including several promising youngsters, who are making excellent progress, under the able tuition of that capable and enthusiastic ringer, Mr. Charles J. Gardiner. The tablet is of white Sicilian marble, with black marble base, and was designed, made and generously presented by Mr. Herbert W. Bishop, and the grateful thanks of the Swindon Parish Church Guild are due to him for his beautiful and valuable gift, which will form a lasting memorial that will probably endure so long as the church stands. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that this was the donor's first peal. Previous to and after the service, some first-class touches of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Major were rung, conducted by Mr. J. H. Shepherd. Lord Methuen, who was the guest of Major Goddard, was very much impressed by the excellence of the ringing.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**REV. SIR JOHN HERSCHEL TO RESIGN SECRETARYSHIP.**

We are asked to state that at the annual meeting of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, on July 4th, at Winchester, the Secretary, the Rev. Sir J. C. W. Herschel, Bart., will resign office owing to pressure of other duties. This announcement is made beforehand, in order that members may be ready with nominations for his successor. Members are also reminded that it saves much time and avoids uncertainties to make sure beforehand that anyone who is proposed is willing to serve, if elected, and that it is desirable that one of the clergy should hold the office.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Easter Day, for 8 a.m. service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): G. Olliver 1, E. Stoner (first quarter on inside bell) 2, A. Steele 3, G. Street 4, C. J. E. Gasson 5, A. E. T. Gasson (conductor) 6. For 11 a.m. service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Single Bob Minor (1,260 changes): G. Olliver 1, E. Stoner 2, A. Steele 3, C. J. E. Gasson 4, C. Holman 5, A. E. T. Gasson (conductor) 6.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S NEW SECRETARY.

MR. ERNEST ALEXANDER YOUNG, A.R.I.B.A.

the new Secretary of the Council, was born at Southampton in 1885. Educated at the Hampden Gurney Schools, W., he was articled to the late W. I. Sans, A.R.I.B.A., in 1881. As an architect and surveyor he commenced in private practice in 1904. In 1911 Mr. Young became a district surveyor under the London Building Acts, and this responsible position he now holds, being district surveyor for Lewisham East and Woolwich (Town). Mr. Young has been well known in London as a public lecturer on matters relative to architecture and building. He joined the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1891, after passing the Institute examinations.

Mr. Young's interest in church bells was first awakened by listening to the Holyrood and St. Michael's bells as they sounded across the Bay, when he was a boy at Blechynden (now Southampton West). It was not, however, until 1885 that he became acquainted with some of the St. Clement Danes ringers, being at that time engaged in surveying and measuring the steeple of that church. A few years after he took up ringing, and in January, 1891, joined the St. James's Society, and a few years later the 'College Youths.' Of the former (now the London County Association) Mr. Young has always been a strong supporter, and was honorary secretary for several years. He is one of the trustees, and represents it on the Central Council, where he has been for several years a member of the Tower and Belfries Committee. With others, he assisted the late Sir Arthur Heywood in writing his book, entitled 'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging.' Mr. Young has devoted considerable attention to the movement of bell towers during ringing, and is one of a committee approved by the R.I.B.A. to investigate and report upon this somewhat obscure question.

Mr. Young designed the present certificate of the London County Association, but has the strange distinction of having never yet rung a peal, although he has made several attempts.

A YOUNG BAND'S PROGRESS.

At St. Catherine's Church, Gorseinon, on April 13th, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples (1,260 changes): R. Baird 1, J. Coleman 2, A. Sluman 3, T. J. Williams 4, H. Willis (conductor) 5, W. Dobbins 6, I. Williams 7, H. Warrie 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of the treble, second, fourth and tenor. Great credit is due to first and last named, as they only started to ring a bell last November.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GARGRAVE.—Yorkshire Association.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Whit-Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Spedding 1, A. R. Jones (conductor) 2, J. Bazeley 3, A. French 4, J. Langstroth 5, Dr. Wales 6, W. H. Birtwhistle 7, J. McKell 8. For evening service, 504 of Stedman Triples, J. McKell (conductor).

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Whit-Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major, in 47½ minutes: A. Smith 1, F. Hunt 2, T. Blackburn 3, B. Wood 4, H. Wood 5, T. Kendall 6, A. King 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except ringers of 3 and 8. Also first on the bells by an entirely local band, and first as conductor.

CHELSEA.—At St. Luke's Church, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Caters, in 55 minutes: F. Mitchell (first quarter) 1, E. Reeve 2, H. H. Mance 3, G. Watkin 4, A. Newman 5, H. Burton 6, W. Dean 7, J. Miller 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9, W. Essery 10.

SOLIHULL.—On Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, in 47 mins., 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, C. Bragg 2, E. C. Shepherd (composer) 3, G. A. Martineau 4, H. Bragg 5, H. Shepherd 6, S. Bragg 7, J. Bragg 8, R. Bragg (conductor) 9, K. Timms 10. Rung to commemorate the 50th year of change ringing in Solihull. This quarter-peal has every pair of courses alternately in the Titbits and Handstroke positions.

CAMBRIDGE.—At Great St. Mary's, on Sunday, May 8th, for evensong, in 48 mins., 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Shorter 1, R. Lathbury 2, *H. Hazel 3, E. G. Hibbins 4, *W. H. J. Hooton (conductor) 5, T. R. Dennis 6, W. Welch 7, P. Taylor 8. *First quarter-peal of Triples.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—At All Saints', on May 8th, for evening service, 1,270 Stedman Caters, in 50 mins.: A. N. Wood 1, T. Atkins 2, J. Oldham (conductor) 3, E. Cartwright 4, W. Smith 5, F. H. Stubbs 6, E. Leslie 7, J. Hutchby 8, E. Reader 9, W. Thurley 10.

SEELY OAK.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, on Sunday, May 8th, in 42 mins.: Wm. B. Cartwright 1, C. H. Stanley (first quarter in the method) 2, L. G. Cartwright 3, W. Mumford 4, J. E. Eaton 5, S. Grove 6, Joe Bailey, Long Eaton (conductor) 7, H. J. Dowler 8.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—At St. Mary's and Cuthbert's Church, on Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: Miss Ada Donnison 1, F. Sheraton 2, G. Green (conductor) 3, J. Anderson 4, W. Brown 5, G. Ward 6. This is Miss Donnison's first 720, and also the first by a lady ringer on the bells of this church.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday evening, May 8th, for municipal service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins., from 'The Ringing World' of April 29th: S. Bradley 1, D. Hindley 2, A. Walkwork 3, J. Hindley 4, Thos. Lingard (conductor) 5, T. Howard 6, J. Howard 7, J. Edge 8.

TODMORDEN, LANCs.—At the Unitarian Church, on Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, at which a war memorial was unveiled, a

quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by the Rev. E. W. Carneuter): W. H. Stansfield 1, T. Fielden 2, H. Stansfield (first quarter-peal) 3, H. Sutcliffe 4, G. Sutcliffe 5, H. Greenwood 6, J. Nash (conductor) 7, F. Fielden 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, on Sunday, May 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. Butler 1, H. Lewis 2, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 3, W. G. Cook (first quarter) 4, S. Hicks 5, H. C. Bond 6, V. R. Williams 7, J. Hayward 8. At the Parish Church, for evening service, 665 Grandsire Caters: R. W. Watts 1, F. W. Bond 2, J. King 3, J. Butler 4, W. G. Cook 5, F. J. Lewis 6, S. Hicks 7, H. T. Gardner 8, H. C. Bond (conductor) 9, J. Hayward 10.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, May 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: T. Barlow, jun. (Deane), G. E. Turner (Pendleton), J. Lowe (Pendleton), T. B. Worsley (Deane), T. Barlow (Deane), J. T. Potter (Eccles), J. Potter, conductor (Walkden), A. Burton (Walkden). Rung on the occasion of the Sunday School anniversary sermons.

ASHFORD, KENT.—At St. Mary's Parish Church, on May 1st, for evening service, 504 of Stedman Triples by the local band: T. Tabret 1, H. Castle 2, J. Dorne 3, A. O. Kay 4, P. Page 5, W. Everett 6, W. Wenban (conductor) 7, G. Swaffer 8.

GARSTON.—On Sunday, May 1st, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples, by: C. Turner 1, J. Hooley 2, J. Moore 3, R. Kelly 4, J. W. Rawlinson 5, W. Hughes (conductor) 6, S. Miller-ship 7, C. Parker 8. J. Moore rang in the first peal on the bells on May 4th, 1878.

BARLBORO', DERBYSHIRE.—At St. James's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, May 1st, 720 Bob Minor (42 singles), by: R. F. Reece 1, G. Ashby 2, H. Kirk 3, W. Sturman 4, P. E. Hibbard (conductor) 5, W. Ken-

nan 6. **BARTON-IN-FARIS.**—For evening service, on Sunday, May 1st, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: E. Brogdale (first 720) 1, F. Priestly 2, C. Payne 3, W. Brown 4, J. W. Priestly 5, F. J. Tits (conductor) 6.

CHIPPENHAM.—At the Parish Church, for Sunday evening service, April 24th, 1,120 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Trueman (first quarter) 1, A. Dale (first inside) 2, E. Perry 3, R. Pearce 4, F. Lambeth 5, L. Ambrose 6, W. Hulbert 7, S. Wilshire (conductor) 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Easton (first quarter away from tenor) 1, H. Wincote 2, S. D. Breeze 3, C. Brown 4, Robert Holloway (conductor) 5, J. Rooles 6, R. Fardon 7, A. E. Smith 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, April 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: R. A. Fosdike 1, E. J. Pannett 2, A. G. Bennington 3, J. Law 4, W. J. Jeffries 5, J. Crowder 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Easter Day, for evening service, at St. Andrew's Church, Grandsire Triples (630 changes): W. A. Cox 1, T. East, senr. 2, W. J. Napper 3, J. Butler (conductor) 4, A. H. Webb 5, E. E. Napper 6, T. East, junr. 7, W. Goodenough 8.

'LOOK UP.'

Before starting for a peal on a heavy ring of bells some years ago, I remember the conductor saying to one of the band, 'When you are ringing, don't look on the floor, look up.' The conductor knew the man he was addressing, and knew his failing as a ringer. But is this not also a piece of advice which we may all take to heart, whether we are ringing or not? The man who is continually looking down is not the man who will achieve success. Success comes to those who keep their eyes on the goal in front of them: who, when climbing the hill, keep their eyes towards the summit. We cannot hope to achieve mundane things unless we look up; much less can we hope to achieve higher things unless we do likewise. However hurried and burdened our life here may be, we must not forget that there is a hereafter, and that the future depends very much upon our actions and attitude now. The attributes which go to make for success in our art, are those which go to make for success in our lives—patience, perseverance, concentration, harmony. We cannot ring well unless we look up, we cannot live well unless we also look up, for help, for comfort and for grace.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1260 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES.	
234567	
752346	3
467352	1
524367	1
735246	3
467235	1
354267	1
463725	4
254763	1

Five times repeated, S mid-way and end.
J. Beams.

672 STEDMAN TRIPLES.	
25145	7 12
25143	— S
24135	—
25314	— —
21345	—
. Repeated.	
J. Carter.	

504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.	
234567	
342567	4
673254	2
546327	2
735246	1
467523	2
354267	1

H. Martin.

272 BOB MAJOR.	
23456 W B H	
23645	— 2 —
25456	— 1 —
208 BOB MAJOR.	
23456	W B 5 4 M H
54562	— 1 — S
23456	— S —
J. A. Trollope.	

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Considering that the train service was practically 'washed out,' the attendance at the Derby District meeting at Darley Dale on Saturday may be considered very satisfactory, members being present from Leicester, Derby, Ripley, Chesterfield and Rotherham. Courses or touches were rung in Grandsire, St. Clement's, Erin and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Forward, Duffield, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Major.

DERBY PEAL BOARDS UNVEILED.

At St. Alkmund's Church, Derby, on Saturday, April 23rd, a special meeting of the Derby District was held for the purpose of unveiling two peal boards beautifully lettered in gold leaf, recording two peals of Grandsire Triples, one rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. A. E. Hunt on leaving to take up duty at Ockbrook, and to record his 17 years' service as Vicar of St. Alkmund's Parish; the other as a welcome to the Rev. J. S. Wilding, his successor. About 40 were present, including several ladies, the Rev. A. E. Hunt (Ockbrook), the Rev. J. S. Wilding (Vicar), the Rev. W. G. Couch (curate), the Rev. Wilkinson (Mansfield), Alderman Chambers, President M.C.A.; Mr. Plant (churchwarden) and Mr. Potts (ex-warden), and ringers from Burton, Breadsall, Duffield, Ilkeston, Long Eaton and Derby.

The Rev. A. E. Hunt remarked how pleased he was to be present at such a gathering, and congratulated the ringers on their achievement. To be successful in ringing these peals it was not only necessary, he said, for the bells to be in perfect tune and work in harmony with each other, but that the ringers themselves should also work in harmony, realising at the same time that they were church workers, and that their office was as important as any other branch of work in the church.

Alderman Chambers, in performing the unveiling ceremony, expressed his pleasure in being present on such an occasion, and spoke of the good work done by the late Vicar during his 17 years in the parish. He wished him every success in his present sphere, and congratulated the ringers upon placing two such beautiful boards in the belfry.—The Rev. A. E. Hunt then dedicated the boards with a short prayer, after which the Vicar proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies and gentlemen for their attendance. He was supported by Mr. Haywood, on behalf of the ringers, and the Vicar then closed the meeting with prayer.

Ringling was afterwards indulged in, touches of Grandsire, Duffield, Treble Bob, Cambridge and London being rung.

HOW HARLINGTON LOST A BELL.**QUAINT RECORD OF ANCIENT LAW SUIT.**

The Rev. H. Wilson, of Harlington, Middlesex, sends us the following interesting extract from his 'Parish Magazine':—

'It is rather an old story—nearly four centuries old—but has never appeared in print, and I have only just heard it from Mr. George L. Harrison, who has been doing research work at the Record Office, and came across it amongst some early Chancery Proceedings. In a letter, dated February 26th, 1921, he most kindly sent me an exact copy of the document, which is of considerable length and most quaintly worded. I found it so interesting that I pass on the story, in brief form, to the readers of the "Parish Magazine." It is written in Old English, as will be seen from the few extracts given.

'It appears that at that distant date, when Henry VIII. was King, something went wrong with one of the Harlington Church Bells, "weying eight hundred pounds weyght"; it got cracked or injured in some way, and "the churchwardens of the said parysshe Churche delyvered it by th' assent of the hole parochyans unto one John fford cityzeyn and bell founder of London, to the purpose and intent that the said John fford should nowe caste and make the seyd bell to agree in the treble note and sound to foure other bells in the same parysshe then yett hanging." fford undertook to fetch the bell, recast and return it within eight weeks, for the sum of £3 6s. 8d. The Churchwardens, however, omitted to get a receipt for the bell when it was carried off. fford at once melted down the old bell, but died a few weeks later, before the other bell was cast, and then the trouble began. His widow denied responsibility, and shortly after married again, when her new husband also said he had no responsibility. The Churchwardens—Roger Soler and John Mold—together with the Patron of the living, Gregory Lovell (whose effigy in brass is in the Church) bombarded them with applications and demands to carry out the verbal agreement. Counter charges were made, and each side abused the other in unmeasured terms. The cause was brought before Sir Thomas Dudley, Keeper of the Great Seal. We don't know for certain the end of the story—his decision has not been found—but it looks as if the "power Parochyans" of Harlington were done out of their bell.

The document, like most early ones, is undated, but Sir Thomas Audley was Lord Chancellor from 1532 to 1544, so it must have been between those dates that the suit came before the Court of Chancery. Harlington Rectory.

H. WILSON.

NOTICES.

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HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at King's Langley, on Saturday, 21st May. Bells available 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Will those intending to be present please notify Mr. L. A. Walker, Railway Terrace, King's Langley?—F. J. Reeve, Hon. Sec., Tring.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 21st, next, at St. Andrew's, Holborn. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. at 1/3 per head. All welcome.—E. C. Russell, Hon. Dist. Sec., 57, Market Street, W.2.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A Ringing meeting will be held at St. Laurence, Thanet, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Will all members please look up Double Norwich for this meeting?—E. C. Buesden, Hon. Dist. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The Quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Henbury, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 Tea 5. Business meeting to follow. Westbury bells available from 7 p.m.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The Spring meeting will be held at Witney, on Saturday, May 21st. Service in St. Mary's Church, at 4 p.m., preacher, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild. Tea at the Central Hotel, at 4.45 p.m., at 1/3 each. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney, Oxon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. R. Bacon, District Sec., West Hill, Hitchin.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Wolsey (six bells) on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Guilsborough on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (six) available 2.30 p.m. All ringers invited. Usual arrangements.—W. Bott, Hon. District Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Eversholt on Saturday, May 21st. Bells at 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—Meetings for practice on Mondays, at 7.30 p.m.: St. John's, Wilton Road, May 23rd; St. Clement Danes, May 30th, Bishopsgate, June 6th. Sun-

days at 10 a.m.: St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, nr. Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 26th; Southwark Cathedral on May 24th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on May 31st, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meetings for practice will be held on Tuesday, May 24th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, and on Thursday, May 26th, at All Hallows, Lombard St., E.C. Ringing commencing at 7.30 p.m. in both cases. All welcome.—E. C. Russell, Hon. Dist. Sec., 57, Market St., W.2.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Bigby (Barnetby Station) on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available all day. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge. Service at 5 p.m., when the Rev. J. Barber, M.A., Rector of Stow, will preach. Those requiring tea please notify the Rev. H. T. Parry, The Rectory, Bigby, on or before Wednesday, May 25th.—J. W. Seamer, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Bexhill, St. Peter's, on Saturday, May 28th. Tower open from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea by kind invitation at 5 pm. Business meeting to follow.—G. W. Stokes, Div. Hon. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Kinver, on Saturday, May 28. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church 4.30. Business meeting after tea.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hadlow, on Saturday, May 28th. Tower open at 3. Service in Church at 5. Tea in the King's Head Inn at 1/3 per head, followed by business meeting. All members wishing tea must notify the District Sec., not later than Tuesday, May 24th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, May 28th, at 6.30 p.m. The bells at Waddington will be available from 3 to 5 in the afternoon.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, May 28th, to consider the financial state of the Association and other business. Meeting at Brown Bros.' Café, at 3.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Bells available.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 28th. Business meeting at 7 p.m. in the Tower.—M. Moorhouse, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Sawby, on Saturday, May 28. Ringing from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—T. H. Kirby, Hon. Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells at 2.30. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. Burkett, 46, Planet Road, Adwick-le-Street, before May 25th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The next meeting will be held at Shere, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.30. Members 9d., visitors 1/6.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Thrapston, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 24th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Cecil Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions due.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Hunton on Sat., June 4th. Bells available at 3. Service at 5, with an address by the Rector (Rev. F. A. Dale). Tea at the Court at 5.45, given by Mrs. Bannerman; business meeting after. All those intending being present must let me know not later than Tuesday, May 31st.—Stephen Hayzeiden, Hon. District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Summer meeting of the Newbury Branch will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 4th. Evensong 4.30. Tea at 5. Special preacher, Canon Coleridge. Intending visitors kindly notify Rev. E. M. Thorp, Bucklebury Vicarage, Reading, not later than June 1st.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Rodmersham, on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available from 3 to 9. Service at 5, followed by a tea kindly provided by the Vicar, The Rt. Hon. Rev. A. H. T. Massey. Business meeting afterwards. All those wishing to partake of tea must notify me not later than first post Tuesday, May 31st, as provision can only be made for those signifying. Half fares up to 2/ will be paid at this meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 66, Peacock St., Gravesend.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Farnborough Parish Church, on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting at Jubilee Hall. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me by Wednesday, June 1st? All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Owlsmoor, Camberley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Thornbury, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea should let me know *without fail*, not later than Sunday, June 5th.—Edith Smith, Sec., St. Michael's Rectory, 16, West Park, Clifton, Bristol.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.
—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Whitby, on June 4th. Bells of the Parish Church (10), available from 12 o'clock. Service in the Church 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, at Botham's Café, Baxtergate, followed by a business meeting in the same room. Will all requiring tea please notify the Secretary not later than Tuesday, May 31?—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dist. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
—The annual meeting of the association will be held at Bath on July 2nd, at which the War Memorial will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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THE COUNCIL.

The Central Council had a really memorable day in London on Whitsun Tuesday. The meeting itself was more interesting than usual, but there were other events which served specially to mark the day. Chief among these was the visit to Westminster Abbey, where, by the willing co-operation of the Dean, a brief but unforgettable service was held at the grave of the unknown warrior, upon whose tomb the President of the Council laid a wreath in the name of the ringers of England. Then there was the impressive service which many attended at St. Clement Danes, when the Freemasons' peal tablet was unveiled and dedicated. In addition, members were privileged to ring at Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral and St. Clement's, the whole proceedings making up a day of varied activity and remarkable interest.

The principal feature of the meeting of the Council was the change that was made both in President and Secretary. The former office, held for three years by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, whose geniality and ability had endeared him to all the members, had necessarily to be filled by a new occupant by reason of the fact that Mr. Boughey's health rendered it inadvisable that he should undertake another term; and the election of Canon Coleridge—one of the original members of the Council—was not only a well-deserved compliment, but a wise selection, for the Canon has behind him an unexcelled experience of the Council's work, is an admirable chairman with a thorough grasp of business, and, as everyone knows who has met him, an inborn humour so valuable to one who has to preside over any assembly.

It was rather strange that the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who postponed his resignation of the office of Secretary and Treasurer three years ago in order to avoid a double change of officers at one time, should, after all, have found himself going out of harness with the President. Mr. Davies is another of the early members of the Council. He has served that body, as Canon Coleridge said, magnificently for twenty years, and, much as his retirement from the post may be regretted, no one will deny his claim to be relieved of the duties of the office. It is difficult to speak in adequate terms of Mr. Davies' services both to the Exercise and to the Council. From the broader point of view of the art itself, much of our present exact knowledge of the Grandsire and Stedman methods is due to his researches, while as the executive officer of the Council he has brought to bear a keen intellect, a wide knowledge of the art and a great enthusiasm for the work. His departure from office, although,

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happily, not from the Council, marks, in a certain sense, a parting of the ways, and his successor, Mr. E. A. Young, in whom the Council has every confidence, will have no easy task in carrying on an office which has long been so well filled.

Several changes in the personnel of the new Council were to be noted, and, with the gradual introduction of new blood, including more active and fewer ornamental members of the Exercise, we look forward to a renewed and more active life for the central body of our organisation.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

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

On Tuesday, May 17, 1921, in Four Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

*THOMAS H. REEVES Treble	† ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... 7
THOMAS ROSSAM 2	* J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 8
* GEORGE F. SWANN 3	PERCY O. LAFLIN 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	A. PADDON SMITH 10
* ALBERT E. NORMAN 5	JOHN NEAL 11
* MORRIS J. MORRIS 6	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This is the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on the bells, by all the band, and by the Guild. George F. Swann's 250th peal. * First peal of Maximus on tower bells. † First peal of Surprise.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES

Tenor 28 cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS Treble	GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN. ... 7
ARTHUR H. HARDY 2	HARRY LEA 8
* REGINALD BROUGH 3	RICHARD N. RUNHAM 9
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	GEORGE CARD 10
THOMAS NEWMAN 5	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 11
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 6	FRANK SMITH Tenor

Composed by SAM WOODS.

Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Cinques. First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all except the ringer of the 5th.

TEN BELL PEALS.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

GEORGE ORCHARD Treble	WILLIAM HALE 6
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	ALFRED HANNIS 7
CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 3	WILLIAM IRELAND 8
ALBERT WRIGHT 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER 9
WILLIAM HASTINGS 5	FRANK COLE Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR CADSLEY Treble	JAMES A. HART 6
WILLIAM D. SMITH 2	BENJAMIN HOBBS 7
WILLIAM PALMER 3	FRANK BENNETT 8
HERBERT RANN 4	ROBERT J. DAVE 9
GEORGE PIPER 5	JOHN JAY Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is the 100th peal rung in Southover tower by R. J. Dave.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*HENRY WEST 1	...Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 6
CHARLES GREEDY 2		WILLIAM BOLTON 7
WILLIAM B. BISS 3		FREDERICK G. VILES 8
SIDNEY DAWE 4		FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
FREDERICK ATWELL 5		SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.
Arranged for W. Bolton, home on holiday from Grimsby. * First peal on ten bells.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES 1	...Treble	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 2		ARTHUR MASON 7
JOHN THOMAS 3		JAMES E. DAVIS 8
GEORGE R. PYE 4		REUBEN SANDERS 9
CHARLES T. COLES 5		WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
First peal in the method in the county, and first by the Association.
The above is the 1,000th peal which the conductor has called.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Woolos,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

FRED ATWELL 1	...Treble	ERNEST E. PEACOCK 6
JOHN BULLEN 2		*ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
*JOHN BUTLER 3		WILLIAM PHILLIPS 8
CHARLES GREEDY 4		FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
JOHN W. JONES 5		SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by HENRY COOPER. Conducted by F. CHAMBERLAIN.
* First peal of Caters. Arranged and rung as a compliment to the Rev. A. H. Thomas, curate of this church, who has just been presented to the living of Penhow. It was also a birthday compliment to J. Butler and a compliment to A. J. Pitman, on the 14th anniversary of his wedding day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN PART.

C. W. GOODENOUGH 1	...Treble	W. E. CHEATER 5
*REV. R. H. WHITFORD 2		F. W. TOWNSEND 6
†E. T. HENDLEY 3		R. P. KNIGHT 7
L. HARRIS 4		A. E. FRY Tenor

Conducted by C. W. GOODENOUGH.
* First peal of Grandsire. † First attempt with a bob bell.

OOSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, May 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5264 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH 1	...Treble	WILLIAM FISHER 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 2		SAMUEL BAKER 6
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON 3		JAMES GEORGE 7
GEORGE GARRISON 4		JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.
This peal, now rung for the first time, contains 22 courses 5-4-8 and 22 courses 5-7-8. It was specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Edith Gough.

ROYSTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM B. MANNING 1	...Treble	*FRANK HARPER 5
*CHARLES S. GOULDTHORPE 2		†ROBERT HOWARD 6
†WALTER MANSFIELD 3		SAMUEL E. ROBERTS 7
†ROBERT WILKERSON 4		ROBERT G. KING Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM GARRETT. Conducted by ROBERT G. KING.
Rung in honour of the 78th birthday of the Vicar, the Rev. J. Harrison, and on his completing 44 years ministry as Vicar of Royston. * First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor on eight bells. First peal of Major on the bells.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR CRANE 1	...Treble	WALTER SEAR 5
FREDERICK J. STONTON 2		HARRY F. MORRIS 6
JOHN MEAD 3		FREDERICK WHITEHEAD 7
WILLIAM MEAD 4		HARRY SEAR Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by HARRY SEAR.
First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor, and first peal in the method in North Bucks by a local band. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Harry Sear.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING 1	...Treble	WALTER THOMAS 5
*EDWARD HARRISON 2		JAMES H. RIDING 6
ARTHUR NEWELL 3		GEORGE R. JONES 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4		JOHN W. DAVIES Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.
* First peal in the method.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

*CHARLES PAYNE 1	...Treble	*SAM WHITE 5
*BERT RIDGEWAY 2		FRED COTTON 6
†ARTHUR CATELL 3		ERNEST MORRIS 7
*GEORGE THOMPSON 4		JOSIAH MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
First peal of Bob Major on the bells. * First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' The conductor's 150th peal.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE THOMPSON 1	...Treble	HERBERT MARKWELL 5
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. 2		*S. H. GREEN 6
WILLIAM COLLISON 3		FREDERICK WHITE 7
WILLIAM STEED 4		WILLIAM LATTER Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.
For calling see K.C.A. Report for 1920, Peal No. 2,231. * First peal. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. F. White, also of the silver wedding of Mr. G. Reesby, one of the local ringers. It was also Mr. Lambert's 100th peal, which he has rung in 30 different towers in Kent and East Sussex.

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

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

CHARLES E. PERKINS... .. <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST J. BROOKS 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	ALFRED DAVIES 6
JOHN BASS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM SHORT 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. DAINS Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.
 First peal of Major on the bells.

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

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 Tenor 10 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM PYE 5
GEORGE W. KILBY 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HARRY KILBY 7
WILLIAM MILLER 4	REUBEN SANDERS <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL COSLANY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
 Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES RAMPLEY <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT ROUGHT 5
GEORGE MAYERS... .. 2	JOHN GODFREY 6
BEN S. THOMPSON 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 4	GEORGE H. CROSS <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
 Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER BROWN... .. <i>Treble</i>	ELLIS LAMBERT... .. 5
WILLIE FOSTER 2	*MILLIGAN HARRISON 6
TOM ROGERS... .. 3	VERNEY BAIRSTOW 7
BOOTH HOLMES 4	GEORGE DENNY, SEN. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. FLEMING. Conducted by V. BAIRSTOW.
 * First peal. First peal as conductor. Treble and 3rd ringers are from Kildwich, 5th from Silsden; the rest belong to the local company.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 24 cwt.

*JOHN SADDINGTON <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES W. BIRD 5
*HARRY PEET 2	WILLIAM FAREY 6
*CECIL CHAPMAN... .. 3	DAVID J. NICHOLS 7
FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT... .. 4	WILLIAM J. ALLEN <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.
 * First peal in the method.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN <i>Treble</i>	WALTER CLAYDON 5
ALFRED J. BULL 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
FRANCIS T. HOAD 3	GEORGE ILLMAN 7
GEORGE ELLIS 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

*WALTER WHITE <i>Treble</i>	*THOMAS H. KIRKBY 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	*T. HENRY HARDY 6
*MRS. T. HENRY HARDY 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS 7
*REV. C. J. STURTON... .. 4	PERCIVAL PRICE... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FRED ROBINSON. Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.
 First peal in the method on the bells. † First peal of Oxford Major.
 Rung to celebrate the wedding of the organist of this church, Mr.
 George Faulks, to Miss Birkin.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES E. BORRETT... .. <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 5
WILLIAM ROSE 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	FRANK R. COPEMAN 7
NORMAN R. BAILEY 4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

PENSHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 TAYLOR'S BOB & SINGLE. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HARRY SEAL <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH WREN 5
*N. E. HOPE 2	GEORGE EDWARDS 6
HARRY COOMBER 3	PERCY DENTON 7
ARTHUR READER 4	CHARLES BAKER <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.
 * First peal. Mr. Wren was elected a member of the Association
 previous to starting. Ringers of 2, 3 and 5 hail from East Grinstead,
 Sussex.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE R. JONES 5
*FRANK FOX... .. 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING... .. 6
†HARRY OVERTON 3	WALTER THOMAS... .. 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	JAMES H. RIDING <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHARLES PRICE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.
 * First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with a bob
 bell. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. F. Kearnton and
 Miss Hilda Fox, the bride being sister to ringer of the 2nd.

HAWLEY, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

*MRS. MELVILLE <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 5
MABEL NYE 2	FREDERICK NYE 6
MRS. HAZELDEN 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN 7
†EDWARD HAYNES 4	BARZILLAI HAWKINS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES HAZELDEN.
 * First peal. † First peal for 17 years.

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RANMORE, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

JOHN H. B. HESSE 5	HENRY L. GARFATH 5
RICHARD HAYES 2	*GEORGE W. STEERE 6
FRANK I. HAIRS 3	ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 7
ERNEST WEATHERBY 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON... ..Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILFRED W. BAILEY... .. 5	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
FRANK L. FISHER 2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	CHARLES E. FISHER 7
ALFRED KEEBLE 4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ...Tenor

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

HADLOW, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...Treble	TOM SAUNDERS 5
*RICHARD T. LAMBERT 2	ARTHUR READER 6
GEORGE BELL 3	*LEWIS NEWMAN... .. 7
HARRY GOODWIN 4	CHARLES H. SONE ... ..Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOWE. Conducted by C. H. SONE.

* First peal of Bob Major on an inside bell.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM BACON 5	WILLIAM DUDLEY 5
GORDON BACON 2	GEORGE E. WILSON 6
HENRY T. WILSON 3	JOHN W. CORNFORD 7
SYDNEY W. CORDEN 4	WILLIAM H. JUDD ... ..Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JUDD.

ABLES PLATTING.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

WILLIAM H. SHOKER ...Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
*MISS EMMA TONGE 2	*HARRY GASKELL 6
WILLIAM BERRY 3	*SAMUEL CARDELL 7
THOMAS K. DRIVER 4	*JOSEPH HALL ... ..Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 158). Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

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

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILFRED W. BAILEY... .. 5	EDGAR H. BAILEY 5
FRANK L. FISHER 2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 6
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3	CHARLES E. FISHER 7
GEORGE WILSON 4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ...Tenor

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

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*MISS ETHEL PACEY ... ..Treble	ERNEST E. PEACOCK 5
WILLIAM B. BISS 2	FREDERICK G. VILES 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 7
CHARLES GREEDY 4	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... ..Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRED G. VILES.

First peal as conductor. * First peal of Triples, and first peal of Triples for the Association in which a lady has taken part. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Chamberlain and also for Russell Viles, son of the conductor.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, May 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE ... ..Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY 5
FREDERICK W. BAILEY 2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 6
GEORGE BAILEY 3	EDGAR H. BAILEY 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal in the method by all; on the bells and for the above Association. The conductor has now called a different Surprise method from every bell in this tower.

STREATHAM, SURREY.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No 33.

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS W. WELBOURNE ...Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 5
LOUIS ATTWATER... .. 2	ISAAC J. ATTWATER 6
JAMES W. CHAPMAN 3	AMOS W. CLARK 7
ARTHUR WALTON 4	*WILLIAM E. G. HEWSON ...Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC J. ATTWATER.

* First peal.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

JOHN AVIS ... ..Treble	WILLIAM DUDLEY 5
RICHARD SMITH 2	GEORGE MORRAD... .. 6
MISS ETHEL M. GOODSHP... .. 3	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7
JOHN BURLS 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ...Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

First peal in the method by all except Sergt. Bennett. First attempt as conductor in the method. F. M. Mitchell's 50th peal. Arranged for Miss Goodship, of Reading, who was heartily congratulated on her excellent ringing, she never having previously made a bob in the method. The band wish to thank the Rev. Campbell Ward for the use of the bells and Mr. W. Harper for having everything ready.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*G. HERBERT ... ..Treble	†H. J. ELDRD 4
*J. SUMPTER... .. 2	R. ROFFEY 5
E. TUBB 3	F. BARKER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by F. BARKER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE MILES Treble	ALFRED J. CROUCHER ... 4
SAMUEL PETER 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 3	*WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Conducted by H. J. CHAFFEY.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells. Rung for the 36th anniversary of the building of the tower.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES COCKINGS Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW 2	HERBERT ROBINSON 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE 3	HENRY W. GAYTON Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

The conductor has now rung and conducted a peal from each bell in this tower.

LONGDON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN BAYLISS Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

This is the first peal of Minor on the bells, also first peal of Minor by S. T. Holt.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by C. PATRICK. Conducted by the performer.

Umpire: WALTER SPARROW, Stowmarket.

CLAPLHAM, S.W.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT 83, HIGH STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN GATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM H. HEWITT ... 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5-6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 7-8
GEORGE W. STEERE ... 9-10	

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: R. RICHARDSON.

* First peal 'in hand.' F. I. Hairs' 200th peal and G. W. Steere's 50th peal 'in hand.'

CHIPPENHAM.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins., by the following regular Sunday Service ringers: C. Ambrose, junr., 1, A. Dale 2, W. Hulbert 3, R. Pearce 4, F. Lambeth (conductor) 5, L. Ambrose, senr., 6, S. Wiltshire 7, H. Powell 8. First quarter and first attempt by C. Ambrose, junr. who is 15 years of age, and believed to be the first junior at that age to ring the treble to a quarter of Grandsire in the vicinity.

POSTWICK, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT 15, NORFOLK COTTAGES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

NORMAN R. BAILEY ... 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 5-6
ALBERT ROUGHT ... 3-4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

GEORGE W. STEERE ... 1-2	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	HENRY L. GARFATH ... 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING, MISS CARBIN and MISS MCCULLUM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss McCullum. This was G. Steere's and the conductor's 50th peal 'in hand' together.

ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting was held at Peterborough on Whit-Monday, when ringers were present from Cambridge, Long Stanton, Dry Drayton, Cottenham, Newmarket, Barley, Thetford, and the local bands. The bells of St. Mary's, St. John's and Woodston were kept merrily going all day, and handbells were also rung both on the journey, which was by charabanc, and in St. Mary's Schoolroom.—A hearty vote of thanks was given by the Rev. H. B. Woolley to Mr. and Mrs. Jutson and Mr. and Mrs. Rawlinson for the splendid lunch and tea, and it is interesting to know that the proceeds are to be given to the Peterborough War Memorial.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Northern District held a meeting on Saturday, May 21st, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, where the bells have recently been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon, and a short service was held. The address by the Rector was much appreciated, as also was the special bell hymn written by the Rector himself.

After tea, the business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Rector. Mr. E. Roberts, of Kentish Town, was elected a member, and St. Mary's, Willesden, will, if available, be the place for the next meeting in July.

Very hearty thanks were accorded to the Rector for his thoughtfulness and help, the steeplekeeper for having everything in good order, and the lady and gentleman who were responsible for the catering for tea.

Ringling was resumed, and kept merrily going for the rest of the evening. It is pleasing to see a big increase in the attendance at the District meetings, and it is to be hoped this evidence of interest will continue.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE.

BRANCHES FAVOUR REDUCTION IN NUMBERS.

On Saturday, May 14th, the members of the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association held their monthly meeting at Moorside, Oldham, the towers represented being Moorside, Oldham, Glodwick, Middleton, Ashton St. Peter's, Ashton Parish, Miles Platting, Pendleton and East Crompton. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening, and at the usual business meeting, presided over by Mr. Sam Stott, it was decided that next month's meeting should take place on June 11th, at Heywood. The following resolution, received from the Rossendale Branch, was fully discussed, and it was decided to support it: 'That this branch is of opinion that there are too many on the Committee of Management, and they suggest that one from every branch is quite sufficient, with the President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretaries and Hon. Treasurer, to carry on the management of the association.

To alter rule 9 to read: "The Management shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretaries, Hon. Treasurer and the Secretary from each Branch." Also to include a proviso, if the Secretary cannot attend Committee Meeting on the date fixed, he appoint some member of his branch to act as his Deputy for that day. This is to curtail expenses.

The meeting concluded with a resolution of thanks to the chairman for presiding; also to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

NEW TOWER & BELLS AT DURBAN.

OPENING OF A SOUTH AFRICAN PEAL.

The art of change ringing, which was spread, precariously perhaps but nevertheless certainly, to Australia and Canada, will it is hoped take root in South Africa as the result of a new tower and bells erected at Durban, Natal, and another peal which it is hoped soon to have in ringing order in the same city. The new tower has been added to St. Mary's Church as a memorial to those who fell in the Great War, and the peal of ten bells, with a tenor of 18 cwt. 25 lbs., were cast at the Loughborough foundry by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The total weight of the peal is 80 cwt., and each bell is given a commemorative name and date, as follows:—

- Treble.—The Old Contemptibles. 1914.
- 2. Botha. S.W. Africa. 1915.
- 3. Edith Cavell. 1915.
- 4. Smuts. B. Africa. 1916.
- 5. Jellicoe. Jutland. 1916.
- 6. Kitchener. 1916.
- 7. Delville Wood. 1916.
- 8. Allenby. Jerusalem. 1918.
- 9. Haig. Armistice. 1918.
- Tenor.—Foch. Peace. June, 1919.

The bells were shipped to South Africa, and the hanging was carried out under the superintendence of Canon Ridout and Mr. F. Simpson (Ringing Master), who is, by the way, an old Yorkshire ringer.

Some time previous to the hanging of the bells, a Guild of ringers was formed, under the tuition of Mr. Simpson, and with the help of a set of handbells, the gift of Canon Ridout, a start was made. A plan course of Bob Major was rendered possible by several parties of enthusiastic beginners, assisted by three old ringers.

The ceremony of blessing the tower and bells took place on March 20th, and the new ringers were able to accomplish a few call changes.

St. Mary's is the only church in South Africa with a ring of ten bells; in fact, the only tower with bells that are rung, though there is a church in Capetown where a peal is hung. Mr. Fred J. Cole, who sends us the above details, says he has not touched a rope for 21 years, and, indeed, never expected to make seconds, turn treble from behind, etc., again; 'but,' he adds, 'we are all very keen and shall not rest until we see a peal, although it may be in one of the plain methods, recorded in "The Ringing World." I feel, as an old change ringer, that a start has now been made, and, with the advent of another peal of eight at St. Paul's, Durban (ready for ringing shortly),

change ringing out here may develop as an art hitherto unknown in South Africa.'

With this wish, all ringers in the old country will, we are sure, associate themselves.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HEAVY LOSS ON YEAR'S WORKING.

The annual meeting of the Sussex County Association was held at Brighton on Saturday, May 7th, when 60 members attended from Brighton, Balcombe, Battle, Bexhill, Burgess Hill, Chiddingly, Crawley, Eastbourne, Hastings, Heathfield, Heane, Henfield, Arundel, Rotherfield, Seaford, Shoreham, Lewes, Uckfield, etc. Service was held at St. Peter's Church, at which an address was given by the Rev. Cecil H. Clarke (Vicar of Chiddingly).

The business meeting followed in St. Peter's Parish Room, at which the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) presided. The bands at Arundel, Iton and Fittleworth were elected members, and the towers affiliated to the association. Several new members were also elected. The accounts were presented by the hon. treasurer (Mr. Ellman Brown). These showed a deficit on the year's working of about £35. A discussion took place on the financial question, and it was agreed to make no increase in the subscription of members, but to do away with the allowance for railway fares and teas at meetings for one year. It was decided to hold meetings as frequently as possible, and to pay the year's deficit out of P.O. Savings Bank account.

The president and vice-presidents were re-elected. Mr. J. T. Rickman, M.A., was re-elected Master, and the other officers were appointed as follows: Hon. treasurer, Mr. Ellman Brown; hon. secretary, Rev. C. H. Clarke (vicar of Chiddingly); hon. auditors, Messrs. O. C. Sippets and Yorks Bramble; hon. peal secretary, Mr. H. Stalham.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. H. R. Butcher, who had been hon. secretary for the past four years.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Brighton.

A sub-committee was formed to deal with the proposed revision of rules.

The Warner Challenge Bell this year was won by St. Peter's Brighton.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicars of St. Peter's, and St. Nicholas' for the use of the bells and parish room, and after the meeting ringing was continued at both churches throughout the evening.

DITCHINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On April 9th, a date touch was rung at St. Mary's, in 1 hr. 13 mins. by members from Ditchingham and Bungay: H. Barrell 1, G. F. Woods 2, F. Sayer 3, F. Beckett 4, H. Fairhead 5, Alfred Williams (conductor) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The inscription attached to the wreath deposited by the Central Council on the grave of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey, was: 'A token of deep respect from the Church Bell Ringers of England.'

Out of the 40 associations affiliated to the Central Council, 29 were represented at last week's meeting by 61 members. Ten out of 15 honorary members were present. Considering the difficulties of travel the attendance was excellent, there being members present from places as far away as Newcastle, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Lincolnshire, Worcestershire, Monmouthshire and Devonshire. The Rev. H. Law James cycled the 100 miles from Surfleet to London.

A new appellation has been found for Mr. James George. He has been known as 'of Rugby' and 'of Birmingham,' he is now 'of England,' and some humorist dubbed him 'King George.'

It arose in this way. The President of the Central Council asked the members to give their names and the association they represented, before making a speech, and gave as an example, 'Coleridge, Oxford Guild.' When Mr. George rose to speak he omitted this preliminary, and was chaffingly pulled up by the President, who asked: 'Name?' 'George, England,' came the prompt reply, amid much laughter.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Caters ever rung. This was on May 28th, 1787, at St. John's, Horsleydown, where a tablet records the performance which was composed and conducted by Mr. John Reeves.

That was the first peal of Stedman Caters on land. The following day, May 29th, is the twentieth anniversary of the first peal on the sea—a peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand' on the ss. Cambria between Dublin and Holyhead.

To-morrow is the anniversary, also of the record peal of Bristol Surprise, 15,264, rung in 9 hrs. 49 mins., at Hornchurch, Essex, by the Middlesex Association, on Whit-Monday, 1912. In the same year, on June 1st, the 14,031 Stedman Caters was rung on handbells at Guildford, as a preliminary to the record of 19,738 rung three months later by the same band.

One of the very earliest peals of Treble Ten, under the name of Union Bob Royal, was rung 180 years ago next Monday. This was a peal of 5,000 by the College Youths on May 30th, 1741, at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill.

The total number of peals rung by the Norwich and Ipswich Association up to the end of 1921 was 3,424. That, we believe, is the association record.

The number of bands ringing Cambridge Maximus is gradually widening, and the company at St. Martin's, Birmingham, have now added a peal to their records. The first peal of Cambridge Maximus was rung by the Norwich Association at Ipswich on August 15th, 1908. Since then about a dozen peals have in all, been rung, by the Norwich Association, the College Youths, the Middlesex Association, the Gloucester and Bristol Association, the Essex Association, and now St. Martin's Guild.

At the Western District of the Ladies' Guild an intermediate meeting for practice was held at Clapton-in-Gordano on Wednesday evening, May 18th. There was a fair attendance, and an enjoyable time was spent.

The numbers of members of the Norwich and Ipswich Association is 1,014; the highest total having been 1,156, in 1913.

Mr. William Pye, who has some of the most remarkable records in his peal book has now achieved another wonderful performance, by reaching his one thousandth peal as conductor. Up to the present only four men have reached four figures in peal ringing—to have conducted a thousand peals, therefore is a record that is likely to stand for a long time, for there can be no one else within hundreds of this total. Of the 1,000 peals which Mr. Pye has called, 647 have been for the Middlesex Association, for whom he has rung 801 peals.

Of all the bands in England few are more happily placed than that at Leiston, Suffolk, where the nucleus is formed by that wonderful family of Baileys, who have among the brothers eight or ten Surprise ringers. It is remarkable that there should be so many good ringers in one family, but what is more gratifying is the enterprise which they show. They have now added Yorkshire Surprise to their list, and have rung the first peal in the method for the Norwich and Ipswich Association.

By calling this peal of Yorkshire Surprise from the 6th in his native tower at Leiston, Mr. C. F. Bailey has achieved the unique performance of conducting a different Surprise method from every bell in the tower, viz., Superlative, treble; Cambridge, 2nd; New Cambridge, 3rd; Bristol, 4th; Suffolk, 5th; Yorkshire, 6th; Guildford, 7th; London, tenor. In this, we believe, Mr. Bailey has set up a new record.

The men who can claim to have rung a hundred peals in one tower are few and far between, but Mr. R. J. Dawe, who for more than thirty years has been an active peal ringer in Sussex, has achieved this distinction of the bells where he learned to ring—Southover, Lewes. Mr. A. J. Turner has also rung more than a hundred peals on these bells, he and Mr. Dawe having started their ringing career about the same time in this tower.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS.

As already reported in our last issue, the Central Council met for their annual meeting in London on Tuesday in last week. Greatly to the regret of the members, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (President) was unable to be present, the Hon. Sec. (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies), who temporarily took the chair, informing the Council that he had been suffering from neuritis, and had been ordered by the doctor to take complete rest. That, he said, really left the Council with no alternative but to proceed with the election of a new President. They could not have had a better Chairman and better President than Mr. Boughey, and the Council would, he was sure, join with him in keen regret that Mr. Boughey was not able to continue in office. He felt very strongly, however, that it would be no kindness to Mr. Boughey, as things were, to re-elect him. Therefore, they must proceed to the election of another President.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill proposed Canon G. F. Coleridge.

Canon W. W. Baker, in seconding, said they must all have heard with great regret that Mr. Boughey was unable to continue in office, and those who were members of the Cambridge University Guild would hear it with a deeper sense of regret. But, having to find a successor to Mr. Boughey, they could not find a better one than Canon Coleridge (hear, hear). If he were elected he would fill the chair—there was no doubt about that (laughter)—and he would fill it also with dignity, competence, and to the satisfaction of the Council (applause).

Canon Coleridge said he hoped another candidate would be proposed ('No, no'). He did feel that the times in which they lived were times for young men. That was the twenty-ninth time he had attended a meeting of the Council, and, although he could say he knew something of the work of the Council, they knew there was a new tide of life coming on among the younger members of the Exercise. A boy in an essay once said, the best fossils were found in theological museums (laughter). Therefore, although they might be content to put up with an old fossil, who had passed the age which Sir Arthur Heywood said ought to be the limit of any man's exercise of the office—he was three years older than Sir Arthur was at the time he said that—he begged they would consider that youth ought to be served, and he trusted somebody else would be proposed as President.

The election was unanimously carried, and the Hon. Secretary, in announcing it, said what a keen pleasure it was to him that his dear friend of 45 years' standing had been elected.

THE HON. SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

Canon Coleridge was warmly applauded on taking the chair, and remarked that while the position was the last thing he desired to aspire to, his 29 years' experience of the Council might be of some service to the newer members of the Council. All he could promise was that he would act firmly and impartially, and carry on the business of the Council to the best of his very unworthy ability. Continuing, the President said their next duty was to elect a new hon. secretary and treasurer. They all extremely regretted that Mr. Davies, who had served them so faithfully and so loyally, and, he might add, so magnificently for many years, could no longer carry on the duties, and felt impelled, after many warnings and threatenings, to resign. What the Council owed him for all he had done during the many years he had held the post no words of his (the President's) could rightly estimate, and he thought the many ringers present who had had experience of secretarial work would agree that he spoke the absolute truth (applause). Mr. Davies had been a truly magnificent secretary, and he desired to propose a very hearty vote of thanks from the Council to Mr. Davies for his eminent services (applause).

The motion was carried by acclamation, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies said he was deeply touched by what the President had said. He could assure them, as he had told them on the many occasions when they had re-elected him, that the work had been a work of great pleasure to him. The only thing was that he was nearly twenty years older than when he was first elected, and he had had to come to the conclusion that it was rather harder work than he could continue. He also felt that the time had come when somebody a little younger than himself should enter upon it, someone more of the age of the men with whom he would have to deal, for he was getting now one of the older men. The way they had received Mr. Coleridge's remarks touched him deeply, and he felt that he was amply repaid for any trouble he had taken. Only one nomination had been received for his successor.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said he had great pleasure in proposing the name of Mr. E. Alexander Young as successor to Mr. Davies. Mr. Young was a layman who was in good report in the Exercise at large. He lived in London, and had the advantage of the assistance of an office. He was interested, and had been for some time, in the work of the Council, and in matters connected with church bells. He had

expressed his willingness to take the post if elected, and he (the speaker) had great pleasure in submitting his name to the Council.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies seconded. He said he had just lately been thrown in contact with Mr. Young in connection with the Council's endeavour to get an exhibit in the Science and Art Museum at South Kensington, and he must say he did not think a better man for the office could be found than Mr. Young.

As no one else had been nominated, the President declared Mr. Young duly elected as hon. secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Young, in accepting office, said he would do all he could for the Council, although he felt there were better men in London more fitted to hold the post, but since he had been so unanimously and splendidly elected he could only return them his thanks (applause).

On the motion of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was re-elected Hon. Librarian.

Canon H. J. Elsee proposed that the Council send a message to the retiring President, and moved that the Council's heartfelt sympathy be sent to Mr. Boughey in his illness, with an expression of their hope that he may be soon restored to health, and of their sincere thanks for his great services during the past three years.

This motion was immediately carried, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

THE THREATENED CITY CHURCHES.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said, in accordance with the resolution of the Council passed at Northampton, he wrote to the Commission appointed by the Bishop of London with regard to City benefices, urging that the towers containing bells should be spared as much as possible. Not receiving a reply he wrote again some months later, and on 15th April received a communication stating that the existence of the Commission came to an end last summer. The retention of the towers and bells was a legal feature of the report. The letter was not signed.

Mr. T. Faulkner said he believed it was a fact that the Bishop was appointing a new commission, so that if the churches had not been pardoned they had been deprived.

THE PROPOSED SCIENTIFIC EXHIBIT.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said the Council would recollect that at the last meeting Mr. Young brought forward a motion that they should approach the authorities of the Science Museum at South Kensington with regard to having an exhibit of bell models and other things connected with ringing at the Museum. As a result of that Mr. Young and he had an interview with the museum authorities, which was very satisfactory. The gentleman who saw them was most friendly and most interested in the question, and he (Mr. Davies) thought in all probability something would be done.

Mr. Young said the reason why nothing could be done immediately was on account of the conditions under which the museum was being run for the time being. Some of the galleries were still being used by Government departments, and there was very little money for extension work.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

After the adoption of the balance sheet, the details of which were given in our last issue, the Librarian presented his report. He said the amount realised by the sale of publications was £12 2s., but the expenditure, including a full year's advertising, was £3 4s. 3d. The Council would recollect that at the meeting a year ago he prepared them for a big fall in the amount which would be realised, and things had turned out as he anticipated. In the year ending April 30th, 1920, they cleared £18 13s. 2d., while as the result of sales during the twelve months just completed, he had only been able to hand over to the treasurer £3 17s. 9d. There were several causes for this very considerable drop. A year ago they were reaping the first results of advertising and of pushing the sales. Many ringers had been made aware for the first time of the real existence of Central Council publications, both through 'The Ringing World' and through the agency of those gentlemen who took parcels on sale or return, for the benefit of the associations they represented. Many companies were also receiving after the war, and required help in the way of such literature. In these respects it was an abnormal year, and it was not surprising that 780 books were sold, as against 419 in the last twelve months. There were also some causes on the expenditure side. Postal rates were now considerably higher, and the books were sent post free just the same as before. They had had also to meet the cost of twelve months' advertising instead of only nine, and he regretted to say that the Editor of 'The Ringing World' had informed him that he could no longer accept the advertisement at the same rate, but that there must be an additional charge of £2 12s. per annum. The Council were indebted to the officials of the various ringing societies, to the number of seven, who had assisted in the sales by taking parcels on sale or return and thereby contributed £2 9s. 9d. to the total receipts.

Mr. Jenkyn asked the Council's sanction to the additional cost of advertising. Having got these books, he said it was the wish of the Council that they should be disseminated as soon as possible. Since they advertised the sales had gone up considerably. At the same time

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he did feel that it was something for the Council to consider, to assist in keeping the ringing paper going. That was one of the jobs that the Council ought to have very near its heart (hear, hear), because, if there was no ringing paper for the Exercise, there was no real link of fellowship, and if they had to sink the lot of their profits he should consider the money well spent (hear, hear). On the other hand, if they did not advertise they risked nothing. He would simply wait at home until orders came in, but they would not be nearly so numerous, and while he might, perhaps, be able to show a greater balance at the end of the year, he did not think they would have done so much good with their stock-in-trade.

It was resolved to continue to advertise the publications in 'The Ringing World' at the increased terms, and a motion by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by Major Hughes D'Aeth, that in future the postage charges should be added when books were sold, was defeated.

THE NEW LIBRARY.

The Librarian then reported on the formation of the Library. He had received, he said, the results of the research work of Mr. R. A. Daniell and the Rev. C. E. Matthews into bell bibliography, and from the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, the following books, many of which were the property of the late Sir A. P. Heywood: 'Among the Bells,' 'Bell Hanging,' 'Duffield,' 'Stedman,' 'Treble Bob' (i. and ii.), 'Grand-sire,' 'Double Norwich,' 'Ellacombe's 'Register of Bells' (incomplete), Powell's 'Stedman Triples,' and 19 volumes of 'Bell News'. Other books belonging to the late Sir A. Heywood, had been received through the Rev. H. Law James, viz.: Two copies of 'Clavis,' 'Hubbard,' 'Treble Bob' (ii.), 'Bannister on Change Ringing,' 'Campanologia,' the MSS. of Sir Arthur Heywood, and two wooden models. There were ten years, 1901 to 1911, of which the library possessed no record of the Exercise, and he would be glad if someone would be kind enough to let the Council have the 'Bell News' for those years.

Mr. W. Willson offered volumes of 'Church Bells' for 1870 and 1871, and Mr. R. Narborough four volumes of 'Bell News' for years in the period mentioned by the librarian. The donors were thanked for their kind offers.

THE COLLECTION OF TREBLE BOB PEALS.

After the election of hon. members, Mr. H. W. Wilde reported, on behalf of the Peal Collection Committee. The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, he said, had been proceeding with the proof of the peals of Treble Bob with the tenors parted. That work was not yet completed, but there was little else to do.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said some exceedingly important work had been done during the year, for which he was sure the Council would return their sincere gratitude to Miss Parker. She had typed the whole collection of Treble Bob peals. The work was most beautifully done, and had taken her a great deal of time and trouble.

The President said there were 160 pages of peals, and the whole formed a most invaluable record of the peals. He proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Parker for her kindness, and for all the labour and care which she had bestowed on the work. There were four volumes of the peals, and they would be in the keeping of the librarian, from whom they could be obtained by any ringer desirous of consulting them.

The vote of thanks was carried, and at the suggestion of Alderman Pritchett it was agreed that an inscription should be placed in the books recording the work of Miss Parker.

Miss Parker said it had been a great pleasure to her to be of some help to the Council, and if she could help them in any way in the future she would be only too glad (applause).

The committee, consisting of Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde and J. W. Parker were re-elected, and, at the suggestion of Mr. J. Griffen, Miss Parker was added to the committee.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews reported for the Literature and Press Committee. He said the instructions given them last year were rather vague. He had consulted a Press Cutting Agency with regard to supplying cuttings of the kind, which he thought would be of service to the committee, but the agency declined to undertake it. He thought the Council should make up its mind whether it was going on with the issue of the list of publications. It would not, perhaps, be very saleable amongst ringers, it was more a book for study or for reference.

With regard to the duties of the committee, involving the reply to mis-statements in the Press, several members gave amusing instances of newspaper ignorance of ringing matters, and expressed the view that it would be useless to attempt to correct these discrepancies. Mr. Burton urged that the committee should be continued, and the President said he felt there was a most important work for the committee to do, and he hoped the Council would consent to its re-appointment.

The committee was thereupon re-appointed, Mr. Burton being added in place of Canon Papillon.

(To be Continued).

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY'S RETIREMENT.

EX-PRESIDENT'S THANKS TO THE COUNCIL.

The following letter of thanks from the late President of the Central Council (the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey) has been received by Canon Coleridge:—

My dear Coleridge,—Please accept my thanks for your very kind telegram on Tuesday, and convey them, if you can, to all the members of the Central Council. I was deeply grieved at being unable to attend the meeting at Westminster. I should have liked to express to the Council in person my gratitude for their more than generous appreciation of the little I have been able to do. Pray assure them that I shall still be delighted to do whatever lies in my power for the Council, and for the cause of ringing in general. I am particularly glad that you have been chosen to succeed me as President. I am confident that under your chairmanship the Council will have a prosperous and pleasant time. Believe me to remain, with all good wishes.—Yours most sincerely,
Trinity College, Cambridge,
May 20th, 1921.

A. H. F. BOUGHEY.

While ringers will join with the members of the Council in their regret at the cause which has led to Mr. Boughey's retirement from the office of President, which he filled so successfully, they will unite in congratulating him upon having recently successfully achieved his 200th peal; and this will especially be the case with members of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers, whose President he has been for the past 42 years.

Mr. Boughey is one whose life is occupied with many duties and activities, and, considering the multiplicity of calls upon his time, his record is indeed a remarkable one. It would be difficult to over-estimate the value of the services he has rendered to the Cambridge University Guild, and to the Exercise in general, as those who have met him personally and felt the influence of his energetic and kindly nature will be glad to admit.

It is worthy of record that the method rung in Mr. Boughey's 200th peal was Double Norwich, and that he rang in the first peal in this method ever rung 'in hand' on February 23rd, 1891.

	Tower Bells.	Handbells.
Minor 3-methods	1	—
Minor 7-methods	1	—
Bob Triples	—	1
Grandsire Triples	7	3
Grandsire Caters	1	7
Stedman Triples	36	14
Stedman Caters	2	12
Stedman Cinques	2	3
Bob Major	6	25
Bob Royal	2	7
Bob Maximus	—	1
Little Bob Major	1	4
Little Bob Royal	1	2
Plain and Little Bob Major	—	1
Plain and Medium Bob Royal	—	1
Double Norwich C.B. Major	10	8
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	10	18
Kent Treble Bob Royal	—	3
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	—	1
Kent T.B. Major (Gonville Variation)	—	1
Kent T.B. Major (Granta Variation)	—	1
Superlative Surprise Major	2	—
Cambridge Surprise Major	3	—
Totals	86	114

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Henbury, on Saturday, May 21st. The fine peal of eight bells was rung to Grand-sire and Stedman before the service, at which the Rev. C. P. Way officiated. Tea was served in the Church House, and was followed by the meeting, at which 26 members were present, representing ten towers. Six performing members were elected, and the places selected for the next three monthly meetings were Brislington, Pyham and Olveston, while the next quarterly meeting is to be held in September at Mangotsfield.

Mr. W. A. Cave (Master) gave a very interesting account of the Central Council meeting, and the Gloucester and Bristol Association are very fortunate in having such an able representative.

Votes of thanks were passed to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for the excellent splices they have made of the memorial bells at Berkeley; also to Mr. B. Guise, general secretary, and Mr. W. A. Cave for the excellent manner in which the scheme had been carried out.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. C. P. Way for the use of the bells and officiating at the service was passed. A touch of Cambridge Surprise was attempted, but came to grief owing to the breaking of the 2nd rope. Some of the party went on to Westbury, where Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung, and this terminated a very pleasant afternoon.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—For service, on May 22nd, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, G. H. Carter 3, A. Phillips 4, W. H. Lawrence 5, E. A. Overall (conductor) 6.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, May 22nd, for Divine service, 500 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. Kilby 1, B. Foskett 2, Mr. G. Matthews 3, F. Croke 4, C. V. Ebberson 5, A. Tennant 6, G. M. Kilby 7, H. Kilby (conductor) 8. Also 434 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Kilby treble, E. Lankester (longest touch away from treble) 4, and a course of Bob Major, with Miss Adcock 4.

ALDERSHOT.—On Sunday, May 22nd, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Croucher 1, Miss A. Fisher 2, W. Denyer 3, Miss Bertha M. Mills 4, W. Beeby 5, Sergt. G. Gilbert 6, Miss Hilda F. Mills (first as conductor) 7, G. Peto 8. Rung by an entirely local band.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 22nd, for evening service, at St. John's, Wilton Road, Pimlico, S.W., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. W. Taffender (first quarter-peal) 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, W. Rush-ton 3, E. J. King 4, J. R. Gammon 5, R. G. Chappelle 6, W. H. Pickett 7, A. Coward 8.

LINTON, KENT.—On Sunday, May 22nd, for morning service, at the Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Capt. Cornwallis, who was killed in Ireland on May 15th, and buried with military honours in Linton Churchyard on May 19th: A. Farrant 1, A. E. Gasson 2, L. Mannerling 3, J. Smith 4, J. Arthurs 5, J. Head 6, C. H. Sone (conductor) 7, H. Tolhurst 8.

EDGBASTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 22nd, for Divine service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. H. Webb 1, J. Withers, junr., 2, P. Lafin 3, E. Allaway 4, J. Withers, senr., 5, H. Withers (conductor) 6.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, May 22nd, the occasion of the Sunday School festival, 1,280 changes of Double Court Norwich Bob Major, in 49½ mins.: F. Hunt 1, C. Rollings 2, A. J. Smith 3, B. Wilson 4, T. Blackburn 5, H. Wood 6, A. King 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

GUILDFORD.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: G. Petter 1, E. A. Etheridge 2, G. Nichols 3, Mrs. C. Hazelden (first quarter-peal of Caters) 4, C. Hazelden 5, W. Beeson 6, W. Melville 7, E. Raddon 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, E. Heath 10.

DENHOLME, NEAR BRADFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Whit-Sunday, for morning service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 46 mins.: G. Denny, junr., 1, W. Foster 2, A. Hoyle 3, B. Holmes 4, F. Bancroft 5, M. Harrinson 6, V. Bairstow (conductor) 7, G. Denny, senr., 8. This was the composition by H. Haigh, and appeared in 'The Ringing World' on May 13th.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—At Christ Church, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,248 changes), in 48 mins.: W. T. Holding 1, H. F. Holding 2, R. D. Langford 3, G. H. Crawley 4, A. Crawley 5, H. Overton 6, J. H. Riding (conductor) 7, R. T. Holding 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band.

WYKE REGIS, WEYMOUTH.—At All Saints' Church, on Whit-Sunday, for evensong, also to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the bells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: K. Anderson 1, P. Wilshire (first quarter inside) 2, C. H. Jennings 3, J. W. Rose 4, L. W. Wiften (conductor) 5, R. G. Maunder (Yeovil) 6, A. J. Rose 7, J. Beale 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Whit-Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by W. H. Wilde, in 48 mins.: F. Green 1, J. Taylor 2, J. W. Bell 3, T. Grant 4, F. Merrett 5, G. Janes 6, G. W. Bell (conductor) 7, H. E. Mills 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Whit-Sunday, for Matins, at St. Thomas' Church, 504 Stedman Triples: J. D. Harris 1, F. A. Burnett 2,

A. Rose 3, E. J. Harding, junr., 4, H. Aitken 5, L. P. Cook 6, W. Tate (conductor) 7, F. W. Rogers 8. After evening service at St. Mary's, 312 Stedman Triples: J. D. Harris 1, W. L. Ayles 2, E. J. Harding, junr., 3, F. W. Rogers 4, W. Tate 5, L. P. Cook 6, E. J. Harding, senr. (conductor), 7, E. W. Hardy 8.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Whit-Sunday, for evening service, in 48 mins., 1,302 Grandsire Triples (from Carter's Twelve-part): R. Edwards 1, R. Martin 2, E. Jones 3, G. Williams 4, H. Jarman 5, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 6, L. Evans 7, G. Beaton 8. All are local ringers except the conductor, who hails from Hodnet. This was his longest touch in that capacity, and was rung at the first attempt.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: W. Coombs 1, F. Smith 2, W. West 3, F. Chamberlain 4, F. Viles (conductor) 5, E. Coombes (first quarter-peal) 6, W. Bolton 7, S. Barker 8.

DEPTFORD.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Berry 1, *D. F. Ward 2, *F. Barnes 3, G. Harris 4, R. A. Riches 5, T. Jakeman 6, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 7, W. H. Billing 8. Mr. Jakeman hails from Thame, Oxfordshire, and both he and Mr. Berry were formerly members of St. Alfege Society, Greenwich. * First quarter-peal of Stedman.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.—On Whit-Sunday, at St. George's Church, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Stacey 1, W. Hoyle 2, R. Scott (Milverton) 3, J. Chiffcott (Withycombe) 4, T. Elliott 5, J. J. Hole 6, J. H. White (Coventry), conductor, 7, J. Haydon 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: R. A. Fosdike 1, A. G. Bennington 2, E. J. Panneft 3, J. Law 4, J. Crowder 5, F. W. Fright 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

HARLOW COMMON.—On Whit-Sunday, for morning service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major, composed by W. Haigh; and for evensong, 232 Stedman Triples and 576 Kent: Wm. Tipton (longest length) 1, S. Brown (Putney) 2, B. Tipton 3, L. J. Cordell 4, G. Dent 5, S. Clark 6, J. Cordell 7, W. Wheeler 8.

GODALMING, SURREY.—After evensong, on Whit-Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Melville 1, Mrs. Hazelden 2, W. Mooroy 3, C. Bish 4, C. Childs 5, W. R. Melville 6, C. Hazelden (conductor) 7, W. Mills (first quarter-peal) 8.

HACKFORD AND WHITWELL.—At St. Michael and All Angels' Church, for morning service, on Whit-Sunday, 720 and a 6-score of Bob Minor, in 35 mins.: Mat. Timbers 1, A. E. Neal 2, F. J. Barker 3, J. Wasey 4, W. Ford 5, R. H. Barker 6. Conducted by the youngest ringer, Walter Ford, aged 16 years.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Whit-Sunday, for early celebration, 720 Superlative Surprise. For Matins, 720 Hull Surprise, and for evening service, 720 of Imperial Treble Bob by Alice Wheeldon, Alice Preston, W. Wheeldon, junr., C. Preston, C. Pointon, W. Fradley, W. Wheeldon, senr. (conductor).

SOUTHWELL.—At the Cathedral, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: W. W. Short-hose 1, G. E. Padgett 2, A. J. Chamberlain 3, T. Foster 4, F. Pickard 5, H. F. Chulow 6, E. Foster (first as conductor) 7, G. Collinson (first quarter) 8.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—On Whit-Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Ades 1, A. Reid (conductor) 2, Miss Bumble Crofts 3, C. H. Humphrey 4, A. Holden 5, W. Booth 6, W. Jenner 7, E. Jennings 8. Composition from 'The Ringing World' of April 29th.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, 252 Stedman Triples: H. Stow 1, L. G. Palmer 2, A. E. Parsons 3, F. E. Parsons 4, W. Daffin 5, H. Daffin 6, J. R. Brooks (conductor) 7, J. Young 8. This is believed to be the longest length in the method on the bells by an entirely local band.

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CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION. PRESENTATION TO MR. FRED WILFORD.

The annual meeting of the above association was held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 16th.

Service was held in All Saints' Church at noon, the president of the association (the Rev. E. J. Atkins, of Isham) being the preacher. Luncheon was afterwards served at the Peacock Hotel, about 50 sitting down, the attendance being rather poor, owing to the restricted train service.

The President occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. E. C. Channer (who was president of the association for many years), the Rev. H. E. Fitzherbert, Thrapston; the Rev. J. C. Hichens, Guilsborough (vice-president); the Rev. J. White, Pitsford; Mr. W. T. Wilson, treasurer; Messrs. W. Perkins, S. J. Lawrence, G. Turner, and W. Batt, district secretaries; and Mr. D. J. Nichols, general sec.

At the business meeting, the President gave a very warm welcome to the Rev. E. C. Channer, and called upon him to make a presentation to Mr. F. Wilford, in recognition of his services as general secretary for many years.

The Rev. E. C. Channer, in the course of a very interesting speech, said it was 30 years since he became a member of the association, and he knew the value of the work Mr. Wilford had done for the association during his 13 years as general secretary. He had very great pleasure in asking Mr. Wilford, on behalf of the members of the association, to accept an upholstered arm-chair.

Mr. Wilford, in acknowledging the gift, said how much he appreciated the kind words Mr. Channer had spoken. He had always tried to do his duty to the association, and the work had always been a real pleasure to him. He thanked the members of the association for the beautiful chair.

The Rev. H. E. Fitzherbert was elected president for the ensuing year, and took the chair. Mr. W. T. Wilson and Mr. D. J. Nichols were re-elected hon. treasurer and hon. secretary respectively.

The Treasurer read the statement of accounts for the past year, which showed a loss on the year's working of £6 3s. 10d.

The General Secretary, in his report, stated that 45 peals had been rung in the following methods: Grandsire Triples, 2; Stedman Triples, 7; Stedman Caters, 1; Bob Major, 3; Bob Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, 7; Superlative Surprise, 6; Minor in one method, 1; in three methods, 1; in six methods, 1; in seven methods, 6; in eight methods, 2; Doubles, 5. On handbells: Bob Major, 1; Grandsire Triples, 1.

A grant of 23 3s. was voted to the Kettering Bell Fund, from the Belfry Repair Fund, and it was decided to hold the next meeting in Northampton.

The General Secretary moved a resolution that the whole of rule 22, with regard to the booking of peals, be deleted, and the following be inserted: 'That the general secretary keep a copy of the annual report each year (which shall be bound, at the discretion of the committee), to preserve a record of the work of the association, and peals rung.'

The Secretary reported that he had obtained a copy of the annual report for each year since the formation of the association, and these contained a complete record of all the peals rung.—The resolution was carried.

Mr. H. Clarke, of Kingsthorpe, thanked the members of the association, on behalf of his own family and of others who had lost a son in the war, for placing a memorial tablet in All Saints' Church to their memory.

The President moved a vote of thanks to the clergy of Northampton for placing their bells at the disposal of the members. Touches in a variety of methods were brought round during the day by mixed companies at the various churches.

Much sympathy will be felt for Mr. C. W. Bird, a farmer, of Kettering, who, on returning from the meeting, found that during his absence his stackyard had been burnt out.

ON THE WORCESTERSHIRE BORDER.

A small party of Worcestershire ringers made a Whit-Monday excursion to the southern borders of the county, and in the course of their wanderings found what they consider one of the finest peals of six in the county, at Eldersfield, a ring by Abram Rudhall, with a tenor of 21 cwt. There were ringers here, too, in days gone by for two peals boards, containing practically the same names, rang 5040's in 1842, in 2 hrs. 37 mins., and in 1865, in 2 hrs. 8 mins. (sic). Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung here, as, in the afternoon, they had been rung at Chaceley (another peal by Rudhall with two bells on the first level and four above). In the morning, a 5040 of Minor was rung at Longdon, one of the band having walked 12 miles to take part, and fill a breach caused by one of the selected having been taken ill on the previous day.

LYTCHETT MINSTER.—At the Parish Church, on Monday, May 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), half-muffled in 58 mins.: H. McCallum 1, G. Wills 2, W. Allen (conductor) 3, P. Wills 4, S. Purchase 5, B. Brown 6. Rung as a mark of respect to the late Bishop of Salisbury. First quarter by ringers of treble and tenor.

NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of the 'RINGING WORLD,' to which all communications should be sent, is 63, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—Meetings for practice on Mondays, at 7.30 p.m.: St. Clement Danes, May 30th; Bishopsgate, June 6th. Sundays at 10 a.m.: St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, nr. Slough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Bigby (Barnetby Station) on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available all day. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge. Service at 5 p.m., when the Rev. J. Barber, M.A., Rector of Stow, will preach.—J. W. Seamer Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Bexhill, St. Peter's, on Saturday, May 28th. Tower open from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea by kind invitation at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. W. Stokes, Div. Hon. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Kinver, on Saturday, May 28. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church 4.30. Business meeting after tea.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hadlow, on Saturday, May 28th. Tower open at 3. Service in Church at 5. Tea in the King's Head Inn at 1/3 per head, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, May 28th, at 6.30 p.m. The bells at Waddington will be available from 3 to 5 in the afternoon.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, May 28th, to consider the financial state of the Association and other business. Meeting at Brown Bros.' Café, at 3.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Bells available.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Sawby, on Saturday, May 28. Ringing from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—T. H. Kirby, Hon. Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells at 2.30.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Thrapston, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Cecil Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells ready at 5.

o'clock. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions due.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Hunton on Sat., June 4th. Bells available at 3. Service at 5, with an address by the Rector (Rev. F. A. Dale). Tea at the Court at 5.45, given by Mrs. Bannerman; business meeting after. All those intending being present must let me know not later than Tuesday, May 31st.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Summer meeting of the Newbury Branch will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 4th. Evensong 4.30. Tea at 5. Special preacher, Canon Coleridge. Intending visitors kindly notify Rev. E. M. Thorp, Bucklebury Vicarage, Reading, not later than June 1st.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Rodmersham on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available from 3 to 9. Service at 5, followed by a tea kindly provided by the Vicar, The Rt. Hon. Rev. A. H. T. Massey. Business meeting afterwards. All those wishing to partake of tea must notify me not later than first post Tuesday, May 31st, as provision can only be made for those signifying. Half fares up to 2/- will be paid at this meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 66, Peacock St., Gravesend.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Robin Hood's Bay on June 4th. Bells of the Parish Church (10), available from 12 o'clock. Service in the Church 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, at Church Room, followed by a business meeting in the same room. Will all requiring tea please notify the Secretary not later than Tuesday, May 31?—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dist. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Farnborough Parish Church, on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting at Jubilee Hall. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me by Wednesday, June 1st? All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Owlsmoor, Camberley.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Halesworth District.—A practice meeting will be held at Wenhampton (6 bells) on Saturday afternoon, June 4th. Bells available from 2 p.m. All ringing friends welcome.—F. C. Lambert, District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Croston on June 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30. All ringers welcome.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The June meeting will be held at Killamarsh on Saturday, June 4th. Six bells from 3 o'clock.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Over on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Swavesey bells (6) also available. Arrangements for tea can only be made for those who notify me

by May 31st.—A. E. Austin, District Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Parbold (6) on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Halsall, Branch Sec., 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A mid-week meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Hornsey, on Monday, June 6th. Bells available from 7 to 9.30. Short business meeting.—C. T. Cole, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Thornbury, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea should let me know *without fail*, not later than Sunday, June 5th.—Edith Smith, Sec., St. Michael's Rectory, 16, West Park, Clifton, Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, June 11th. Service at 3.30 p.m. It is hoped that the Bishop of Buckingham will be the preacher. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than June 7th. All ringing friends welcome.—W. Sear, Secretary, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday afternoon, June 11th, by kind permission of the Vicar. This is an ideal place with its sweet-toned bells. Will try and arrange tea for 5.30 for all who let me know by the 6th, and welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at South Weald on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the Tower Arms. Will all members intending to be present please notify Mr. A. Rainbird, Old Crown Lane, Kelvedon Hatch, near Brentwood, on or before Wednesday, June 8th?—P. Timson, District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, June 11th. Bells ready at 4.30. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Special financial meeting at King of Denmark after practice at St. Bride's, June 11th.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the association will be held at Bath on July 2nd, at which the War Memorial will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Mr. G. Condict, 15, Westbourne Road, Easton, Bristol, has been appointed Peal Secretary from May 16th, 1921. Peal subscriptions and compositions

should be posted to him immediately a peal is rung.—
E. Guise, General Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester and Cheltenham Branches.—Until these two branches have been properly re-established, subscriptions and communications should be sent direct to me. A meeting for reorganising these branches will shortly be announced.—Edgar Guise, General Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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The work of the Committees of the Central Council is by no means the least important part of the doings of that body. But for the labours of the Peals Analysis Committee, any serious comparison of the results achieved by the various associations would be out of the question, and much of the interest in the peals would be lost. The task of that Committee is both laborious and continuous, and the Exercise owes the members a deep debt of gratitude. The work of the Peal Collection and Methods Committees involves the exercise of great pains and diligence, although, perhaps, not such constant application as is required from the Analyses Committee. Nevertheless, their task is one of importance, and, when completed, will be of interest and great value to the Exercise. The Collection of Treble Bob Peals has been placed in the Library, and is available for the use of any ringer who desires it. It loses some of its value at present from the fact that the printing of it is necessarily held up on account of cost, but now that this collection is temporarily, at any rate, out of the way, the Council might well consider whether they cannot publish for the benefit of the Exercise the collection of methods which is the product of many years of labour of the Methods Committee.

As far as it has gone, the work is complete, and for several reasons it is a pity that it should not reach the hands of ringers. It would be a big step forward in enabling eight-bell ringers to extend the methods which they can practise; it would, to a large extent, settle all future disputes as to methods, about the authorship of which questions constantly crop up, for all the possible regular plain methods are included, and such a collection, in the hands of an enterprising band, is bound to increase interest in the practice of the art. The question of 'ownership' will in future disappear if we accept the dictum laid down by Mr. Trollope to the Council. He argues that there is no such thing as ownership of a method, or a composition for that matter, and a good many ringers will agree with him, for a method or a peal is simply the result of the application of a mathematical formula which is already in existence. There is no reason why the person who first gives the product of his investigations to the public should not put his name to it, but it is no more his personal property than is the fact that twice two are four. This argument may come as rather a rude shock to some composers, but they will find it difficult to disprove. Turning to the practical question of the publication of the Committee's work, so far as it has gone, the

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THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 38½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble	GEORGE RADLEY 7
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 8
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	JAMES PARKER 9
JOHN THOMAS 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 10
WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... 5	JAMES E. DAVIS 11
* CHARLES V. HARE 6	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal on twelve. This is the first peal of Cinques on tower bells for the Association.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

WILLIAM A. ALPS ... Treble	ERNEST BRETT 6
HERBERT LANGDON 2	FRANK BALL 7
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 8
ALFRED B. PECK 4	THOMAS LANGDON 9
JAMES SCHOLES 5	GEORGE BARRELL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE ... Treble	FRED WILFORD 6
GEORGE CLEAL 2	HORACE STUBBS 7
* PRYCE TAYLOR 3	JAMES HUTCHBY 8
JOHN W. JONES 4	EDWARD READER 9
HARRY BROUGHTON ... 5	JOHN OLDHAM Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE.

Conducted by E. READER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Ringers of 1, 2 and 5 are from St. Martin's, Leicester, 4th from Newport, Mon., and 6th from Northampton; the remainder are of the local company.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

PERCY O. LAFLIN ... Treble	JAMES E. GROVES 6
THOMAS RUSSAM 2	ALBERT WALKER 7
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	* J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 8
* ALBERT E. NORMAN ... 4	ALF. PADDON SMITH 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS 5	JOHN NEAL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by P. O. LAFLIN.

* First peal of Royal. A. E. Norman's 50th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Treble	WILLIAM WATTS... .. 5
JOHN FEIST 2	ALFRED J. TURNER 6
GEORGE ELLIS 3	KEITH HART... .. 7
GEORGE LUCAS 4	WILLIAM H. STENNING ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS STEPHENSON... .. Treble	ROBERT WALKER... .. 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	JOHN J. LEIGHTON 6
THOMAS H. NAISBY 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

First peal in the method by all the band and by the Association.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

A. YORKE BRAMBLE Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES 5
ARTHUR MASON 2	RICHARD STREDWICK 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
GEORGE ELLIS 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by KEITH HART.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED J. BOLL Treble	ARTHUR MASON 5
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	ALFRED J. TURNER 6
GEORGE ELLIS 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by KEITH HART.

This was A. J. Turner's 300th peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ARTHUR J. MORTON Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
*HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 2	ROBERT BRET-SMITH 6
*WILLIAM J. WHEADON ... 3	HERBERT AUDSLEY 7
JOHN WHEADON... .. 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. H. CHEESEMAN.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

CLAPHAM.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, CLAPHAM PARK, S.W.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

EDWIN HORREX Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 5
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 2	HERBERT LANGDON 6
WILLIAM A. ALPS 3	THOMAS LANGDON 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 4	*REV. GEORGE H. ENSOR ... Tenor

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

* First peal.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

GEORGE TOMLINSON Treble	WILLIAM POYSER... .. 5
WILFRED H. BUXTON... .. 2	WILLIAM A. PARSONS... .. 6
GEORGE WM. BRAME 3	JOHN W. GLEW 7
J. ARTHUR ORGILL 4	JOSEPH LORD... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.
First peal in the method by all and on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 5
BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 2	OLIVER G. NORMAN 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
ALFRED DAVIES 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 230). Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the extent of the 5th and 6th in 5-6, with the 6th five times right. There is not a course in the peal without either the 5th or 6th one way or the other in 5-6. It was rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. F. E. Sykes, of Marsden, the conductor's mother. The conductor has now rung a peal in 100 different towers, in 25 counties, for 25 associations.

BERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JONATHAN PRESTON Treble	*JAMES PRATT 5
THOMAS H. REEVES 2	WILLIAM J. MEERS 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	ARTHUR GARDNER 7
HARRY DICKENS 4	GEORGE F. GARRISON ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.

* First peal in the method away from tenor. This is the 50th peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Preston, mother of the ringer of the treble.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

HUGH J. BALCOMBE Treble	R. ALDER GOFTON 5
RICHARD A. GOFTON 2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 6
GEORGE R. HOLMES 3	*STEPHEN S. STRATFORD ... 7
JAMES E. GOFTON 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge on the bells. H. J. Balcombe was proposed a member of the Association before starting for the peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. and Mr. J. A. Gofton, whose birthdays fell on the 19th & 21st respectively.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

ARTHUR S. BOAR... .. Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
ALBERT A. FLEMING 2	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ... 6
FRANK L. FISHER 3	CHARLES E. FISHER 7
GEORGE A. FLEMING 4	WILLIAM BURGESS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5162 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR J. BARTLETT... ..Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 5
THOMAS MACK 2	GEORGE W. STEERE 6
RICHARD HAYES 3	WILLIAM BEESON 7
THOMAS ATTWELL 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... ..Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

The company take this opportunity of thanking Major Hesse for his kind hospitality after the peal.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES S. WARD... ..Treble	JOHN J. MAWBY 5
*JOHN CLAYPOLE... .. 2	GEORGE BASFORD 6
JOHN R. MAIN 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7
†THOMAS ABBOTT 4	ARTHUR TOMPKINS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal away from the treble. First peal in the method away from the tenor. Messrs. Ward, Mawby and Tyler belong to Irtlingborough. The remainder, for whom this peal was arranged, hail from Finedon.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
*SHIRLEY BURTON 2	JOHN OLDHAM 6
LOUIS E. ALLEN 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM 7
GEORGE CLEAL 4	HARRY BROUGHTON ... ..Tenor

Composed by the late N. J. PIRSTOW. Conducted by H. BROUGHTON.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for the use of the bells and Mr. T. Collins for having them in readiness.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

ERNEST DUMPER ... ..Treble	OWEN H. GILES 5
REGINALD BROWN 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
JOHN W. FAITHFUL 3	JAMES PARKER 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... ..Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOAD ... ..Treble	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 5
THOMAS HOAD 2	EDWARD MILLS 6
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT 3	TRAYTON BOOTH 7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4	JAMES GOODSELL ... ..Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Triples with a bob bell. Messrs. Lambert hail from Burwash and Horsmonden and were elected members of Association previous to starting. The rest belong to Salehurst.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*H. SPRINGATE ... ..Treble	W. WALKER... .. 5
F. BELSEY 2	C. NORRIS 6
R. PAIN 3	F. RICHARDSON 7
C. WINSOR 4	W. HAIGH ... ..Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN. Conducted by F. RICHARDSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Also first peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

WITNEY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

RICHARD KEEN ... ..Treble	WILLIAM JUDGE 5
THOMAS BULL 2	JOHN MONK 6
ROBERT ROSE 3	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 7
GEORGE A. KING... .. 4	GEORGE BROOKS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FRANCIS J. LEWIS ... ..Treble	VICTOR R. WILLIAMS... .. 5
†JAMES BUTLER 2	SYDNEY M. LOXTON 6
*WILFRED G. COOK 3	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS... .. 7
CHARLES H. AUSTIN... .. 4	CHARLES MUSTOW ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JAMES BUTLER.

* First peal on a Bob bell. First peal as conductor.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in E.

JOHN DAVIES ... ..Treble	†ARTHUR STEWART 5
THOMAS BRATBY 2	PETER CROOK 6
*FRED ABBOTT 3	ERNEST CUTHBERT 7
GEORGE PINCOTT 4	JOHN NUTTALL ... ..Tenor

Conducted by P. CROOK.

First peal on the bells since recasting after the fire. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar and the ringer of the 5th. * 50th peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*THOMAS STEPHENSON ...Treble	ROBERT WALKER... .. 5
THOMAS H. NAISBY 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON 7
JOHN J. LEIGHTON 4	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ...Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung for Empire Day, also in honour of the birthday of Mr. John Naisby and the silver wedding of Mr. Thos. W. Ditchburn, two Sunderland ringers.

THE LATE MR. W. WISE.

The following amounts have been contributed to the fund to assist the widow of Mr. Walter Wise:—Winchester Guild, per Mr. Mr. G. Williams, 25s.; Mr. G. Lucas, 5s.; Anon., 5s.; W. Lawrence, Ealing, 1s.; Mr. Fitzjohn, Thetford, 2s. 6d.; J. S. Goldsmith, 5s.; Mr. Keith Hart, 2s. 6d.; Mr. R. Knight, Leytonstone, 10s.; Mr. H. N. Davis, late Master, Waterloo Society, 5s.; Mr. W. Watson, 2s.; Mr. J. Hart, 5s.; a Sympathiser, 2s. 6d.; Mr. C. Slingsby, Hythe, 2s. 6d.; A. Mason, 10s. 6d. Further donations are earnestly appealed for, and should be sent to Mr. Arthur Mason, 99, Northcote Road, West Croydon.

AEHRTRAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

8 PRITCHARD'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.	
ALFRED H. WINCH Treble	GEORGE COOK 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	ALBERT HARMAN 6
*WILLIAM COOK 3	JOHN HOYLE 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Conducted by G. MARRINER.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to the ringer of the 5th. * First peal in the method with a bob bell. First peal as conductor.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 11½ cwt.	
GEORGE POWNALL Treble	JOSEPH LOWE 5
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 2	JOHN POTTER 6
TITUS BARLOW 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 7
GEORGE PINCOTT 4	ROBERT ALLRED Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Maggie Allred, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Potter, on the 28th anniversary of their wedding day.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

THORNTHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, Annable's London, Netherseale and Norwich Surprise.

CHARLES NUNN Treble	ALPHEUS J. BERRY 4
WILLIAM CLOVER 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 5
WILLIAM ROSE 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLE.

First peal of Surprise Minor by all and first on the bells.

ROXTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BIGGLESWADE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 14 six-scores each of St. Simon, Grandsire and Bob Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt.

*W. SMITH Treble	*F. HULL 3
T. BARTRAM 2	*W. HOLDEN 4
A. R. SOWDEN Tenor	

Conducted by A. R. SOWDEN.

* First peal.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Single Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*GEORGE OLIVER Treble	*GEORGE STREETER 4
†ERNEST STONER 2	CECIL J. E. GASSON 5
ALBERT STEELE 3	ALBERT E. T. GASSON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. E. T. GASSON.

* First peal. † First peal on 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 16 120's of Stedman, 16 120's of Plain Bob and 20 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANK FOX Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 3
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES MORGAN 4
HENRY W. WILDE Tenor	

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal on the bells. First peal on five bells by all. H. W. Wilde has now rung peals on all numbers from 5 to 12 bells.

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

G. SINGLETON Treble	E. TIGWELL, SEN. 4
P. ALBRIGHTON 2	H. HARPER 5
W. J. TIGWELL 3	E. TIGWELL, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by E. TIGWELL, JUN.

First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the engagement of the ringer of the 3rd, also on the anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 19½ cwt.

NORMAN R. BAILEY Treble	*WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 4
*ALFRED H. WATSON 2	JAMES WARDLEY 5
ALBERT J. LINCOLN 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal in three methods.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*THOMAS HARPIN Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW 2	ALBERT ROBINSON 5
CHARLES WM. CLARKE 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

* First peal. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 25, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Roystone Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, New London Pleasure and Oxford. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM BRANHAM Treble	HERBERT CHAMBERLAIN ... 4
ARTHUR GILL 2	ROBERT J. RICKETTS 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	CHARLES WALSH Tenor

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Wm. Woodcock, an old Darfield ringer and frequent visitor to Wath tower, who was interred at Darfield on May 24th.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 19, 1921, in One Hour and Forty-One Minutes,
IN THE TOWER,**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's each called differently.

ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 1-2 | STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3-4
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 5-6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Umpire: L. POULSON.

First peal for the Association.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.) (SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)
ST. GILES', CAMBERWELL, SOCIETY.On Friday, May 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
IN THE TOWER OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

THURSTAN'S ONE-PART.

ERNEST J. KING ... 1-2 | ISAAC J. ATTWATER ... 5-6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3-4 | ROBERT G. CHAPPEL ... 7-8

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Umpires: Messrs. WILLIAM H. PICKETT and JEFFREY R. GAMMON.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. HEAD,**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720's of Grandsire and four 720's of Plain Bob.

*MISS EDITH E. G. HEAD...*Treble* | WALTER HEAD ... 3
VICTOR CORNELL ... 2 | *BARNARD ROPER ... 4
HARRY DAY ... *Tenor*

Conducted by V. CORNELL.

Witness: PERCY KING.

* First peal and first attempt. This was rung as a birthday compliment to W. Head.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.) (ST. GILES', CAMBERWELL, SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 25, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
IN THE BELFREY OF ST. GILES', CAMBERWELL,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5087 CHANGES;**ERNEST J. KING ... 1-2 | ISAAC J. ATTWATER ... 5-6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3-4 | WILLIAM H. PICKETT ... 7-8
JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by I. J. ATTWATER.

Umpires: R. G. CHAPPEL and T. W. TAFFENDER.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE NORMAN TOWER,**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**J. LEVITT ... 1-2 | F. J. LEVITT ... 5-6
J. SPARROW ... 3-4 | *W. GOODSHIP ... 7-8

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by F. J. LEVITT.

Umpire: F. L. HUNT.

* First peal.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by the performer.

Umpire: WALTER SPARROW.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

OFFICIAL INSTRUCTORS ABOLISHED.

Considering the extremely attenuated railway service, an excellent attendance of 50 was present at the annual general meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, at Torquay on Whit-Monday. General regret was expressed at the absence of the President (the Rev. M. Kelly), who found at the last minute, after he had made all his arrangements, that it would be impossible for him to get to London from Torquay in time for the Central Council meeting.

Ringers were present from Exeter, Bampton, Sidmouth, Holbeton, Plymouth, Paignton, Cockington, Dartmouth, Ottery St. Mary, Topsham, Buckfastleigh, Christow, and Buckorell.

During the morning a service was conducted at St. Luke's Church by the Rev. J. W. Metcalfe, and later there was ringing at Babba-combe, St. Marychurch, Upton, Torre, and Cockington, the methods being Stedman and Grandsire.

Mr. E. Shepherd (Exeter) presided at the annual meeting, when the formation of local branches was stated by the general committee to be the outstanding feature of the past year. It was satisfactory to know that peal ringing was reviving, especially in the Exeter district.

Exeter local branch reported that three new hands had affiliated during the year. Inquiries were being received from several intending associate hands, with a view to instruction in change ringing.

Reports from the various districts showed general progress, including the instruction of the smaller bodies in the higher methods of the art.

With one exception, the six branches showed a balance in hand, the total amount being just over £88.

The officials were elected as follows: President, Rev. Maitland Kelly; vice-president and chairman, Rev. H. L. Pigot; hon. treasurer, Mr. T. G. Bartlett (Exeter); hon. secretary, Rev. E. S. Powell (Holbeton); hon. members' representatives, Revs. H. B. Clark, W. E. Cox, H. W. Millett, M. Shaw, and Mr. H. B. Kindersley; representatives on the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers: Rev. M. Kelly, Rev. E. S. Powell, and Mr. A. W. Searle.

The next annual meeting will be held at Ilfracombe.

One important alteration was made in the rules, the official Guild instructors being abolished. In past years these instructors who were sent about by the Guild to hands wishing to learn change ringing have done splendid service for the advancement of the art; but recent developments, and in particular the formation of local branches, have relieved the general committee from the responsibility in most cases of furnishing instructors; and, in fact, a good many capable teachers of change ringing who have been doing excellent service in various parts of the county of Devonshire have been placed in rather an invidious position, beside the official instructors.

In addition to members resident in Devon, there were ringers attending the meeting from Bristol and Swindon. A great deal of the bitter opposition to change ringing has been broken down by the war, the bands of young ringers, who have seen something of the world, naturally being imbued with somewhat higher ambitions than their seniors; but there remains, even to an increased extent the difficulty of inter-communication and the consequent heavy expense of bringing together learners and teachers. This progress at the best must always be a slow business in a county such as Devon, with its widely scattered villages, separated by almost impassable roads and but few railway connections.

THE NEW SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On Whit-Monday, a meeting of the newly-formed Suffolk County Association was held at Bury St. Edmunds, when 40 visitors attended from Bickleton, Clare, Earl Soham, Horringer, Palgrave, Long Melford, Ixworth, Thornham Magna, Coggeshall, Croydon, Tharston, Kelvedon, Great Horkeley, and Great Yeldham, as well as the local companies of the Cathedral Church of St. James and St. Mary's. The business meeting was held in the Abbot Anselm Institute. The Rev. Canon R. F. Wilson, M.A., Vicar, presided, and accorded a very hearty welcome to the visitors.

The Chairman temporarily accepted the presidency of the association pending the appointment of the new Bishop.—The Archdeacon of Sudbury (the Ven. G. Hodges, M.A.) and the Archdeacon of Suffolk (the Ven. J. G. R. Darling, M.A.) were appointed vice-presidents.—Mr. A. Symonds was elected general secretary and treasurer.

It was agreed that each resident ringer on joining the association should pay an entrance fee of 2s. 6d., and subscribe 2s. annually, due on the 1st of January in each year; non-resident life members, 5s.; hon. members, 5s. entrance, and 2s. 6d. annually. The following companies were elected: St. James's and St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds; Lavenham (St. Peter's and St. Gregory's), Sudbury, Great Barton, Ixworth, Horringer, and Little Waldingfield. The committee was elected as follows: A. Moore (Bury St. Edmunds), G. Moore (Clare), E. Ambrose (Long Melford), G. Tatum (Sudbury), E. Jenkins (Earl Soham), H. Foulger (Great Barton), Rev. H. Drake (Ufford), S. H. Symonds (Lavenham). Mr. S. H. Symonds was appointed the Ringing Master of the Association.

Two propositions for the next meeting were Stowmarket and Sudbury on August Bank Holiday, and Sudbury was chosen.

The Chairman was then thanked for presiding, and for placing the Cathedral bells at the disposal of the ringers.

The Vicar of St. Mary's was also thanked for the use of the bells at that church.—The Chairman thanked the meeting for electing him temporary president, and hoped they would soon have a new Bishop to be the President of the new association.

Mr. A. Symonds thanked the ringers for electing him as secretary, and promised to do his best for them in the future.

The Chairman asked everyone present to do his best to get as many hon members of the association as possible.

The Hon. Secretary wishes, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the Cathedral ringers for their help, and the visitors for their attendance.

POSITION OF THE ELY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In order to define the position of the Ely Association, in relation to the new Suffolk Association, I should like to say that at the annual meeting of the Ely and St. Edmundsbury Association, Mr. Symonds, of Lavenham, announced the decision of the Suffolk ringers to form a separate association.—The Rev. H. B. Woolley expressed his regret at this, but at the same time conveyed the best wishes of the Ely Association for the success of the Suffolk Association. The title of the Ely and St. Edmundsbury Association was altered to 'The Ely Diocesan Association.'—Yours truly,

V. SHORTER, Hon. General Secretary.

EMPIRE DAY TOUCHES.

Empire Day was celebrated in many towers by special ringing. Below are some of the touches rung:—

CANTERBURY.—At Christ Church Cathedral, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Gaters (1,260 changes): P. J. Paine 1, H. G. Fairburn 2, F. G. Brett 3, E. G. Buesden (conductor) 4, C. W. Brett 5, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore 6, W. F. Jenkins 7, F. A. Fairbeard 8, G. G. Jenkins 9, G. H. Simpson 10. First quarter-peal in the method by all. Rung also for the 70th birthday of Mr. A. A. Andrews, secretary of the Cathedral company.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. Bower 1, J. Mellor 2, S. Wood 3, Wm. Brammer 4, S. Booth 5, A. Adams 6, B. Thorp 7, T. Jackson (conductor) 8.

SALEHURST.—At the Parish Church, 720 Bob Major, in 28 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, W. Hoad 2, F. Lambert 3, R. Lambert 4, T. Booth 5, T. Hoad 6, E. Mills 7, A. Edwards (conductor) 8. Messrs. J. Goodsell's and E. Mills' first 720 in the method, and T. Booth's first 720 in method with a bob bell.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at St. Peter's, Bexhill, on Saturday, May 28th. Members attended from Battle, Bexhill, Christ Church, Blacklands, Christ Church St. Leonard's, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's and St. Mary's), Pevensey. Mr. G. H. Howse, unattached member of Eastbourne, was also present. Good practice was had in Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Stedman, and double-handed ringing upon the handbells during the afternoon and evening. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. W. Maycock, M.A.), who gave a very appropriate address.

A most excellent tea was provided by the kindness of the Rector and churchwardens at the Bell Hotel, and was followed by the usual business meeting, the Rector occupying the chair, supported by the churchwarden (Mr. C. P. King).

Westham, where the bells have recently been recast, was elected as an affiliated tower.

It was proposed by Mr. Smith, and seconded by Mr. Howse, that in view of the financial state of the society, and also the increased cost of postage, the notice to towers of meetings by postcard be discontinued. After some discussion, this was put to the meeting and carried.

It was also resolved that in future the only notice of meetings will be that appearing in 'The Ringing World,' and members are asked to note this.

The place for the next quarterly meeting was discussed, Mayfield being proposed by Mr. Pankhurst, and Battle by Mr. Franks.—On being put to the vote, Battle was decided upon.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. W. Stokes, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also for the very bountiful tea which had been provided. This was supported by Mr. W. D. Smith, who spoke in felicitous terms of the good effected by such meetings, and the freemasonry that as a rule predominated amongst ringers generally. These meetings, he continued, cemented good fellowship not only among ringers themselves, but was also productive of an excellent understanding between them and the incumbent and churchwardens of the churches concerned.

In acknowledging the vote of thanks, the Rector thanked the company, on behalf of the churchwardens and himself, saying what a pleasure it was to them to welcome the visitors. He expressed the hope that more frequent visits of a similar nature would be made in future.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Among the anniversaries which fall next week are the following: June 5th, 1911, 13,440 Bob Major on handbells, at Pudsey, in 7 hrs. 7 mins.; June 6th, 1892, 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Debenham, in 10 hrs. 32 mins.; June 8th, 1906, 16,800 Kent Treble Bob, at Mottram, in Longdendale, in 9 hrs. 40 mins.; June 9th, 1850, 5,048 Grandsire Triples, at Christ Church, Philadelphia. This last was the first peal rung on the American Continent. It was conducted by Henry Haley.

Of the amount required for the Oxford Diocesan Guild War Memorial, £76, just over £50 has been subscribed from hon. members, and approximately one-third of the towers in union. It is intended, if all's well, to unveil the memorial tablet in the cloisters of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on the occasion of the annual festival, to be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 23rd. It is earnestly hoped by the Memorial Committee that the memorial will be quite free of debt by that date. Therefore, 'buck up,' ye men of the Oxford Guild who have not yet subscribed.

The ringer of the 8th in the peal of Grandsire Cinques at Shore-ditch, on May 21st, was Harry Sear, not Lea, as printed.

The summer meeting of the Berks and Bucks branch of the Oxford Guild is to be held at Beaconsfield on Saturday, June 25th.

The London County Association hope to attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral to commemorate the opening of Southwark Bridge on Monday next.

The ringers at Pirbright Parish Church, Surrey, have presented Mr. H. J. Chaffey, of Longcross, with a travelling clock, in recognition of his services as instructor to the band in change ringing.

NEW BELLS AT MANGOTSFIELD.

DEDICATION BY BISHOP CLIFFORD.

The bells at Mangotsfield, Gloucestershire, have been augmented from six to eight, by the recasting of the old peal and the addition of two new trebles. The tower has been strengthened, and the bells hung in a 'Warner' patent steel frame, specially adapted for use in weak bell-towers, by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of Spitalfields Bell Foundry, whose work has received the highest commendation from those who have heard the new bells. The tenor of the new peal is about 10 cwt., and the whole ring weighs over two tons. The cost of the scheme, including the strengthening of the tower and the restoration of the interior, has been about £1,500, and the Vicar announced at the dedication, which took place on May 14th, that owing to the generosity of a lady whose name was well known in the parish, it was possible to pay the contractors in full that day for the work done. He explained, however, that there was still a sum of £50 owing to the architect, and about £300 was required for work still to be done to the exterior of the tower, spire and parapet, and that the collection would be devoted to that purpose.

There was a crowded congregation at the special service, which included the Lord Mayor of Bristol and the Lady Mayoress, and Mr. Robert Warner, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry. The church has been skilfully and tastefully decorated, and presented an appearance in keeping with the Whitsuntide Festival. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. R. H. Crews, and the other clergy present were the Rev. C. C. Griffiths, the Rev. B. M. Bankes, the Rev. T. Rogers, and the Rev. M. E. Thorold (late Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association). The service commenced with the processional hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell.' The procession of the choir and clergy which was formed outside the church entered by the west door. The office of dedication preceded that of evensong, the Vicar, as the representative of the church, thankfully acknowledging the receipt of the bells, and formally placing them under the care and guardianship of the churchwardens. Bishop Clifford then read the prayers of dedication. This was followed by the ringing of a short touch, and some idea of the excellent quality and tone of the bells was obtained.—The Vicar, on behalf of the parish, said how grateful they were for the good work done in the tower of the church by the bell foundry and the builders, and asked the representatives of the firms to come to the chancel steps and receive payment, remarking: 'In God's house they have worked, and in God's house they should be paid.' Evensong was then proceeded with. The special psalms were the 138th and the 150th, the first lesson was read by the Lord Mayor of Bristol, and the second lesson by his secretary (Mr. Reed). The hymns sung were 'When morning gilds the skies' and 'Lift the strain of high thanksgiving,' and Bishop Clifford gave an impressive address, based upon Exodus xxxix 25: 'They made bells of pure gold.' After the service, the bells were rung, and there was tea in the schoolroom, followed by a programme of sports for the school children in the new recreation field. A large gathering of ringers was present from all parts, and much enjoyable ringing was indulged in.

The following members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association rang at the dedication service, and took part in the opening touch: Miss Annie Brown, St. Philip's, Bristol; Mr. W. A. Cave (Master of the Association), St. Stephen's, Bristol; Mr. O. Walton, St. James', Bristol; Mr. S. Abrahams, St. Thomas', Bristol; Mr. H. T. Howell, St. George, Bristol; Mr. F. K. Howell, Thornbury; Mr. C. Harnell, Wormley; and Mr. E. Palmer, Mangotsfield.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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THE OWNERSHIP OF METHODS.

The Rev. H. Law James, reporting for the Methods Committee, said they were in the same position as last year—they were waiting until there were funds in hand to print. When this was done they could go on, but until then there was nothing more to be done.

Mr. J. A. Trollope, referring to new methods, said there was really no such thing as a new method. They had all been worked out, and nobody had the slightest chance of getting anything that had not been got before. Moreover, there was no such thing as ownership of methods, but if a band wanted to ring a method—it was open to anybody to work out a method independently, although it would not be new—that band was entitled, provided the method had not been previously rung, to call it what they liked, and nobody had a right to challenge it. The only exception to that was, he thought, in the case of the old methods which had been in the standard ringing books. If anybody wished, for instance, to ring a peal of 'New Bob Major,' or which a peal had not been rung, they were not entitled to call it by any other name. There was no such thing as making a new method, and no such thing as ownership of a method.

Mr. T. Faulkner: What about Stedman?

Mr. Trollope said Stedman did not lay claim to the method. He simply gave the result of his investigations—what he had done and what other people had done. The man who composed a song put something into it himself and to some extent; therefore, he was its creator, but the man who composed a peal was not the creator at all, he was simply the discoverer of the result of certain laws.

Mr. Willson asked if the committee were a tribunal to decide what a legitimate method was or what a variation of a method was? He did not see how some of these quack variations called Treble Bob could be Treble Bob when the treble was pulled all over the place. Let them call it James's Mixture if they liked (laughter), but he objected to calling it Treble Bob. 'The Glossary' said Treble Bob was the name given to methods with a peculiar path of the treble. In one variation he saw the other week the treble was in the slow, and he objected to any man, whether he was Tom, Dick, Harry or James (laughter), having the right to distort any method and claim the original name for it.

Mr. Trollope said as far as the word 'legitimate' was concerned they decided to drop that name altogether, but so far as those variations were concerned they were legitimate—legitimate, he meant in the general sense and not the technical—variations of Treble Bob peals. It was a tendency to get back to the original style of the time of Stedman, when, in the first instance, a peal was the method and the composition together. A peal was so many changes, and the idea of a certain exact bob and single, such as we have at present, was a later and arbitrary introduction. Mr. Bankes James had got back towards the original idea, and he did not think they could find any fault with that, as far as the principle of Treble Bob was concerned.

The Rev. H. Law James said he had rung a peal of Major and a peal of Royal in the Granta variation, and, while he had made up his mind he was not going to ring another peal of Treble Bob, because of the row in the middle of the course, he was quite willing to ring as many peals of Granta as he could get the chance of ringing. They had music from beginning to end, and, after all, that was what they had to consider.

The committee, comprising the Rev. H. Law James, Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mr. E. H. Lewis, was re-appointed.

WHAT IS 'WORCESTER TREBLE BOB'?

The adoption of the Peals Analysis Committee's report, which has been published in these columns, was moved by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, who urged ringers, when sending reports of peals for publication, to be careful of their accuracy, and when errors did appear to correct them at once. With reference to the claim of Mr. W. Page made in 'The Ringing World' to have conducted seven peals, the committee did not wish to deny it, but the committee could find only four peals published with his name as conductor. Mr. Carpenter added that in two or three peals published lately a method had been described as 'Extreme.' None of the committee knew what 'Extreme' meant, and would like to be informed. He always understood 'Extreme' was a call, but apparently there was a method called 'Extreme.' There were a number of methods, continued Mr. Carpenter, that had the same name, as, for instance, Cambridge Treble Bob, Cambridge Delight and Cambridge Surprise. So far as the analysis was concerned they had decided that when a method was mentioned as Cambridge, without any further distinction, they would give it the lowest value in points, as they could not conclude that it was Cambridge Surprise if it was simply called Cambridge. That was another reason why conductors should see that the reports of peals were absolutely correct.

The Rev. H. Law James said several people had rung peals of what they were pleased to call Worcester Treble Bob. He would like to see a

plain course of Worcester Treble Bob. He called it simply spliced Oxford and Kent.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter: You agree with the Analysis Committee, then?

The Rev. H. Law James: I do. A method must have a plain course and the plain course of Worcester is either Oxford or Kent, it can't be both.

The report, which was seconded by the Rev. O. W. O. Jenkyn, was adopted, and on the motion of the President, the committee were accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their work.

METHODS TO BE NAMED.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston asked the Council to give the committee authority to name the methods in the Collection of Regular Methods, which were at present unnamed.

Several members urged the necessity for this being done, and Mr. A. T. King said this would be putting entirely new duties on the committee. One of their present difficulties was that the same method, particularly in Minor ringing, was often rung under several different names. If the committee had to search back into the past and find out what the original names were they would not get through much work in a single year. He thought, therefore, it was only possible for the committee to deal with what were already unnamed. With those that were gone before, what were they to do? There was another point about peals rung in 720's, in which, perhaps, four methods were rung dovetailed together. They might ring a peal in nineteen or twenty methods like this, and it paid, so far as points were concerned; but, while it might be very clever, he did not see why ringing a number of methods spliced together should count for more than a peal rung in the fair and square way.

The Rev. H. Law James said he thought six weeks should be given to anybody to send in the name of any method from the Council's Collection, which they had rung, to the honorary librarian, and at the end of six weeks the members of the Analysis Committee should be at liberty to name those not then named.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said he would second this if the time were made six months instead of six weeks, for, he added, 'you know what ringers are' (laughter).

The Rev. H. Law James agreed to this suggestion, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston suggested that in order to facilitate the matter each association secretary should be asked to bring the matter before his members, for there were many men who were skilful ringers who knew little about the proceedings of the Council.

The motion was carried, and the committee, consisting of the Revs. E. W. Carpenter and A. T. Beeston, and Messrs. A. T. King and G. Williams, was re-appointed.

Mr. T. Faulkner asked what the committee were doing with reference to the peals that were being tapped week by week. Were the committee taking them into account, and were they going into the analysis?

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter: The analysis that we make up is an analysis of the peals rung.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

Major J. H. B. Hesse said there was no formal report from the Towers and Belfries Committee, but during the past year he had been asked three times to inspect towers. In one where a tower was split right down a partial restoration took place. At Banstead there was a complete restoration, the bells being recast and rehung. At St. Andrew's, Holborn, as a result of his inspection, a new frame was put in.

The President: A very satisfactory bit of work. The committee (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Messrs. E. H. Lewis, J. H. B. Hesse, and E. A. Young) was re-elected.

A letter from the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings was read, and referred to the Towers and Belfries Committee.

A COMMITTEE GOES OUT OF EXISTENCE.

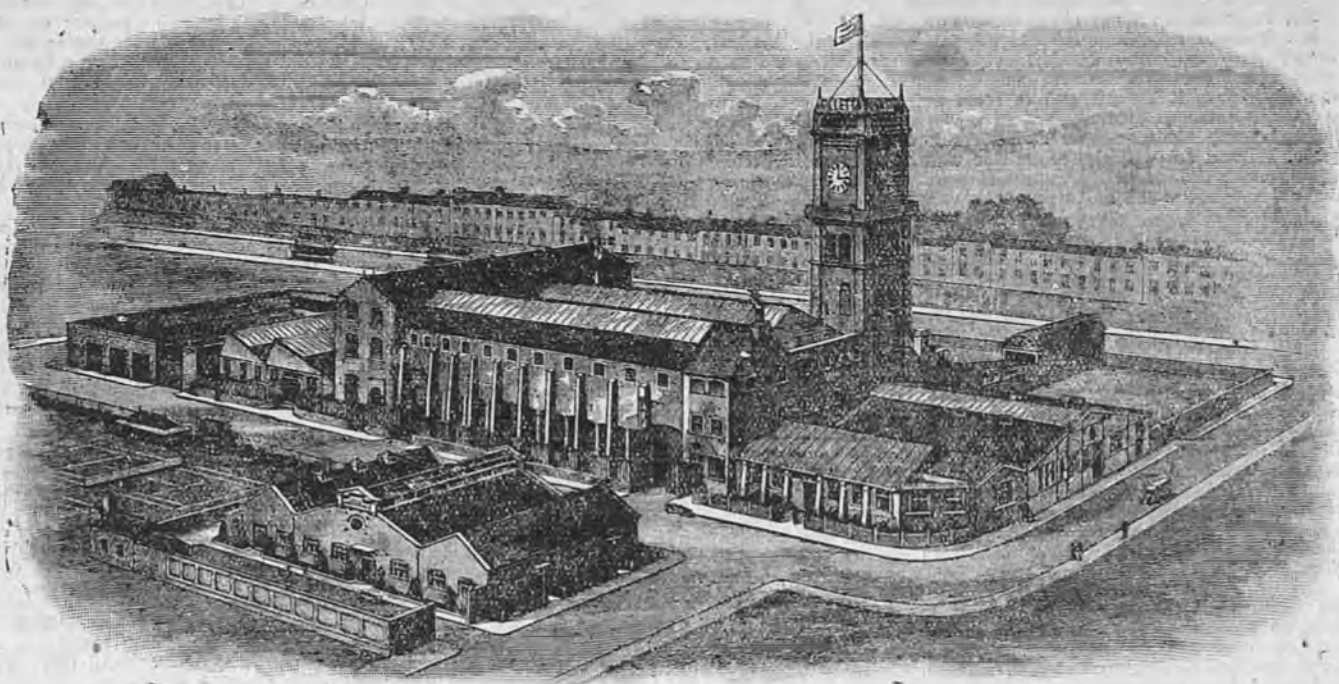
Canon Elsee, a member of the Bells of Belgium Committee, said he thought the time for doing anything effective in the matter of supplying a bell or carillon to Belgium to replace bells lost in the war had gone past. When the committee was appointed they were under some misapprehension as to what had happened to the bells in Belgium. They were then in the middle of the war, and were under the impression that most of the bells in Belgium had been taken away and melted down. Later they had some grounds for thinking the damage done to the bells was very much less than they had expected, and at the last meeting Mr. Lewis informed them that he hoped to be able to get authentic information of what had happened there. He (Canon Elsee) gathered that there had not been anything like the damage done to the bells that they had thought was the case, and there was no special reason for raising a fund to help the Belgians in this way. His suggestion, therefore, was that the committee should be allowed to go out of existence.

The President said he entirely agreed with this, and he did not think the present was a time for appealing to ringers for subscriptions. The course suggested was approved, and the committee was not re-appointed.

(To be Continued.)

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**THE CROYDON
BELL FOUNDRY
1921.**

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**WAR MEMORIAL BELLS DEDICATED.**

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, at Berkeley, Gloucester, on Whit-Monday, was held with a record attendance, and will stand out as the most conspicuous meeting of the association. The association's memorial to fallen ringers, viz., the two additional bells cast and hung by Messrs. Meares and Stainbank, were dedicated at the service, which preceded the business meeting. The service was opened with the hymn, 'Who are these like stars appearing,' after which the clergy, choir and officials proceeded to the tower, where the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer handed to the Very Rev. the Dean of Bristol the ropes of the two new bells, the Master requesting the Dean to dedicate the new bells to the glory of God, and in loving memory of the members who gave their lives in the Great War.

The Dean thereupon dedicated the bells, and following prayers and the hymn, 'O Heavenly Jerusalem,' an address was given by the Dean, the service concluding with the hymn, 'For all the Saints.' At the dedication ceremony, the bells were rung 'whole pull and stand' 30 times by the following: W. A. Cave (Master), treble; Edgar Guse (hon. secretary), 2; F. K. Howell (hon. treasurer), 3; W. Yeend (Cheltenham), 4; H. T. Howell (Bristol), 5; F. Hussell (Wotton), 6; A. W. Seviour (Peal Secretary), 7; A. Buscombe (Wotton), 8; J. Williams (North Forest), 9; E. E. Davis (Gloucester) 10. The local ringers opened the ringing after service.

Dinner having been served at the Berkeley Arms Hotel, the business meeting was held, and the Vicar of Berkeley said how proud Berkeley parishioners were that they should have been chosen as the receivers of the memorial bells.—Mr. Lewis (Cirencester) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Berkeley (the Rev. H. C. Armour) for his kindness to the association, both for accepting memorial, and for his hospitality, which was always shown to ringers.

The Master (Mr. W. A. Cave) referred to the progress made by the association during the past year, to the memorial to the late Rev. H. A. Cockey, and to the satisfactory state of the War Memorial Fund, and concluded with a sympathetic reference to the serious illness of Mr. R. J. Wilkias.—A vote of sympathy was passed with Mr. and Mrs. Wilkias.

The balance sheet was adopted, and Mr. W. Hale, of Painswick, was elected a vice-president. This honour was also later conferred upon the past Master, the Rev. M. E. Thorold and the Rev. T. C. Fowler.—Mr. H. T. Howell (Bristol) was elected Master, and Mr. E. Guise and Mr. F. K. Howell were re-elected hon. secretary and hon. treasurer respectively.

Mr. Geo. Condict, junr., was appointed hon. peal secretary, and Mr. W. A. Cave as Central Council representative.

The fund for the War Memorial was not completely subscribed, but Mr. J. Tyler, after conferring with the secretary as to how much was needed apart from promises outstanding, kindly agreed to remove the deficit by giving the remainder as a further donation. This enabled the meeting to declare the fund closed, and provided a very happy and unexpected completion of the scheme.

It was resolved to issue reports this year, although at an enormously advanced price on pre-war days.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Very Rev. the Dean of Bristol, and all who assisted at the service, and the ringers then proceeded to the tower to test the new bells, of which everyone expressed the opinion that the splice and hanging were alike superb. The party then had tea, from which time onward charabanes and all other types of vehicles gradually reduced the numbers, and a very successful and happy meeting terminated.

DEATH OF AN OLD DARFIELD RINGER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. William Woodcock, of Darfield, near Barnsley, who passed away on May 20th, at the age of 84 years, after a brief illness. The deceased took up ringing at the early age of nine years, and was keenly interested in the art up to the time of his death. He was an accomplished peal ringer and composer, also a very able conductor. He rang in two peals of 5,040 changes as recently as the month of April. The very last method he rang was his latest composition. He was always ready to give a helping hand to young ringers.

An interesting biography of the Woodcock family could be written, for Mr. Wm. Woodcock's father and grandfather were ringers before him, their connection with the art covering a period of upwards of a hundred years.

The interment took place at the Parish Church, Darfield, on May 24th, deceased's fellow ringers acting as bearers. Many ringers attended from towers in the neighbourhood. A plain course of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung on handbells at the graveside, after the service. Afterwards a 720 of Violet Treble Bob was rung in the tower, with the bells deeply muffled, conducted by Mr. Woodcock's closest friend, Mr. C. Walsh.

Owing to the Darfield bells being unfit for peal ringing, a peal of 5,040 changes, with the bells half-muffled, was rung at Wath-on-Donne on the following day.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**THE ANNUAL MEETING.**

Owing to the lamented death of the Bishop of Salisbury, the arrangements announced for the annual festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Marlborough had to be cancelled at the last moment. The day appointed for the festival was, in fact, the very day of the Bishop's funeral. It was hurriedly arranged to hold the annual meeting in Salisbury on that date, so that ringers attending would have the opportunity of paying their tribute of respect to one, who during his comparatively short tenure of the See had proved himself the best of friends.

At the burial, the Guild was represented by the Master (Major Hugh D'Aeth), the hon. secretary (Rev. F. Ll. Edwards), and a number of members, and muffled touches were rung on the bells of St. Thomas' Church.

The annual meeting was subsequently held in the Church House. The Master opened the proceedings by referring, in feeling terms, to the sad loss sustained by the Diocese, and paid an eloquent tribute to the saintly character and sympathetic spirit of the late Bishop.—A vote of sincere condolence with the family so sorely bereaved was carried, by all standing in respectful silence.

The officers of the Guild were re-elected, the Dean's name being added to the list of vice-presidents.

It was resolved to draw up a short office for use in belfries, and authority was given to the Master and Secretary to organise a ringing festival in the early autumn, if circumstances should prove favourable.

On the subject of finance being brought up for discussion, it was unanimously decided to increase the subscription for ringing members to 1s. 6d.—A special vote of thanks was passed to the Wimborne Branch for having wiped out an adverse balance in the previous year by a handsome donation to the general fund of the Guild, to which the Rev. C. A. Phillips, hon. secretary of that branch, replied, in a few appropriate words.

After the meeting, touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung half-muffled on the bells of St. Martin's Church, and muffled bells were rung throughout the whole Diocese in the evening, in many cases also on the Sunday before and at the time of the funeral.

While the Diocese of Salisbury, and indeed the whole Church of England, mourns the loss in Bishop Ridgeway of a truly great and good man, who simply exhausted his physical powers in untiring devotion to the duties of his sacred office, the ringers of the Diocese have special cause to lament his death. To them he was from the first a true and warm-hearted friend. He delighted in the sound of the bells, and entered with enthusiasm into the activities of the Guild. Only last year he shook hands with some 300 ringers after entertaining them all to tea, and exchanged a few friendly words with each one. The Bishop's deeply impressive sermon at the Guild service on that occasion will ever remain a cherished memory in the minds of those who were privileged to hear it.

It was during the last year of the late Bishop's tenure of the historic See of Sarum that the use of the peace bell was restored in many parishes of the Diocese, and the revival of this ancient custom will constitute an enduring memorial of his eventful episcopate.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The May meeting of this association was held at Cawthorne, a veritable garden village, placed on the verge of a beautiful valley. Houses and the venerable church rise amongst trees which create a beautiful and attractive scene. Members were present from Barnsley, Darfield, Crofton, Sandal, Wath, Hoyland-Swaine, Royston, Felkirk, South Kirby, Darton, and the local company.

A business meeting was held in the tower, at which the Rev. G. V. Cotton kindly occupied the chair. Eleven new members were elected.—Mr. Rayner (Sandal) proposed, and the President (Mr. C. Normington) seconded, a hearty thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for the preparations made.—The Vicar suitably replied, and assured the meeting, also the local members, that as a young clergyman it was his most earnest wish to be tolerant on all matters concerning the bells and ringers, and on any future occasion that the bells were required he would be pleased to welcome the association.

South Kirby was selected for the next meeting.

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A successful meeting of the Doncaster and District Society was held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday last. There were about 40 members present, representing twelve towers. Touches of Bob Minor, Violet, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire, and Stedman Doubles, were rung during the afternoon and evening. Tea, which was served in the Institute, was presided over by the Rev. A. E. B. Wade, Vicar of Bentley, who was present with his ringers. After tea, hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Bentley for presiding, to the Rector of Adwick for the use of the bells, and to the local band for providing the tea.—Tukhill was fixed for the next place of meeting.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CHICHESTER.—At the Cathedral, for morning service, on May 29th, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Falconer 1, F. B. Tompkins 2, L. C. Best (Havant) 3, E. J. Hedger (Havant) 4, H. D. Falconer 5, W. Ticehurst (conductor) 6, J. H. Blake 7, G. Marshall 8.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Sunday, May 29th, for service, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), in 40 mins., being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent, and 180 Plain Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Lawrence 3, W. H. Lawrence 4, E. A. Overall 5, G. H. Carter (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. H. Carter.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, May 29th, for morning service, 360 Double Court, conducted by E. Bright; and 360 St. Clement's bob, conducted by D. Bowyer. For evening service, 360 Double Court, conducted by D. Bowyer, and 360 Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by W. Butler. The ringers taking part, in addition to the conductors mentioned, were: A. Chalk, W. Mellin, H. Dorking, A. Evers and V. Glass.

BARNES, SURREY.—On Sunday, May 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, W. H. Stevens 3, R. Mackrill 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, J. Willmott 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, May 22nd, for evening service, 1,280 of Bob Major, in 1 hr., at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs: H. Hazell 1, E. Hibbins 2, Miss V. Shorter 3, W. Welch 4, T. R. Dennis 5, W. H. Hooton 6, G. Bridges 7, R. Lathbury (composer and conductor) 8.

NORWICH.—On Sunday, May 22nd, at the Church of St. Peter Mancroft, for evening service, 267 Stedman Caters. Also 264 Grandsire Cinques: G. H. Cross (conductor) 1, Miss H. L. Durrant 2, Miss F. L. Bill 3, Miss H. W. Bill 4, Fr. Knights 5, A. Rought 6, J. Rampley 7, G. P. Burton 8, F. H. Knights 9, F. J. Howchin 10, G. Mayers 11, F. W. Curtia 12.

LONDON.—At St. Andrew's, Wells Street, for evening service, on Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: P. E. Clark 1, F. G. Symonds 2, H. Dyas 3, H. R. Newton 4, C. F. Winney (conductor) 5, A. R. Macdonald 6, H. Belcher 7, F. S. Palmer 8.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.—At St. Mary's Parish Church, on Whit-Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46½ mins.: J. R. Fryers 1, H. Gibson 2, J. B. Tarlton (North Wingfield) 3, J. B. Park (Ormskirk) 4, H. Ferguson 5, M. Berry (Walkden) 6, J. R. Barton (conductor) 7, T. Cole 8. Messrs. Tarlton, Berry and Park were visiting Scarborough as delegates, from their respective Co-operative centres, at the Scarborough conference.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, May 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: A. G. Bennington 1, J. Crowder 2, S. Wright (Peterborough) 3, J. Law 4, E. J. Pannett 5, T. A. Easterby 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

LONG EATON.—At St. Lawrence Church, on Sunday, May 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob (1,280 changes), in 46 mins.: W. R. Drage (conductor) 1, J. Andrews 2, B. C. Chasty 3, C. Geary 4, H. E. Green 5, R. A. Hickton 6, J. R. Ward 7, N. H. Widdowson 8.

STAMFORD HILL.—On Sunday, May 29th, for morning service, at St. Ann's Church, 720 Bob Minor (42 singles), in 25 mins.: E. G. Hibble 1, T. G. Deal 2, A. Howell 3, T. Langdon 4, F. Fenson 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, May 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): H. Bridgens 1, R. Mathews

(conductor) 2, A. J. Skelding 3, G. D. Skelding 4, J. Bass 5, A. W. Dodd 6, A. E. Whatmore 7, A. W. Pugh 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, May 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. C. Dean 1, A. P. Hensman 2, W. J. Allen 3, W. Atterbury 4, H. Blundell 5, H. Rainbow 6, W. Farey (conductor) 7, W. G. Farey 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes): W. G. Farey 1, A. P. Hensman 2, W. J. Allen 3, J. C. Dean 4, W. Atterbury 5, H. Rainbow 6, H. Blundell 7, W. Farey (conductor) 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes): W. Farey 1, W. Atterbury 2, H. Rainbow 3, J. C. Dean 4, J. Metherell 5, F. Hopper 6, J. Hensman 7, W. J. Allen (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method on the bells.

SHREWSBURY.—Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—On Sunday, May 29th at St. Chad's Church, 305 Grandsire Caters: H. Baggley (longest length) 1, R. Pole 2, G. Brown 3, J. E. Lilley 4, G. Jones 5, A. Short 6, S. Snelson 1, W. Fairhead 8, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 9, J. Evans 10. For evening service, 503 Grandsire Caters: A. Short 1, G. Byolin 2, R. Pole 3, J. E. Lilley 4, J. Lees (Oldham) 5, G. Jones 6, S. Snelson 7, W. Fairhead 8, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 9, B. Chelton 10. Also 224 Bob Major: A. Short 1, J. E. Lilley 2, S. Snelson 3, R. Pole 4, J. Lees 5, G. Jones 6, W. Fairhead 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, May 29th, for evensong, at the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): Miss V. Shorter 1, T. R. Dennis 2, A. Page 3, C. Patten 4, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 5, G. Bridge 6, W. H. J. Hooton 7, W. Welch 8. First quarter of Major as conductor.

HILLINGDON.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, on May 29th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Lawrence 1, Miss N. Williams 2, W. Henley 3, P. Jones 4, C. Mayne 5, H. Chandler 6, E. Hancox (conductor) 7, W. Honor 8.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, May 29th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples, from 'The Ringing World' of May 20th: R. Walker 1, H. Golding (conductor) 2, F. Walker 3, H. Gates 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shephard 6, W. Floyd 7, W. D. Butler 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: E. Jones 1, R. Darlow 2, W. E. Oakley 3, J. R. Taylor (Penwortham) 4, W. Norris 5, W. Hewitt 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, Rev. C. F. Ayerst 8.—On Sunday, May 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 53 mins.: J. A. Howard 1, E. Jones 2, R. Picton 3, E. Elliott 4, W. Norris 5, W. E. Oakley 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. Hewitt 8. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Whit-Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss Ida Woodrow (longest length in the method) 1, G. Edser 2, G. Woodless 3, W. A. Woodrow 4, A. Woodrow 5, W. Shephard 6, E. J. Shepherd (conductor) 7, J. Emery 8.

CHELTENHAM.—On Whit-Sunday, at the Parish Church, 504 of Stedman Triples (42 singles): W. T. Pates (composer and conductor) 1, W. Brinkworth 2, G. Pearce 3, J. Ballinger 4, W. Harley 5, J. Pursons 6, A. W. Humphries 7, S. Hayward 8.

BOLSOVER.—On Whit-Sunday, for morning service, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. V. Moore 1, H. E. Robbins (longest touch) 2, C. Mason 3, E. Robbins 4, F. Wagstaff 5, J. J. Moss 6, W. Lambert 7, J. Flint (conductor) 8.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1,440 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

2345678	1	2,3	4,5	6
4365278	1			
7352468		x		
3572468	3			

Twice repeated.

Reduced to 1,216, 992 or 768 by omitting 3 bobs at 1 in one, two, or three parts. The call at 2 causes tenor to make the bob, the bob at 3 becoming really a bob at 6.

A. Coppock.

504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

234567	
572634	1S
325746	3S
523746	4S
435267	3S
274635	1S
532467	2S
235467	4S

Repeated.

J. George.

504 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

23145	12
24135	8
23415	—
21345	—
Repeated.	
23145	3
53142	8
43125	—
23154	—
Repeated.	

J. Carter

720 DOUBLE OXFORD OR ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR.

23456
46253
24563
52346
63524
45632
64253
32645
56324
35462
43256

Repeated five times with extra bobs at end of 2nd, 4th and 6th parts.

H. W. Wilde.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.**FINE NEW PEAL OF TEN DEDICATED.**

As already briefly recorded, Rochester Cathedral bells, recast, increased to ten, and rebung in modern fittings, were dedicated on Saturday before Whitsun. The two new bells are the gift of Ald. and Mrs. Chas. Willis, in memory of their son, Second-Lieut. George White Willis, R.A.F., who was killed in France, Jan. 4th, 1919. The old bells were recast by friends in memory of the late Dean Lane, Archdeacon S. Cheetham, Mr. Bertram Luard-Selby and others associated with the Cathedral, with the exception of the Dean Hole bell, the expense of the recasting of which was borne by the officers and men of U.S.S. Pittsburg in memory of their visit to Chatham last year. The work was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have made a splendid job of the undertaking. The bells are hung on iron headstocks, with ball bearings, and are tuned on the Simpson principle. The old total weight of the bells has been redistributed so that the recast tenor weighs 30 cwt. 0 qr. 12lb., as against 26½ cwt. before, thus giving a still more sonorous effect to the whole peal. The total weight of the peal is approximately 119 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. The note of the tenor is D.

In addition to the trebles mentioned above, the eight recast bells have been provided as follows:—

No. 3, by U.S.S. Pittsburg, in memory of 1920.

No. 4, given by Mrs. Hobson and family in memory of Frederick Wade Hobson, died May 25th, 1913; and Eliza Keyworth Hobson, died Sept. 18th, 1914.

No. 5, as a gift from the Cathedral ringers.

No. 6, given by old choristers and friends in members of Harold Albert Brand and Charles Walter Edwards, Cathedral choristers, who fell in the Great War.

No. 7, given by Mrs. Luard-Selby and members of the family in memory of Bertram Luard-Selby, Cathedral organist and choirmaster, died Dec. 26th, 1918.

No. 8, given by Lord Northbourne and family in memory of Ernald Lane, D.D., Dean, died Jan. 16th, 1913.

No. 9, given by Mrs. Cheetham in memory of Samuel Cheetham, D.D., Archdeacon and Canon, died July 19th, 1908.

No. 10, given by the Dean and Mrs. Storrs and members of the family in memory of Francis Edmund Storrs, R.N.V.R., son of the Dean, died Nov. 10th, 1918 (eve of the Armistice).

The dedication of the bells was attended by a large and representative congregation, including representatives of the families in whose memory the bells have been hung, the civil and naval authorities and clergy from all parts of the diocese, those present including Lord Northbourne, the Countess of Darnley, the Commander-in-Chief at Chatham (Admiral Sir Hugh Evan-Thomas), and Lady Thomas, Commodore G. W. Vivian, a representative of the United States Navy, and the Mayors of Rochester and Gillingham.

The first part of the service took place in the choir. Evensong was followed to the end of the Third Collect with the exception that Psalm 145 was substituted for the ordinary psalms of the day, and then the clergy, choir and congregation proceeded to the nave, the processional hymn being 'We love the place, O God.' The Dean took up a position on the choir steps under the central tower, and Ald. Chas. Willis addressed him in the following terms: 'Mr. Dean, in virtue of your office we request you to dedicate to the glory of God and the use of the Cathedral, this peal of bells now newly hung.'

After a prayer, the Dean dedicated the bells to the glory of God, to the benefit of His Holy Church, and in memory of those whose names are thereupon inscribed.

The bells rang out for a minute, and in the course of the prayers which followed, there was mentioned Geo. White Willis, Fredk. Wade Hobson, Eliza Keyworth Hobson, Harold Alb. Brand, Chas. Walter Edwards, Bertram Luard-Selby, Ernald Lane, Samuel Cheetham and Francis Edmund Storrs.

The hymn, 'Ring forth, Holy Bells,' was sung, and after an interesting address by the Bishop, in the course of which he referred at length to the history of Rochester Cathedral bells, came the hymn, 'Lifted safe within the tower.' The Bishop said the concluding prayers and pronounced the Blessing, after which the National Anthem was sung, and the hymn, 'For all the Saints,' as a recessional.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

NOTICES.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Hunton on Sat., June 4th. Bells available at 3. Service at 5, with an address by the Rector (Rev. F. A. Dale). Tea at the Court at 5.45, given by Mrs. Bannerman; business meeting after.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Summer meeting of the Newbury Branch will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 4th. Evensong 4.30. Tea at 5. Special preacher, Canon Coleridge. Intending visitors kindly notify Rev. E. M. Thorp, Bucklebury Vicarage, Reading, not later than June 1st.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Rodmersham on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available from 3 to 9. Service at 5, followed by a tea kindly provided by the Vicar, The Rt. Hon. Rev. A. H. T. Massey. Business meeting afterwards. Half fares up to 2/- will be paid at this meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Robin Hood's Bay on June 4th. Bells of the Parish Church (10), available from 12 o'clock. Service in the Church 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, at Church Room, followed by a business meeting in the same room.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dist. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Farnborough Parish Church, on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting at Jubilee Hall. All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Owlsmoor, Camberley.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Halesworth District.—A practice meeting will be held at Wenhamston (6 bells) on Saturday afternoon, June 4th. Bells available from 2 p.m. All ringing friends welcome.—F. C. Lambert, District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Croston on June 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30. All ringers welcome.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The June meeting will be held at Killamarsh on Saturday, June 4th. Six bells from 3 o'clock.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Over on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Swavesey bells (6) also available.—A. E. Austin, District Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Parbold (6) on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Halsall, Branch Sec., 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A mid-week meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Hornsey, on Monday, June 6th. Bells available from 7 to 9.30. Short business meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for practice on Mondays at 7.30 p.m.: St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, June 6th; St. Clement Danes, June 13th and 27th. Sundays at 10 a.m.; St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The bells of Monks Kirby (tenor 24½ cwt.) will be reopened after rehangings and the two new trebles dedicated on Thursday, June 9th, at 3 p.m. A band has been selected for the opening touch, after which all members and friends of the Guild will be welcomed.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 9th and 23rd; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 14th; Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; and *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 28th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at the headquarters.—William T. Cockeril, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Thornbury, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea should let me know *without fail*, not later than Sunday, June 5th.—Edith Smith, Sec., St. Michael's Rectory, 16, West Park, Clifton, Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, June 11th. Service at 3.30 p.m. It is hoped that the Bishop of Buckingham will be the preacher. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than June 7th. All ringing friends welcome.—W. Sear, Secretary, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday afternoon, June 11th, by kind permission of the Vicar. This is an ideal place with its sweet-toned bells. Will try and arrange tea for 5.30 for all who let me know by the 6th, and welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at South Weald on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the Tower Arms. Will all members intending to be present please notify Mr. A. Rainbird, Old Crown Lane, Kelvedon Hatch, near Brentwood, on or before Wednesday, June 8th?—P. Timson, District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, June 11th. Bells ready at 4.30. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m. Special financial meeting at King of Denmark after practice at St. Bride's, June 11th.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at South Kirby on Saturday,

June 11th. All ringers are invited.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A district meeting will be held at Gosforth on June 11th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at cost price. Members intending being present please notify the undermentioned not later than June 8th.—Jas. E. Gofton, 25, Ashbrooke, Monkseaton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, June 11th. Bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, June 7th?—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the above will be held at Maxey on Saturday, June 11th.—Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Glington (6) in the evening. Service at Maxey at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Ringers are asked to bring their own food. Hot tea provided. Motor bus leaves Broadway, Peterborough, at 1.30 and 4.3. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's Schoolhouse, Peterborough.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Old Duston on Saturday, June 11th. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, June 8th.—S. J. Lawrence, District Sec., 7, Castilian Terrace, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, June 11th.—Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—T. K. Driver, Middleton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Great Staughton on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—H. L. Harlow, District Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Ipswich Branch.—The bells of Stonham (10) will be open for practice on Saturday, June 11th, from 2.30 p.m.—E. Evans, Hon. Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A special meeting will be held at Southwell on Saturday, June 11th, it being a bi-centenary of the Cathedral bells. Ringing from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at 4.30. The Ven. Archdeacon Conybeare will preside. All wishing for tea please notify Mr. H. F. Clulow, Easthorpe, Southwell, by June 9th.—T. H. Kirkby, 7, Belkirk Street, Carrington.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The usual meeting will be held at Bennington on June 18th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening.—Tea will be provided free by the Rev. Canon Mills at 5 o'clock. All will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. District Sec., Little Munden.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Stokesay on Saturday, June 18th. Service at 12. Preacher, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rector of Hopesay. Lunch (3s.) at Castle at 1. Meeting at 2. Those wishing to attend must notify Rev. G. W. Turner, Hon. Sec., Madley Vicarage, Hereford, by June 11th.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society (Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 18th, at Christ Church, near the Wandle Bridge, from 2.30 to 4 p.m., and SS. Peter and Paul, Mitcham, from 4 to 8 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., tea at 5.30, at 1/6 per head. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know not later than June 14th? All ringers welcome.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on June 18th. Ringing from 2 o'clock. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., and general meeting to follow, in the Church Hall. Mr. C. Draper, 25, Western Road, Derby, will kindly arrange for tea, at 2/6 per head, for those who advise him by June 14th.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallen, Darley Dale.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The Quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) ready at 3 Service at 5; preacher, the Rev. Archdeacon Sandford. Tea 5.45 p.m., at 1/9 each, for those who notify Mr. G. Halksworth, 1, Morley Road, Doncaster, by Tuesday June 14th. Will those who ordered reports and have not had them try and get them at this meeting. Subscriptions received.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Thornhill on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available: Thornhill, all day; Dewsbury and Earlsheaton, from 2.30 p.m. Short service in church, 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Members requiring same must apply to Mr. H. Parkinson, 69, Hall Lane Cottages, Thornhill, near Dewsbury, before June 14th. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dist. Sec.

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A WEAK POINT.

The various motions which were discussed by the Central Council resulted very much as we anticipated would be the case. The proposal that the Analysis Committee should be asked to arrange, if possible, that each peal be credited to the association in whose territory it is rung, was made very short work of and dismissed as undesirable and impracticable without a single word being said in its favour. On the other hand, there was complete accord on the next motion, that in every diocese there should be a recognised authority to give advice on matters concerning church bells.

Obviously, it is important that there should be someone in each area competent to give advice to Church authorities who contemplate restorations or augmentations. The difficulty which, we are afraid, may occur in some dioceses is to find a man in whom the authorities will be able to place full confidence. The associations who adopt the Council's suggestion will note that the idea is not the appointment of a committee, but of an individual, for their area, and that individual, if the scheme is not to do more harm than good, must be more than merely an experienced ringer. If the right men are secured—and they are to be found—it will be an admirable thing; but unless the right men can be obtained, it will be better left alone, for they might do more harm than good.

In connection with the passing of this resolution there came to light what, we think, is a curious attitude on the part of the Council. The Council has always been anxious—and rightly, too—not to do anything which will infringe upon the rights of the individual associations. Moreover, it is recognised that they cannot enforce any of their decisions, but why they should hesitate officially to convey their recommendations to the various affiliated bodies is beyond comprehension. It is left to the members of the Council to inform their associations as to what has been done. This has always seemed to us to be a mistaken view. If the Council makes a recommendation, why should it not be sent officially through the Secretary to all affiliated organisations? To leave it to the members to disseminate the information is, in many cases, to render the resolutions abortive, because there is no official or direct machinery to convey the proposals to those associations which are unrepresented at the meeting. This year there were eleven affiliated bodies who had no representative present. Where do they stand under this arrangement? If the Council have confidence in their own decisions, they should officially communicate them to the associations. This has always been a weak point in the constitution of the Council, and will, we hope, be altered.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	*JAMES ROSE 7
*ARTHUR S. BOAR 2	*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 3	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM 9
*CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 4	*WILLIAM BURGESS 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 5	EDWARD EVANS 11
*GEORGE E. SYMONDS 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. King George V. as a compliment to the Rev. Dr. A. A. David, Head Master of Rugby Grammar School, on his appointment to the Bishopric of the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, and also in commemoration of the anniversary of the long peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (16,608 changes) in 10 hours 32 minutes, at Debenham on June 6th, 1892, three of the ringers then taking part being James Motts, who conducted the peal, Robert H. Brundle and Frederick J. Tillet, who rang the tenor. * First peal of Double Norwich Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*THOMAS SEYMOUR Treble	EDWARD D. LIVERMORE ... 6
*FREDERIC C. RICE 2	EDWARD HULL 7
*JOHN W. MALYAN 3	ARTHUR HULL 8
THOMAS J. HULL 4	W.H. L. BUCKINGHAM 9
†HARRY G. LIGHTFOOT ... 5	EBENEZER A. HULL ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by THOMAS J. HULL.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal on ten bells away from tenor. First peal as conductor on ten bells. Mr. Buckingham is President of the Hertford County Association.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES

Tenor 24 cwt.

ANOS CLARK Treble	ERNEST A. REEVE 6
WILLIAM J. DEAN 2	WILLIAM ESSERY 7
HENRY S. ELLIS 3	*JOSEPH MILNER 8
WILLIAM E. JUDD 4	HARRY MANCE 9
ALFRED G. H. NEWMAN ... 5	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. BRADLEY. Conducted by H. MANCE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE NEW WESTERN DISTRICT.

The first quarterly meeting of the newly-formed Western District of the Hertford Association was held at King's Langley on May 21st, and proved a successful and a very enjoyable gathering. Members and friends were present from Berkhamsted, Tring, Hemel Hempstead, Whitwell (Isle of Wight), and the local company. A short service was held, at which the Vicar gave an address. After a look round the Vicarage garden, the visitors sat down to tea in the Churchroom, generously provided by the Vicar and churchwarden.

At the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, three new members were elected, and Tring was chosen for the next place of meeting, in July.—The Vicar said how pleased he was to welcome the ringers to King's Langley, and hoped now that the district was split up more frequent visits would be made.—Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the Vicar for providing the tea and presiding, and for his address and the use of the bells; and also to the ladies for so kindly attending to the ringers' wants at the tea-table.

The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HENLEY SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

*ANTHONY R. PRICE ... ..Treble	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON ... 2	ALBERT FLEMING 6
JAMES MOTTS 3	GEORGE FLEMING 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 4	WILLIAM BURGESS ... ..Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

* First peal in the method. This and the peal at Stonham Aspal were arranged for Mr. Anthony (Tony) R. Price, the 15-year-old son of the Vicar of Shouldham, Norfolk, who only began to learn to ring about a year ago.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION
AND ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lambert,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

JAMES MOTTS ... ..Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON ... 2	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 6
*ANTHONY R. PRICE 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 4	FREDERICK J. TILLET ...Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung after meeting short for Royal. * First peal in the method.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS HEATHCOCK ... ..Treble	JOHN LLOYD... .. 5
CHARLES E. PERKINS... .. 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
JOHN BASS 3	WILLIAM SHORT 7
ARTHUR E. WHATMORE 4	THOMAS WHITEHOUSE ...Tenor

Composed by R. MATTHEWS.

This peal was arranged by Mr. T. Heathcock in honour of the birth of a son to Capt. and Mrs. Ogier in India, and grandson to the esteemed Rector of Oldswinford (Canon and Mrs. Owen).

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ...Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5
ALLEN F. BAILEY 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY 6
JAMES G. RUMSEY 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
FREDERICK W. BAILEY 4	JOHN LARTER ... ..Tenor

Composed by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Larter.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.

*GEORGE T. PEGNALL ...Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 3	GEORGE MAYERS... .. 7
†FREDERICK HOUSEGO 4	FRANK R. COPEMAN ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by F. R. COPEMAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(St. Peter's Society.)

On Saturday, May 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM HIBBERT ... ..Treble	JOSEPH HANDS 5
FREDERICK POUNDS 2	GEORGE ESSEX 6
HENRY R. NEWTON 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT... .. 7
ALBERT D. CULLEM 4	HENRY SIMMONDS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the trebleman, who on this date attained his majority.

MERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Sunday, May 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*MISS ROSE THOMAS ... ..Treble	PERCY PAGE 5
†ALFRED GOWER... .. 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 6
HENRY C. CASTLE 3	HARRY PARKES 7
CHARLES TRIBE... .. 4	*GEORGE THOMAS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. The ringers of the tenor and treble are father and daughter. Great credit is due to Miss Thomas, who rang remarkably well throughout. She is the first lady in the Ashford District of the K.C.A. and the first lady in the R.M. & D.G. to score a peal. The peal was rung for evening service.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT ALLRED ... ..Treble	FRED ABBOTT 5
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 2	JOHN POTTER 6
JOSEPH LOWE 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
GEORGE POWNALL 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY... ..Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Abbott and J. Leatherbarrow. T. B. Worsley has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 31, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Tower,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST LESLIE ... ..Treble	*FRYCE TAYLOR 5
JOHN OLDHAM 2	JAMES HUTCHBY... .. 6
WILLIAM SMITH 3	JOHN W. JONES 7
HORACE STUBBS 4	EDWARD READER ... ..Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by E. READER.

By peculiar coincidence this peal happened to be the 160th peal of both the ringers of the 6th and tenor. This peal was arranged for the ringer of the 7th, who hails from Newport, Mon. * First peal in the method.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 31, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CLEAL'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*GEORGE W. AMES ... ..Treble	JOHN G. AMES 5
REV. H. LAW JAMES... .. 2	JOHN W. WOOD 6
*ALLEN BROWN 3	WILLIAM WALKER 7
JOHN T. BROWN... .. 4	HARRY ANDREW ... ..Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal. The treble, 3rd, 7th and tenor ringers belong to the local band.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 1, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

*GEOFFREY BRADLEY... ..Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
WILLIAM BATES... .. 2	HARRY HILL... .. 6
HENRY LETTS 3	JAMES PAGETT 7
*FRANK OSBORNE 4	CHARLES BRADLEY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by HENRY LETTS.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Samuel Wright, schoolmaster of Duffield endowed schools.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SIDNEY ANSTEAD... ..Treble	HERBERT HOLDEN 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
GEORGE POVEY 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 7
WILLIAM WHEADON 4	HERBERT AUDSLEY ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

Rung as a compliment to Canon G. J. Jones, Rector of Crayford, and the Very Rev. Dr. Storrs, Dean of Rochester, on the 50th anniversary of their ordination. H. Audsley has now rung a peal on all the bells at Crayford from treble to tenor.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM STORY... ..Treble	FRED SHERATON 5
*R. THOMPSON 2	GEORGE A. WARD 6
R. PARKINSON 3	†STEPHEN W. STRATFORD... .. 7
ALF. F. HILLIER 4	WM. H. BARBER ... ..Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S VARIATION. Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOMAS PHILLIPS ... ..Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5
JAMES FORD 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 6
HARRY DURLING... .. 3	PERCY J. SPICE 7
GEORGE DURLING 4	REUBEN S. GOODCHILD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Thos. Groombridge, jun.

STOKE, COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(EX-SERVICE MEN'S PEAL.)

On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CPL. FRANK W. PERRENS,	C. M. M. DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE.
R.A.F. ... ..Treble	R. N. V. R. 5
CPL. J. FRANK SMALLWOOD,	PTE. EDWARD H. JOHNSON,
R. Berks 2	R. Warwick 6
*PTE. FRANK BRASSINGTON,	WELR. CPL. ADOLPHUS
R. Warwick 3	ROBERTS 7
2/LIEUT. FRANK E. PERVIN,	PTE. THOMAS MALE, R.
Tank Corps 4	Warwick ... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Stedman.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

F. I. HAIRS ... ..Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT 5
*MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	*H. P. JAMES 6
REGINALD BROUGH 3	J. A. TROLLOPE 7
ALFRED H. WINGE 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

* First Surprise peal. Birthday peal for conductor, it being his first peal as conductor of a Surprise peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BIGGIN ... ..Treble	FRED W. HILL 5
JOHN HOLMAN 2	*JOHN THORPE 6
JOHN FLINT 3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7
*ALFRED C. WRIGHT 4	SAM THOMAS ... ..Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

* First peal of Bristol. First peal in the method at Bolsover.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY BROUGHTON ... ..Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 6
HARRY ARGYLE 3	†GEORGE GARNER 7
SHIRLEY BURTON... .. 4	*TOM ATKINS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

ALFRED J. BULL ... ..Treble	WILLIAM STANFORD 5
GEORGE ELLIS 2	KEITH HART... .. 6
WILLIAM SHORT 3	ALBERT ELLIS 7
GEORGE ILLMAN 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal on the bells since rehanging.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, LEISTON.)

On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEONARD P. BAILEY ... ..Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
ERNEST S. BAILEY 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
JAMES G. RUMSEY 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal in a Surprise method on the bells.

IPSWICH.—On Easter Day, for morning service, at St. Clement's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Long 1, W. Kinsey 2, W. Barber 3, H. Cook 4, F. Bowell 5, A. Bowell 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: H. Field (first 720), A. Bowell 2, W. Barber 3, H. Cook 4, F. Bowell 5, P. May 6.—On Sunday, April 3rd, for evensong, 720 Double Oxford Minor: H. Field 1, J. Long 2, W. Barber 3, H. Cook 4, F. Bowell 5, A. Bowell 6. All conducted by Fredk. Bowell (1st 720 Double Oxford as conductor).

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ALLENSMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALEC J. TAYLOR... .. Treble	CHARLES EDWARDS 4
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	WALTER TAYLOR... .. 5
JAMES P. HYETT 3	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal. First peal in five methods by ringers of 3, 5 and 6. First peal in five methods on the bells.

DALLINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

TRAYTON BOOTH Treble	*THOMAS HOAD 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2	*WILLIAM H. HOAD 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. The Messrs. Lambert hail from Burwash and Horsmonden, the rest from Salehurst.

HACKFORD AND WHITWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven differently called 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MATTHEW TIMBERS Treble	RICHARD H. BARBER 4
WILLIAM J. WASEY 2	WALTER FORD 5
FRED J. BARBER 3	WALTER C. MEDLER Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

Rung as a birthday peal for F. J. Barber.

WOODHOUSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-IN-THE-ELMS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5280 CHANGES;

Being 14 six-scores of Old Doubles, 4 Plain Bob, 32 Extremes and 4 Grandsire, each differently called. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES CATTELL Treble	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 4
ARTHUR CATTELL 2	FREDERICK J. BOWLEY, SEN. 5
ROWLAND BARROW 3	*EDWARD WHITEHEAD Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells. The peal contained 444 calls.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED KNIGHT Treble	LEONARD J. WYMAN 4
ARTHUR BELLAMY 2	RICHARD DUNKLEY 5
WILLIAM J. GILBERT 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

First peal of Oxford Bob Minor by all except the conductor.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Woodbine and Kent, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Minor called differently.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... Treble	*FREDERICK WADE 4
NORMAN R. BAILEY 2	*GEORGE LEE 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal in five methods. This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Bailey.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

*CHARLES F. SAYER Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4
CHARLES BAILEY 2	GEORGE LEE 5
FREDERICK WADE 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal in four methods.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

PERCIVAL BROOKS Treble	PERCY MARCHANT 4
ALFRED J. PIERPOINT... .. 2	JAMES A. HART 5
FREDERICK WREN 3	ALBERT MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by J. A. HART.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Edmund Charles Blake and Katharine Winifred Graham. The ringers of the treble and tenor belong to Barcombe, the rest to Uckfield.

GOLDBANGER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM ... Treble	GEORGE H. NEVILLE 4
ARTHUR C. LANGFORD ... 2	CHARLES J. MANN 5
FRED CHALK... .. 3	ARTHUR APPLETON Tenor

Conducted by J. D. BUCKINGHAM.

The above was rung on the coming of age of Miss Gardner, daughter of the Rector.

BPPING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Canterbury, two of Plain Bob and three of Grandsire, Tenor 14 cwt.

*A. J. MANSFIELD Treble	I. CAVILL 4
W. MARRABLE 2	JAS. MANSFIELD... .. 5
†B. G. BURTON 3	*ALF. MANSFIELD Tenor

Conducted by I. CAVILL.

* First peal. † First peal on inside bell. Messrs. Cavill and Marrable hail from Roydon; Burton and Jas. Mansfield from Nazeing; the rest belong to the local band.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—On April 21st, at St. Michael's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's ten-part): H. J. Tucker 1, F. Bird (conductor) 2, H. M. White 3, H. Dew 4, H. Champness 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. Wilkinson 7, C. Ridgewell 8.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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

On Thursday, May 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS RUSSAM 1—2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 7—8
ALBERT WALKER 3—4	GEORGE F. SWANN 9—10
*JAMES E. GROVES 5—6	*WILLIAM KENT 11—12

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.
Referees: MORRIS J. MORRIS & PERCY O. LAFLIN.

* First peal of Maximus on handbells. First peal of Maximus as conductor.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by
ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by the performer.
Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.) (SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)
ST. GILES', CAMBERWELL, SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, June 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
IN THE TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES;

ERNEST J. KING 1—2	HORATIO J. GUMMER ... 7—8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3—4	WILLIAM H. PICKETT ... 9—10
ISAAC J. ATTWATER 5—6	*JEFFREY R. GAMMON ... 11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER,
Umpire: THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

* First peal on twelve bells. First peal on twelve handbells by all the band, and rung at the first attempt. It was a 14th birthday compliment to Jeffrey R. Gammon. Mr. R. G. Chappel heard the last 2hrs. 45mins. of the peal.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by
ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by the performer.
Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

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

On Thursday, June 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 size in D.

THOMAS RUSSAM 1—2	ALBERT WALKER 7—8
JAMES E. GROVES 3—4	PERCY O. LAFLIN 9—10
GEORGE F. SWANN 5—6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11—12

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.
Referee: WILLIAM KENT.

WEST COUNTRY BELL RESTORATIONS.

On Wednesday, June 1st, the peal of six bells at St. Mary's, Botusfleming (Cornwall) was reopened by the Rural Dean (the Rev. Goss), in the presence of a large congregation, which included ringers from all parts of the West of England. Some excellent ringing was accomplished, and all were highly pleased with the tone and 'go' of the bells, which have been restored by Messrs. Aggett and Sons, of Chagford.

The bells have been rehung in a massive self-supporting iron frame, on steel joists, and modern fittings, including Messrs. Aggett and Sons' patent self-adjusting bearings, and their work has given great satisfaction to the authorities.

Messrs. Aggett hope to commence shortly the restoration of the fine peals at Rockbeare, Poughill, St. Budeaux and Skilgate (near Taunton).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**THE COLLECTING OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

The monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Barlow Moor on Saturday, May 28th. Mr. W. Ryder, of Birch, presided, and 25 members were present, including visitors from Crewe. Worsley was selected for the next meeting, on June 25th.

After discussion, the resolution from the Rossendale Branch was referred to the next meeting.

Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft proposed, and Mr. W. H. Shuker seconded, that the leader of each tower should collect the subscriptions from his own band, and this was agreed to.

The following resolution, proposed by Mr. J. Ridyard, seconded by Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, that the subscriptions be paid to the branch secretary at the meetings held at the Town Hall or the Cathedral, was also carried.

Votes of thanks to the church authorities and to the local ringers and the chairman closed the meeting. The methods rung during the day were: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held on Saturday, May 28th, at the picturesque village of Kinver, where the quaint old church (with a peal of eight bells recently rehung and augmented from six) is situated on a hill overlooking the village. The following towers were represented: Brierley Hill, Bilston, Coseley, Dudley, Sedgley, Tipton, Kingswinford, Smethwick, Birmingham, Handsworth, Old Hill and Oldbury. Touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon, and service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Hooper-Slipper), who gave an excellent address. Tea was partaken of at the White Hart Hotel, and upwards of 60 sat down.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar presiding, it was decided to attempt the quarterly peal (Bob Major) at Kinver, and Oldswinford was selected for the next meeting.—Mr. R. Small (Tipton) proposed, and Miss Saunders (Smethwick) seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for the preparation made.—The Vicar suitably responded. The tower was again visited in the evening.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

A most successful meeting was held at Cound on Saturday week, when twenty members enjoyed a delightful cycle run from different parts of Salop to get to the venue. Members were sorry to see that nothing had been done in regard to the belfry since the meeting held at Cound last year. Still, most of the visitors enjoyed the ringing there, and found themselves ready for the splendid tea that was provided for them in the School Room.

A short meeting was afterwards held, at which the Rev. B. S. Lombard presided, when it was decided to hold the next meeting at Edgmond early next month.—Mr. Lilley, in thanking the Vicar, on behalf of members, for his kindness in allowing them to hold the meeting at Cound, said the members were glad to see that he took some interest in the ringing of the bells, and expressed his opinion that something should be done to improve the belfry, as it badly needed attention, and it was a pity to let such a good set of bells lie idle.—The Vicar, in reply, said it was always a tremendous pleasure to him to have the Guild there. Mr. Lilley was always at him about the tower, and he thought that when they had finished off the debt for the heating apparatus and organ, the tower might be attended to. A short touch of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells: L. Hewitt 1—2, W. Wace 3—4, C. R. Lilley 5—6, W. Saunders 7—8, A. Woodvine 9—10; and the ringing in the tower included 720 Bob Minor: J. E. Lilley 1, R. Pole 2, F. Mole 3, W. Wace 4, C. R. Lilley 5, W. Saunders 6; and a 720 Kent: A. Bayley 1, C. R. Lilley 2, W. Wace 3, L. Hewitt 4, A. Woodvine 5, W. Saunders 6.

FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS A RINGER.

A ringer at St. James' Church, Birch-in-Rusholme, for 57 years, Mr. W. E. Ryder, has just celebrated his 75th birthday by taking part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. It was rung on Saturday on his parish church bells in 47 mins., by: J. Idle 1, W. E. Ryder 2, A. Frost 3, H. Brickill 4, F. Stoneley 5, J. H. Collier 6, R. Davies (conductor) 7, G. Whitelegg 8. It is interesting to note that Mr. Ryder 75 years ago was the first child baptized in the church.

BLOCKING UP OF LOUVRES.

To the Editor.

Would any readers of 'The Ringing World' give me the benefit of their experience as to the blocking up of louvres so as to prevent the sound of the bells in the street below becoming an annoyance, as we have to face this difficulty in reference to All Saints', Hereford? There are louvres in the bottom of the spire, in addition to those in the tower. In this matter expense is a consideration.—Yours, etc.,

Great Brampton.

C. EDWARDS.

DEDICATION OF TWO BELLS AT BISPHAM.

A CLAPPER INNOVATION.

The beautiful old-world Parish Church of Bispham, the mother church of Blackpool, was filled with a very large congregation on Wednesday afternoon, May 18th, when the two new memorial bells and the organ, which has just been renovated, were dedicated and 'opened.' About eleven months ago, six bells were dedicated by the Rural Dean of the Fylde, the Rev. John Sinker, Vicar of Lytham. The two trebles which were dedicated on Wednesday now complete the ring to perpetuate the memory of the Bispham men who fell in the great war, and as a thankoffering for the victory won. The tenor (weighing 10 cwt.) is inscribed: 'Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory.' The service, which was impressive and inspiring, was opened with a violin solo by Miss Adair Blackwell, accompanied on the organ by Dr. F. H. Wood, organist of Blackpool Parish Church. The Rector of Bispham (the Rev. Canon G. Leighton, M.A.) dedicated the bells, and as soon as the ceremony, which was conducted in the porch, was over, the countryside was flooded with melody from the steeple above. The ringers were: J. Jackson 1, A. Parkinson 2, B. Bradshaw 3, N. Sharples 4, R. Singleton 5, C. Sharples (conductor) 6, R. Porter 7, W. Singleton 8. An eloquent sermon was preached by the Vicar of Blackpool, the Rev. A. W. R. Little, M.A., from Exodus xviii. 33-35. The service was followed by a short organ recital by Dr. Wood.

An excellent tea was provided free to all ringers, and after tea an excellently struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by John Cooper (Silsden, Yorkshire), 1, Miss Hague 2, E. Geary (Oldham) 3, A. Hague (conductor) 4, H. Woodhouse (Arksey, Doncaster) 5, C. Sharples 6, J. Smith 7, W. Wilde 8.

When the new trebles were being hung the founders (Mears and Stainbank) took out the clappers of the old six, and worked out a new invention the firm has patented. This consists of a small hole made on each side of the clapper just below where it strikes the sound bow of the bell. The hole is filled with a composition of rubber and other materials, and the filling projects slightly outside the ball of the clapper. After the bell is struck by the ball of the clapper, the composition is so gauged that it is able to hold up the clapper off the sound-bow so that the note is held out. The effect of hearing the whole eight bells with this vibration dwelling in the bell chamber is beautiful. Yet with all this music in the belfry the clear tap of each bell in the ringing chamber enables each ringer to pick out his bell, and the striking is not in the least interfered with.

YORKSHIREMEN IN KENT.

On Friday, May 14th, nine members of the Yorkshire Association left their home county for a week-end visit to Kent, under the guidance of the redoubtable 'Tommy Groombridge,' of Chislehurst. The party consisted of Messrs. F. W. Dixon, F. Salmons, P. J. Johnson, G. Naylor, A. C. Fearnley, J. Ambler, J. Broadley, J. Cotterell, and J. Hardcastle. Mr. T. Maude, of Pudsey, who was responsible for arranging the travelling facilities and other details, was as usual in his element with the party, but his task of keeping order was greatly reduced by five of the number taking their wives with them. To the great regret of all, Mr. G. B. Bolland had to abandon the trip at the last moment, owing to a serious attack of blood poisoning. Headquarters at Chislehurst was reached without mishap, and Saturday saw the party at Bromley, where a peal of Treble Bob was successfully brought round on a peal by Jannoway (tenor 19½ cwt.), in three hours 10 minutes. On Sunday, various touches were rung in the morning at Chislehurst, assisted by Mr. J. Austin, of Gloucester, who had joined up meanwhile. The bells at Chislehurst are by Warner (tenor 17 cwt., 1858), but badly need the attention of a bell hanger. St. Luke's, Bromley Common, was visited in the evening, and the peal by Taylor (15 cwt. tenor) was much appreciated in various methods. The party proceeded by motor charabanc on Monday, through some of the most beautiful scenery in Kent. At Great Wrotham, a splendid peal by the Croydon Foundry (tenor 21 cwt.) kept the visitors longer than the time-table allowed. Sevenoaks was reached after a delightful journey, and the fine peal by Mears was much enjoyed. Here the 'committee' got lost, and took another unwary member of the band to join him in his journey in a strange country. Westerham was next reached, and the party received a hearty welcome from the Rector, whose peal of bells by Mears aroused keen enjoyment among the visitors, the tone and 'go' being splendid. Tuesday saw some of the party at their official post at the Central Council meeting, while others began their homeward journey. On Wednesday, several of the party visited the Croydon Foundry, and were greatly impressed by the fine new bells for Crisbrooke, in the Isle of Wight, the wonderful clock factory, and last but not least, the carillon of twenty-five bells played by an expert. The present opportunity is taken of thanking Mr. C. E. Johnston and his sister for kindly entertaining the large party to lunch in a bountiful fashion, train time bringing the outing to an all too early end.

P. J. J.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is just over thirteen years since the first 10,000 of Surprise was rung by the Lancashire Association. This was rung on May 17th, 1908, at Oswaldtwistle. Owing to the conductor, C. Sharples, only being at liberty on Wednesdays, and the rest of the band being free on Saturday afternoon, the peal was rung on a Sunday. After about 35 minutes' ringing the attempt came to grief, but it was at once decided to try again, and the longest peal of Surprise Minor (10,080 changes) in fourteen methods was rung in five hours forty-two minutes.

Ringers should note that the annual meeting of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild is to be held at Saenley to-morrow. By an error the name of the place did not appear in the ordinary notice on the two first occasions.

The annual festival of the Hereford Guild has had to be postponed on account of the further curtailment of the train service.

Seventy years ago next, Wednesday—on June 15th, 1851, to be precise, the first recorded peal of Stedman 'in hand' was rung at the Osborn Arms, Henage Street, London. This was a peal of Stedman Caters, and the last survivor of that band was Matt. Wood, who died in 1912, at the advanced age of 85 years. Although to-day peals of Stedman 'double-handed' have been made a common performance, the peal in that far-off year was a great achievement, and we can imagine the patience and perseverance with which those men must have adhered to their task. The peal was rung by: John Cox 1—2, George Ferris 3—4, William Cooter 5—6, Matt. Wood 7—8, James Dwight 9—10.

The 12th of June is the anniversary of what was believed to be the first peal of Grandsire Maximus out of London. This was rung at Birmingham in 1815.

Would any reader of 'The Ringing World' who may have a proper form of service for dedication and opening of a peal of bells kindly forward a copy to C. Edwards, Great Brampton, Madley, Herefordshire?

How welcome are ringers at some churches! There is no proper change ringing done at Somerleyton in Suffolk, but a peal was rung there the other day by a band of visitors, and when they came out of the belfry they found the following kindly note left at the belfry door for them:—

'From the Rev. Clement Willoughby Bean, Rector of Somerleyton. To the Foreman of the Bell Ringers now in the belfry of Somerleyton Church.—I wish to express the great pleasure you are giving me with your bell music, and to say how glad we shall be to welcome you here again. I would much like to speak to you and your company, but am afraid I might disturb you if I entered the belfry. My best wishes and thanks, C. W. Bean.'

J. R. Gammon, a pupil of the Master of the London County Association, has accomplished a distinguished performance by ringing a peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells to celebrate his fourteenth birthday. This, we think, must be a record.

We mentioned a fortnight ago two ringers who had each rung more than a hundred peals on the same peal of bells. Mr. E. Barnett, senr., has rung 114 peals on the bells of his own parish church at Crayford, and 122 on the bells of St. John the Baptist's Church, Erith.

A correspondent writes with regard to our recent reference to the SS. 'Cambria,' upon which the only peal on the sea was rung, that Mr. E. Mullins, of Birmingham, crossed on this boat from Dieppe to England on her last voyage before she was mined in the English Channel, on September 25th, 1915—probably the only member of the Exercise on board.

A fine new ring of eight bells has been placed in the Parish Church of Basford, Notts, in memory of the men who fell in the war. The peal was cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the tenor is 15 cwt. in F. The bells were dedicated last Saturday.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BREAKING NEW GROUND.

On Wednesday evening, the glorious first of June, a few members of the Salisbury Guild paid Buckland Newton a visit, with the idea of giving a helping hand to the local ringers, and also tapping a fresh district. Buckland is in the Dorchester branch, and is nine miles from the nearest railway station. It possesses a fine peal of six bells, with a tenor of 17 cwt. in E. The bells were raised in peal, and 720 Grandsire Doubles (the first on the bells) was rung by: J. T. Godwin 1, Major Hughes D'Aeth 2, W. J. Simons 3, C. H. Jennings 4, G. T. White (conductor) 5, J. W. Benger 6. This was followed by Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. Most of the local band were piloted through their first 120, while others had their first touch of Stedman and Bob Minor. The ringers were afterwards kindly entertained to light refreshments at the Vicarage by the Rev. F. S. Field, Mrs. and Miss Field. Good work was done, and it is hoped other towers will be visited during the summer.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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THE RECORDS COMMITTEE.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston moved the adoption of the report of the Records Committee, which has already appeared in 'The Ringing World.' He said the committee had found great difficulty in obtaining information about first peals and longest lengths. As was pretty well known, a good deal of information was to be found in the British Museum. It happened, however, that each member of the committee lived a great distance from the British Museum, and it was impossible to use that information. One suggestion which the committee made was, therefore, that there should be an addition to the committee of a member living in the neighbourhood of the British Museum who could carry on the work there. When the committee was appointed they made an appeal through 'The Ringing World' for claims to the first peals in different methods and the longest performances to be sent in as soon as possible, but they received very little help from that appeal. The committee felt that if they had the authority of the Council to write in its name to the different associations asking them to authorise their secretaries to supply them with information on different points they might submit to them, it would be a great advantage. The committee did not feel that they had explored all the sources of information, and they would like the loan of 'Campanology' and of 'Church Bells' in which peals and ringing performances appeared between the years 1870 and 1880. (Offers of the loan of 'Campanology' by various members and of the ringing section of 'Church Bells' by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who at one time edited this portion of that journal, were at once made.) Continuing, Mr. Beeston said the committee did not know how to tackle the Minor Methods. What, for instance, was to constitute a 'first peal'? Was it to consist of six methods which had been rung long before and one which had never been included in a peal previously? Or, were they to find out what was the first peal in, say, seven plain methods, or in any higher number of methods, and likewise with the Treble Bob, 3rd and 4th's place Delights, and the Surprise methods? The committee would like the opinion of the Council on this matter. Continuing, Mr. Beeston wished to thank those who had loaned the committee copies of the ringing papers, and particularly Mr. James George, 'of England' (laughter), for his early volumes of 'Bell News' (applause), and Mr. Lucas, who generously gave them 20 vols. of 'Bell News' (applause). If it had not been for this generous gift the committee would not have been able to present to the Council the particulars now before them.

The Rev. H. Law James said the committee, in their report, raised the question of giving the figures of the peals of record length, and he personally did not think it was worth while going on collecting the records unless they could put the figures down alongside them, and he thought the Council should give them power to do so. He also emphasised the need of having a member of the committee in London who could do the work in the British Museum.

Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mr. R. A. Daniell were proposed as members to help the committee in their task, and, in expressing their willingness to do all they could to assist, decided not to become members of the committee. Mr. Daniell added that he did not think they would find many of the figures in the British Museum.

Mr. C. T. Coles moved that the committee should include in their record only those peals of Minor which were rung wholly in new methods. If they dealt with peals comprising only one new method they would never get to the end of their task, especially in view of the difficulties that had been pointed out in connection with the naming of methods.

Mr. W. Pye seconded.

Mr. Beams (a member of the committee) thought it would be sufficient if the committee devoted themselves to the records of the first peals of Minor rung in plain, Treble Bob and Surprise methods, and the lengths above 5,000. He did think that would be valuable, but he did not think they could dig any deeper into the subject.

Mr. W. A. Cave thought it would simplify matters if the committee began their records with peals on seven bells, and left out Minor altogether. He did not want six bell ringers to think they were looked down upon, but there must be a repetition of changes in peals of Minor, and if they were going to start with Minor in this record they should record the first 720, and not the first 5,040, comprising seven 720's.

Mr. T. H. Taffender seconded Mr. Cave's suggestion, which was put in the form of an amendment, but Mr. Coles withdrew his proposal. Mr. Beams suggested that the words 'for the time being' should be introduced into the motion with regard to the omission of Minor methods, and this, meeting with approval, Mr. Cave's proposal, thus amended, was carried.

The result will be that the committee will proceed with the collection of records relating to peals on seven bells, and upwards, and the records of peals of Minor will not be dealt with for the present.

The committee was given the necessary authority to approach the various associations for information in the name of the Council, and it was also resolved that, where possible, the figures of a lead of the method and of the peal should be included in the record.

Mr. Beeston handed in a bulky schedule of the records as far as they are at present compiled.

The committee's report was adopted, and the committee re-appointed.

A MOTION WITHOUT A SUPPORTER.

Having thus disposed of the reports of committees the Council turned attention to the motions on the agenda, the first of which was, 'That the Analysis Committee be asked to arrange, if possible, that each peal be credited to the Association in whose territory it is rung.'

The President said the member who was going to bring forward the motion had sent a telegram to say that he could not be there, and he (the President), therefore, proposed to pass on to the next business.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies thought it would hardly be fair to treat the motion in that way, and as the Council might like to debate the motion, he would move it pro forma. He did not say he agreed with it; in fact, he thought he should vote against it (laughter).

Mr. T. H. Beams asked if the Council might know the name of the member who had given notice of the motion.

The President: The Rev. H. Drake.

Mr. J. A. Trollope: I will second the motion, but I shall vote against it (laughter).

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter (a member of the Analysis Committee): May I point out that the resolution says, 'if possible.' Well, it is not possible!

The resolution on being put did not find a single supporter, and was consequently declared lost.

EXPERT ADVISERS.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn moved: 'That in every Diocese there should be a recognised authority to give advice on matters concerning church bells, and that it is hoped that each Guild and Association will take steps to provide such authority.' He said that in his position as librarian, he received much interesting correspondence. For instance, he heard from one person who said he was appointed ringer at his parish church, where there was a new peal of tubular bells, and he applied to him (the librarian) because he understood he could supply him with a collection of peals to be rung thereon (laughter). People also wrote to him on the question of work to be done in their towers and to their bells, and wanted advice upon the subject. That advice was very difficult to give unless one paid a personal visit, and many of those who applied to him were at a very long distance, and out of his diocese altogether. If it were in his diocese they had a whole programme arranged beforehand as to what was to be done. He believed that their bell hangers were, for the most part, people who welcomed anyone who could come in and really knew something about it, who could say to a vicar or churchwardens that 'this man is not trying to swindle you when he talked about the whole box of tricks being cleared out of the tower.' But there were Guilds in whose territory there was no recognised method of dealing with applications of this kind for assistance. He felt that there was something wrong in this, and that it was because the authorities in these other dioceses did not know to whom to apply for advice outside the purely professional man. He thought it was the business of every Guild and Association to be able to inform the authorities, in need of advice, who to apply to. He did not wish to suggest any names at all, but merely to move the resolution.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly seconded. In the Devonshire Guild, he said, they had appointed someone to give advice when it was sought.

Mr. Story suggested it would be a good thing if all associations could get mention in the Diocesan Calendars, so that the attention of clergy might be drawn to the people who knew something about bells and bellfries.

Several members mentioned that in the case of their own associations this was already done, but Mr. P. J. Johnson said that what was wanted was an advisory committee set up in each of the associations, who could give expert advice in connection with bells and bell restorations.

The President said he had had some experience of advisory committees, and his experience was that in many cases they were an unmitigated nuisance (laughter). He thought they ought to steer clear of advisory committees altogether in this matter. He believed the intention of the mover of the resolution was that there should be an expert to whom those who desired advice could go. He did not think they would be right in sending any instruction to associations or guilds that they should appoint such men. The Council had always been very careful not to interfere with the working of local bodies. They could pass that resolution, and it would then be the duty of the representatives to bring the matter to the attention of their guilds. The Council should not send a resolution from that meeting.

The resolution was then put and carried.

A DEFENCE COMMITTEE.

Mr. W. Willson had given notice that he would call attention to the need for a Ringing Defence Committee, and move a resolution. He said for a long time past he had wondered why that Council, while worrying itself with abstruse questions not always to the benefit of the Exercise, had neglected one primary thing, and that was 'self-defence.' He claimed that the first plank in the platform of any

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organisation should be self-defence, otherwise any structure they might build up could be undermined by hostile public opinion. The active minority could always defeat the passive majority—they saw it in the political and the industrial world—and public opinion could undermine change ringing fatally if it were not carefully guarded. In the past it had been left to individuals to reply to attacks in the Press, but if a committee of that Council were formed with authority to answer hostile attacks, whether from within the Church or from without, it would be a far better policy than leaving the matter to local men. Any communication would have far greater weight if it had the name of the Council behind it. He moved that a Committee for Ringing Defence be formed of five persons, or more as may be expedient, whose duty it shall be to watch the interests of ringing companies and to reply to any attack in the Press or otherwise when required to do so. He suggested that the committee should be appointed of one member each from the North, South, East, West and Midlands, and in that way they would have a representative in easy touch with the associations in the different areas. He was not out to defend the class of company that rang on three or four nights a week and three or four times on Sundays, for they must admit that the public had some rights, but unfortunately when such companies came down they might bring others with them who were not guilty. The appointment of such a body as he suggested would enable a distinction to be made between the just and the unjust, and the Exercise would consider that the Council was giving it a backing that it had not had before.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, in seconding, said the suggestion was a very practical one, and was one of the best things the Council could undertake.

Alderman Pritchett asked if it were worth while to appoint such a committee. It seemed rather like getting a sledge hammer to crack a nut. Alderman Pritchett referred to a recent correspondence which had appeared in local papers with regard to King's Norton bells which had shown that there were more letters in favour of the bells than there were against them. In the present state of the law church bells could not be suppressed except by Act of Parliament, and unless the Church authorities combined to keep ringers out of the belfry altogether. No action would lie in English law against bells being rung so long as the amount of the ringing was reasonable. There were crotchety people everywhere, and some who had a special hostility to the Church who occasionally wrote to the papers complaining, but he thought the best plan was for the Vicar or someone else to answer these complaints. It seemed to him that the duties of such a committee as was suggested would be altogether too vague, and he ventured to hope that the resolution would not be carried.

Mr. Cave said he was going to vote against the resolution, and supported the view that it was best to reply to local attacks locally.

Mr. George said the resolution seemed to him to overlap the work of the Literature and Press Committee. In connection with the King's Norton complaint, practically no notice was taken of it until at last the Vicar replied in a very nice letter, and settled the whole thing. He thought that was the best course to take. The less notice they took of complaints the better, and he thought the matter might be left to the Literature and Press Committee.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews said, on behalf of the Literature and Press Committee, they would be glad to do all they could to help.

Mr. Willson said if they ignored attacks judgment would go against them by default, and no one knew that better than Alderman Pritchett. It was a poor general who ignored the enemy until he was surrounded. He was prepared to accept the Literature and Press Committee as the committee for this purpose, and would incorporate it in his motion if that committee were willing to take it on. It was time the Council did something.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said the question of answering attacks in the Press was the least important work the committee would have to do. By far the greatest danger arose out of two things, first and foremost the great ease with which the most absurd restrictions on liberty of the subject could become law, when a Bill was brought in by some crank. They might find, for instance, a clause prohibiting the ringing of church bells tacked on to the end of a Bill for the suppression of street noises. It was a common experience in these days, when Acts of Parliament were passed so hurriedly and without mature consideration, and were voted upon to the crack of the party whip, the judges discovered afterwards that things are implied in the language of the Act which no single persons who had to do with framing it ever suspected. That was one danger. Another was, and he spoke in all humility as a member of the class affected, that occasionally there was injudicious interference with the lawful practice of ringing on the part of Church authorities. In a case where an incumbent was appointed to a church who had no ear for music and no knowledge of bells, and to whom bells had no meaning, a single troublesome parishioner might succeed in silencing the bells during the whole incumbency. It was in cases such as this that the committee should be prepared to act.

The resolution, on being put to the meeting, was carried by 28 votes to 27.

On the motion of Mr. Willson, seconded by Mr. George, the Literature and Press Committee were appointed to act in the matter, and by another motion, Mr. Willson and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards were added to the committee to bring the number up to five members, as provided by the original resolution.

(To be continued.)

WESTHAM BELLS.

RECAST PEAL DEDICATED.

Sussex ringers from Eastbourne, Brighton, Hastings, and other centres, attended the dedication of the recast ring of six bells at St. Mary's Church, Westham, on Saturday, May 14th. The bells were originally a ring of six with the tenor 8½ cwt. Four of them were badly cracked, and were held together by means of iron straps. All have been recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, into a new ring of six with the tenor 10½ cwt. in G, with all new fittings added, and are hung in a new steel frame, and provided with new rope guides.

A special form of service was used at the dedication, which was conducted by the Venerable Archdeacon A. W. Upcott, Archdeacon of Hastings, assisted by the Rev. C. F. Lucas, the Vicar of Westham. Immediately after the dedication a few rounds were rung on the bells by local men, who are just learning to ring, under the direction of Mr. Penfold, of Pevensey, and subsequently a touch of Bob Minor was rung by the following: A. Gower 1, J. Sharp 2, A. C. Pankhurst 3, G. A. Howse 4, G. Penfold 5, B. Hobbs 6. Various touches were afterwards rung of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and other methods.

The churchwardens very generously provided a tea at the Railway Hotel for all ringers present, numbering about 30, and a vote of thanks and of congratulation to them and to the founders was passed, and duly responded to by Mr. Roods, one of the churchwardens, and by Mr. C. Dean on behalf of the bell founders.

On each of the bells is the inscription: 'Cast 1789. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1921.' In addition the tenor bears the following names of local ringers who lost their lives in the war: George Burgess, Harry Burgess, Albert Hazelden, William Holden, Robert Marchant.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE MEMORIAL BELLS AT THE CATHEDRAL.

On Saturday last, a combined practice was held at St. Mary's Church, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh. By the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. S. W. Sedgwick), the bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and the methods rung were: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. The Rector presided over the tea, and was supported by the Rev. W. E. Colchester (hon. treasurer of the Guild), Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. W. Andrews, Mr. E. J. Harding (Portsmouth district secretary), and members from North Stoneham, Southampton, Winchester, Twyford, Portsea, Curdridge, and the local band. — Mr. Andrews moved a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for being present at tea, and the Rev. W. E. Colchester seconded.—The Rector, in responding, gave the Guild a hearty welcome, and said he would do his best to get the defects of the peal rectified.—Mr. Williams moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Ayliffe and Miss Ayliffe for the tea, and Mr. E. J. Harding, in seconding, included thanks to the district secretary for the arrangements made.

A sum of £50 is needed towards the two trebles for Winchester Cathedral, and it is hoped that towers which have not subscribed will do so as soon as possible.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Shere on Saturday week, and was attended by members from Clandon, Cranleigh, Cobham, Dorking, Dunsfold, Mew, and Guildford. Service was held in the Parish Church, the Rector (the Rev. Sir Paget Bowman) officiating. Tea took place at the White Horse Hotel, about 40 sitting down. In the absence of the Rector, who apologised for not attending, Mr. J. J. Jones (late hon. secretary) presided. At the business meeting which followed, several new members were elected. The bells at Shere were rung in the afternoon and evening; also the bells at Albury, by the kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. F. M. Skene).

ASTON.—At the Parish Church, on April 21st, with the bells half-muffled on the day of the interment of the late Canon Sutton (Vicar of Aston), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: W. Clifford 1, W. H. Jones 2, O. G. Norman 3, J. Hopkin 4, A. E. Norman 5, A. T. Scrivens (conductor) 6, W. Davies 7, E. Plummer 8.—On Sunday, April 24th, for evening memorial service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 55 mins., with the bells half-muffled: W. R. Twist 1, W. H. Jones 2, A. T. Scrivens 3, J. Hopkin 4, M. J. Morris 5, A. E. Norman (conductor) 6, W. Kent (composer) 7, O. G. Norman 8, W. Davies 9, C. Allen 10.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

In giving the calling of a large number of touches, as we are doing on this page, it is almost inevitable that sometimes the same figures will appear twice over different names. Such a case has recently happened over a 1,260 Double Norwich Major. It was given first over the name of Mr. J. George, and afterwards over that of Mr. J. Hunt. Conductors should also note that the touch of Grandsire Triples by Mr. George, given last week, is false.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BOW, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, June 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: W. A. Alps (conductor) 1, Jas. Scholes 2, R. Turner 3, E.

Brett 4, G. A. Sorambier 5, A. J. Baynes 6, R. Sanders 7, G. Barrell 8. This was also rung as a compliment to Mr. Jas. Scholes, whose daughter, Florence, was married to Mr. Jas. Holloway on the previous day, the bridal couple being the recipients of good wishes from many ringing and other friends.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, June 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: E. J. Newell 1, Miss M. Durrant 2, J. Hare 3, F. R. Bacon 4, G. Wolfe 5, G. Croft (first in the method) 6, L. Fidler (conductor) 7, H. Else 8.

ERTH, KENT.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, June 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: A. J. Morton 1, F. J. Cullum, sen., 2, D. Harvey 3, J. T. Lowrey 4, E. Hott 5, H. Holden 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 7, J. Morton 8. Arranged for Mr. F. J. Cullum, jun., home from Buenos Aires.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's, West Ealing, for evening service, on Sunday, June 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: H. Folkard 1, E. J. Walsom 2, P. E. Clark 3, H. R. Newton 4, C. F. Winney 5, C. Edwards 6, A. R. Macdonald (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Sunday, June 5th, for morning service, at St. Mary's, Portsea, on the occasion of the special visit of Archbishop of York, 504 Stedman Triples: J. D. Harris 1, J. J. Symons 2, C. Groves 3, F. W. Rogers 4, E. J. Harding, sen., 5, K. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, junr. (conductor) 7, E. Hardy 8.—For evening service, 324 Stedman Triples: J. D. Harris 1, J. J. Symons 2, C. Groves 3, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 4, E. J. Harding, junr., 5, R. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, senr., 7, E. Hardy 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, June 5th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples

(1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: H. Prior 1, Miss W. King 2, F. Le Clercq 3, R. J. Hasted 4, G. Upshall 5, T. Upshall (conductor) 6, R. Hasted 7, A. E. King 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Wyman 1, Miss W. King 2, G. Upshall 3, R. J. Hasted 4, O. Sippetts 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. The ringers of the treble and 5th hail from Crawley, Sussex.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—For evening service, on Sunday, June 5th, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Goodsell 1, *L. Booth 2, T. Booth 3, F. Morgan 4, E. Mills 5, *C. Creasey 6, A. Edwards (conductor) 7, G. Mills 8. * First 504 with an inside bell.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, June 5th, for evening service, 1,263 Stedman Caters: W. H. Wood 1, J. A. Trollope 2, W. H. Hollier 3, W. E. Judd 4, A. Outmor 5, G. C. Iles 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Driver 8, A. Harding 9, M. Smith 10.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Sunday, June 5th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: P. M. Butter 1, J. Bowell 2, J. Souter 3, E. Eady 4, H. Bacon 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6. After service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: C. Andrews 1, J. Bowell 2, H. Bacon 3, E. Eady 4, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 5, A. Cole 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Bowell. Mr. Frank M. Butter hails from Clacton-on-Sea.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, May 29th, for Divine service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: F. Jones 1, S. Danby 2, F. Williams 3, J. Porter 4, E. Mullins 5, W. G. Ellis 6, E. Wood (conductor) 7, H. Wood 8. First quarter-peal as conductor.

BARLBORO', DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 29th, for evening service, (the first) 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: R. F. Reece 1, G. Ashby 2, P. Morris 3, W. Sturman 4, P. E. Hibbard (conductor) 5, W. Kennan 6.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 29th, for evening service, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by John Carter, and containing the 'Queens,' 'Whittingtons' and 'Tittums': A. S. Bayley 1, R. Evans 2, W. D. Wase 3, J. Hanley 4, R. Jones 5, E. V. Rodenburst (conductor) 6, Wm. Saunders 7, J. H. Rixom 8.

DORKING.—At St. Martin's Church, for evening service, on May 29th, 630 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Fisher 1, W. P. Tarling 2, Mrs. Hazleden 3, T. Streeter 4, H. Boxall 5, C. Hazleden 6, J. H. White (conductor) 7, W. Lynch 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples: T. Baker 1, W. P. Tarling 2, J. H. White 3, T. Streeter 4, H. Boxall 5, C. Hazleden (conductor) 6, A. Dean 7, W. Lynch 8.

KEEN RINGERS SHOULD BE KEEN CHURCHMEN.

BY THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE WINCHESTER GUILD.

The last half-century has witnessed a most wonderful revival not only in change ringing, but in the status of the bell ringer. He is now regarded, and rightly regarded, as a church official—of equal importance with the choirman. Our belfries throughout the country should be considered as sacred as the vestry, both being parts of the consecrated edifice. It is a matter of regret—often alluded to by ringers—that the majority of the parochial clergy who have the legal custody of peals seldom enter the belfries. I cannot help feeling that they would be welcomed there, as they are in the vestry or at choir practice. If every Assistant Curate on entering his sphere of work would learn to handle a rope, and gradually make himself an efficient ringer, we should eventually possess many clergy who would understand the duties, difficulties, and the position of ringers. Much has been said from time to time concerning ringers who call people to worship, and yet who seldom worship themselves. To-day there are many, who though keen ringers in advanced methods, can hardly be called keen churchmen, for some worship only occasionally. To such as these, I would say, with all respect, 'What would become of "the noble art," if peals of bells were not rung in churches for the glory of God, not merely to provide the means for indulging in an interesting pastime?'

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1534267	2 9
1542367	1
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5234167	2 5
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2413567	2 5

Repeat 3 times, substituting bobs at 8-7 for the single in 2nd and 4th parts. Contains 108 6-7's, 48 4-6's, 48 7-4's at back stroke. For 336 changes omit the single, for 672 call two parts alike.

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— 23564	1
S 63452	2
S 64352	5
S 54238	2
S 52436	5
S 25361	1
— 43256	4
— 24356	5
— 32456	5

Repeated.

H. W. Wilde.

657 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

234567	
345267	1S 3
425367	2 3
235467	2 3
435267	1S
325467	2 3
245367	2 3

Repeat with B for S in first course. Whole of the 5-6-7's and 5-7-6's.

J. Carter

1,356 BOB MAJOR.

23456	W B M H
23564	1 —
52364	—
53284	S
25364	—
32564	—
35264	S
42356	—
34256	—
32456	S
43256	—
24356	—
23456	S

J. A. Trollope.

NOTICES.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for practice on Mondays at 7.30 p.m.: St. Clement Danes, June 13th and 27th. Sundays at 10 a.m.; St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 23rd; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 14th; Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; and *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 28th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at the headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Thornbury, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Edith Smith, Sec., St. Michael's Rectory, 16, West Park, Clifton, Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 11th. Service at 3.30 p.m. It is hoped that the Bishop of Buckingham will be the preacher. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. All ringing friends welcome.—W. Sear, Secretary, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday afternoon, June 11th, by kind permission of the Vicar. This is an ideal place with its sweet-toned bells.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at South Weald on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the Tower Arms.—P. Timson, District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, June 11th. Bells ready at 4.30. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m. Special financial meeting at King of Denmark after practice at St. Bride's, June 11th.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at South Kirby on Saturday, June 11th. All ringers are invited.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A district meeting will be held at Gosforth on June 11th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at cost price.—Jas. E. Gofton, 25, Ashbrooke, Monkseaton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, June 11th. Bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the above will be held at Maxey on Saturday, June 11th.—Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Glington (6) in the evening. Service at Maxey at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Ringers are asked to bring their own food. Hot tea provided. Motor bus leaves Broadway, Peterborough, at 1.30 and 4.3. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's Schoolhouse, Peterborough.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Old Duston on Saturday, June 11th. Usual arrangements.—S. J. Lawrence, District Sec., 7, Castilian Terrace, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, June 11th.—Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—T. K. Driver, Middleton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Great Staughton on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—H. L. Harlow, District Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Ipswich Branch.—The bells of Stonham (10) will be open for practice on Saturday, June 11th, from 2.30 p.m.—E. Evans, Hon. Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A special meeting will be held at Southwell on Saturday, June 11th, it being a bi-centenary of the Cathedral bells. Ringing from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at 4.30. The Ven. Archdeacon Conybeare will preside.—T. H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A Quarterly meeting is to be held at Kington Magna, on Saturday, June 11th. Tower open for ringing all day. Service with orchestral music at 5 p.m. Address by the Rector and Gen. Secretary of the Guild, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector and Churchwardens, in the Schoolroom. The bells at Buckhorn Weston (6) and Gillingham (8) will be available from 7 to 9 p.m.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The usual meeting will be held at Bennington on June 18th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening.—Tea will be provided free by the Rev. Canon Mills at 5 o'clock. All will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. District Sec., Little Munden.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society (Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 18th, at Christ Church, near the Wandle Bridge, from 2.30 to 4 p.m., and SS. Peter and Paul, Mitcham, from 4 to 8 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., tea at 5.30, at 1/6 per head. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know not later than June 14th? All ringers welcome.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on June 18th. Ringing from 2 o'clock. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., and general meeting to follow, in the Church Hall. Mr. C. Draper, 25, Western Road, Derby, will kindly arrange for tea, at 2/6 per head, for those who advise him by June 14th.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallen, Darley Dale.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The Quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) ready at 3. Service at 5; preacher, the Rev. Archdeacon Sandford. Tea 5.45 p.m., at 1/9 each, for those who notify Mr. G. Halksworth, 1, Morley Road, Doncaster, by Tuesday June 14th. Will those who ordered reports and have not had them try and get them at this meeting. Subscriptions received.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Thornhill on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available: Thornhill, all day; Dewsbury and Earlsheaton, from 2.30 p.m. Short service in church, 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Members requiring same must apply to Mr. H. Parkinson, 69, Hall Lane Cottages, Thornhill, near Dewsbury, before June 14th. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dist. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Kirton, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available from 2 o'clock till 9. Tea at the Bull Inn, at 5 o'clock. Kindly let me know by the 14th how many intend being present.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival at Stokesay, on June 18, postponed owing to further reduction of train service.—G. W. Turner, Hon. Sec., Madley Vicarage, Hereford.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The Annual meeting will be held at Lichfield, on Saturday, June 18th. Cathedral bells from 2.30 to 3.45 and 6 to 7.30. St. Mary's (8), and St. Michael's (6), from 3. Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea at 4.50 at Lloyd's (late Seagrave's) Restaurant, 1/- each to fully-paid members, to others 1/9. General meeting to follow. Please notify intention of being present by 14th inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby St., Wolverhampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A Meeting will be held at Barton-le-Clay, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High St. North, Dunstable.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Next meeting of the above will be Aldington, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available from 2 p.m.—H. Balcomb Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

LAVENHAM.—On Saturday, June 18th, the bells will be at the disposal of visitors at 2 p.m. It is hoped that new as well as old visitors will be present. Entrance West end 'Tower Door.'—A. Symonds.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will (D.V.) be held at Rostherne on June 18th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Berkswell on Saturday, June 18th. The President, Canon Back, extends a hearty invitation to all members to be present. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service in church at 5 p.m.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—(Bristol Branch.)—The next Monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Brislington, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Members requiring tea please notify not later than June 13th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec.

Bristol Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

ALL SAINTS', WEST HAM, ESSEX.—Meetings for practice, Thursday, June 23rd, and fortnightly after; also service ringing—1st Sunday, 10.15 a.m.; 3rd Sunday, 5.30 p.m. in each month.—G. Hayden, 29, Maryland St., Stratford, E.15.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clent on June 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Vine for all who notify me at 1/6 per head. Business meeting afterwards.—O. Davies, Branch Sec., 29, Hampton Street, Netherton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Blackburn Parish Church, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The district Quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Colne, on Saturday, June 25th. See notice next week.—Bert Redgwell, Sec., Rayne, Nr. Braintree, Essex.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—(Established 1623.)—The 298th Anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Monday, June 27th. Ringing commences at 9 a.m. All ringers are cordially invited. A meat tea will be held at 5 p.m., and those wishing to be present should notify the Secretary not later than the 24th.—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 25th, at Hershams. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea notify me without fail by Tuesday, June 21st?—H. T. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, by kind permission of the Rev. E. C. Bedford, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea, at a small cost, at 6, to those who advise me by Tuesday, June 21st, at latest.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Berks and Bucks Branch.—The Summer meeting of this branch will be held at Beaconsfield, on Saturday, June 25th. Evening service (Guild booklet) at Parish Church at 5 p.m., with an address by Rev. E. J. Teesdale, M.A. An invitation to take tea with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bennett has again been kindly offered to the members and ringing friends. It is hoped Lady Burnham will preside at the Burnham Hall. A short musical entertainment will follow. Tower and handbells available by permission of the Rector and Churchwardens. Please inform the branch secretary before 20th June how many of your company propose to be present.—W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, Nr. Slough.

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EX-SERVICE MEN'S PEAL.

Two ceremonies of considerable parochial and general interest were performed at Stoke Parish Church, Coventry, on Saturday, June 4th. The memorial erected in memory of Stoke men who fell in the great war was unveiled and dedicated, and the new Holy Table, oak panelling and appointments of the Sanctuary were dedicated to the memory of the late Mr. Walter Perkins, and were the gifts of his wife. A new Sanctuary carpet, presented by Miss Anslow and Mrs. H. Maddox in memory of their father, Mr. J. Anslow, was also dedicated. The war memorial consists of a porch at the entrance to the church made of oak, with a stone base and a slate tablet, on which is inscribed the names of the fallen, and the following words: 'To the memory of Stoke men who died in the Great War, 1914-19.' The unveiling ceremony was performed by Col. W. F. Wyley, D.L., J.P., and dedication by the Lord Bishop of Coventry.

Immediately after the service, the ex-Service men who had been invited to ring on this occasion rang a well-struck peal, with the bells half-muffled. Prior to the start the Bishop visited the belfry, and addressed a few kind words to the ringers, and wished them success. He said he would listen to the sweet-toned bells with pleasure as he journeyed homeward.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

PLYMOUTH.—Devonshire Guild.—At St. Charles' Church, on Monday, April 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. A. Cooke (conductor) 1, A. H. Kentfield 2, W. J. Rundle 3, W. S. Hornbrook 4, F. W. Hockaday 5, W. H. Marsh 6. First 720 inside by the 2nd and 4th, the 2nd man learning the method whilst ringing.—At the Church of Emmanuel, on Wednesday, April 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. A. Pook (1st quarter) 1, H. Burns 2, W. Hobbs 3, A. W. Kentfield 4, W. J. Rundle (conductor) 5, W. A. Cooke 6, J. Woodley 7, W. Price 8.

DERBY.—At St. Peter's Church, for Confirmation service, by the Bishop of Derby, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 45 mins.: C. Wallace 1, W. H. Buxton 2, G. W. Brame 3, J. A. Orgill 4, W. Poyser 5, W. A. Parsons 6, J. W. Glew 7, J. Lord (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal by all. Also, after an attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major for the wedding of Mr. W. Kirby and Miss E. Fletcher: F. Waldren 1, W. H. Buxton 2, G. W. Brame 3, J. A. Orgill 4, W. Poyser 5, W. A. Parsons 6, J. W. Glew 7, J. Lord (conductor) 8.

RANFORD, LANCASHIRE.—Recently, for practice, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: Jos. Rigby 1, Wm Hesketh 2, Hy. Hesketh 3, G. Saint 4, S. Cadwallender 5, Reg. Huyton 6, J. W. Hall (conductor) 7, P. Shaw 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble, 2nd, 4th, 6th and tenor.

PLYMOUTH.—At Emmanuel Church recently, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. Hobbs 1, H. Clymo (first quarter-peal) 2, H. Burner 3, A. H. Kentfield 4, W. Rundle 5, J. Woodley (conductor) 6, W. Richards 7, S. Simonds 8.—On Wednesday, April 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Blewett (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Clymo 2, W. Hobbs 3, H. Burner 4, W. Rundle (conductor) 5, A. H. Kentfield 6, J. Woodley 1, W. Price 8.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Easter Day, on the occasion of the reopening of the church, after restoration, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, for morning service: *A. Tomlinson 1, *C. Booth 2, J. Morton 3, J. Humphreys 4, P. Jervis 5, T. A. Howes-Smith (conductor) 6. * First 720 in any method. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,380 changes): F. Hancock 1, *J. Humphreys 2, J. Morton 3, T. A. Howes-Smith 4, H. Turton 5, *P. Jervis 6, C. Severn (conductor) 7, W. Bennett 8. Ringers of 5 and 7 hail from Killamarsh, and 8th from Chesterfield. * 1st quarter-peal.

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A DEFENCE COMMITTEE.

Although carried only by a majority of one vote, the decision of the Central Council to form a Ringing Defence Committee was, we believe, a right one. In the course of the debate the discussion rather ran off to a minor issue—that of replying to newspaper attacks upon bells—and it was only by the timely intervention of the Hon. Sec. of the Salisbury Guild that the meeting was brought back to the questions that really mattered most. To set up a central committee to reply to the sporadic attacks which appear in local newspapers in various parts of the country would have been an almost futile action, for these attacks, which may or may not have any reasonable foundation, can usually best be replied to by the incumbent of the church in question, because knowledge of the special facts are essential to an effective answer.

The important point in this matter is to have ready for action a small committee authorised to deal with any wider and general menace to ringing and ringers which might arise from Parliamentary or official civic action. Such menace might come upon us unawares at any time, and while Alderman Pritchett's legal opinion was reassuring when he said that bells could not be suppressed except by Act of Parliament, it is just the risk, as the Rev. L. Edwards pointed out, that something might slip into an Act which could be construed into a limitation of the use of bells, that presents the danger which ringers as an organised body ought to be prepared at any moment to combat.

Whether the Literature and Press Committee of the Council, which in the past has been more conspicuous for what it has not done than for what it has accomplished, was the best Committee to which the duties involved could be delegated is a matter for question. Perhaps the proposer and seconder of the resolution, who have been added to the committee, may instil more life into the committee, but we would urge that they should not sit down and wait until an attack is sprung upon them. They should prepare some kind of machinery for obtaining early information of probable attacks, and dealing with them when they do arise. It is for the Committee to decide how best this can be done, but we would suggest that one of the first steps they should take is to find some Member of Parliament who would keep a wary eye for any proposals affecting bells which might be introduced into the Legislature, just as, we feel sure, they may depend upon Canon Baker to watch ringers' interests in the National Assembly. There are one or two Associations which have Members of the Commons or of the Upper House actively interested in their ringing affairs, and the services of these could

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doubtless be enlisted. Then, too, we would suggest that the Committee might put themselves in possession of the strictly legal position in which ringers and bell ringing stand in relation both to the public and the Church. Such information, ready collated, would be valuable in an emergency, and might be extremely useful to pass on to incumbents who have to deal with local hostility. In any case, it would be well if the Exercise had a central authority which could supply definite knowledge on a very complicated subject whenever there was need for it. Other directions in which the Committee may begin at once to do useful work will doubtless suggest themselves to the members, but we put forward these ideas in order that ringers generally may realise that the newly appointed body need not necessarily be a 'wait and see' Committee.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON, S.E.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... <i>Treble</i>	ISAAC J. ATTWATER 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2	ERNEST BRETT 8
ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	GEORGE A. CARD... .. 9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	HORACE BELCHER 10
ARTHUR J. NEALE 5	JAMES GEORGE 11
WILLIAM H. PICKETT... .. 6	HORATIO J. GUMMER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.
Rung to commemorate the reopening of Southwark Bridge by H.M. King George V.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1921, in Four Hours and Seven Minutes.
AT THE ABBY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 38½ cwt.

HAROLD W. CLARK ... <i>Treble</i>	*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 9
GEORGE R. PYE 4	*MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT... 10
ALBERT W. COLES 5	*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN, 11
REUBEN SANDERS 6	WILLIAM PYE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. J. SEDLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

ARTHUR J. HILL ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS F. KING... .. 5
FRED C. RICH 2	RICHARD J. COUSINS 6
*ALFRED E. WRIGHT 3	GILBERT H. HARDING... .. 7
GEORGE H. HILL 4	LUTHER P. SMITH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by R. J. COUSINS.

* First peal. Rung on the eve and in honour of H. M. King George's birthday, also on the eve of the 7th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. King's wedding day.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Easter Day at St. Mary's Church, for early service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor; K. Millard 1, W. J. Walker 2, S. Millard 3, H. Millard 4, F. W. White 5, C. Millard (conductor) 6. For morning service, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), in 39 mins., 720 of Plain Bob, 360 Oxford Bob, 180 Canterbury Pleasure; E. Millard 1, S. Millard 2, T. Jull 3, W. J. Walker 4, F. W. White 5, C. Millard (conductor) 6. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), in 47 mins., 720 Plain Bob, 540 Oxford Bob; C. Millard 1, H. Millard 2, E. Gilbert 3, T. Jull 4, F. W. White 5, W. J. Walker (conductor) 6.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	WILLIAM HODGETTS 5
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 6
*ARTHUR G. COOPER 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7
HUBERT EDEN 4	FREDERICK WHITE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HUBERT EDEN.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

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

HARRY OVERTON Treble	FRANK FOX 5
H. T. HOLDING 2	G. R. JONES... .. 6
A. NEWELL 3	R. T. HOLDING 7
J. W. DAVIES 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for Remembrance Day. First peal of Triples on the bells.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES, THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN HOYLE... .. Treble	ALBERT HARMAN... .. 5
JOHN WYATT 2	HENRY R. NEWTON 6
WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... 3	WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... 7
GEORGE COOK 4	WILLIAM COOK Tenor

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Three Hours, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES; Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

*FRANK P. MOLE Treble	*REGINALD POLE... .. 5
*JAMES E. LILLEY 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 6
*SAMUEL SNELSON 3	*CHARLES PICKIN 7
ALBERT WOODVINE 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.
* First peal of Major.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1921, in Five Hours and Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7360 CHANGES; Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	*HARRY HALL 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 2	FRANK CLAYDON 6
LAWRENCE POULSON 3	THOMAS W. GARRARD ... 7
EDWARD JENKINS... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by S. THURSTON. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. This is the longest length on these bells. Messrs. Hall and E. Jenkins hail from Earl Soham, F. Claydon from Earls Coln and A. Saunders from Greenstead Green.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	*JOHN BLACKSHAW 5
*THOMAS CHAMBERS 2	FRED CHAMBERS 6
ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN ... 3	*FRED BRADLEY 7
†THOMAS STANCLIFFE... .. 4	RICHARD STANCLIFFE ... Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an inside bell. Rung as a welcome home to the Vicar (Rev. E. Hanson, B.A.) on his safe return from New Zealand. All the above are service ringers and this was their first peal of Major.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

WILBY J. HAZELL Treble	CHARLES GREEDY 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	FRED ATWELL 6
JOHN THOMAS 3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 7
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 4	WILLIAM PHILLIPS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Stedman on the bells. Arranged for the ringers of the treble and 3rd, who hail from Edmonton.

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN PHILLIPS Treble	*ALEX SHEARPE 5
FRED HILTON 2	*JOHN W. LAKIN, JUN. ... 6
HERBERT TAYLOR 3	FREDRICK LEGGOTT 7
GEORGE COLEMAN 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON... .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.
* First peal of Major. First peal by the above branch since it has been reorganised.

IRETHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1921, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 10½ cwt

WALTER PERKINS Treble	WILLIAM FAREY 5
WILLIAM ROGERS 2	JOHN T. HENSMAN 6
WILLIAM E. ATTERBURY ... 3	WILLIAM J. ALLEN 7
WILLIAM R. PARKER 4	ALFRED MONK Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ALLEN.

This peal was specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

ON THE ROYAL MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

MRS. T. HENRY HARDY Treble	*T. HENRY HARDY 5
*FRED KILBOURN... .. 2	*H. EDWARD NORMAN ... 6
*MISS HILDA WILLSON ... 3	JAMES HARRIS 7
THOMAS VALLANCE 4	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

* First peal in the method. This is the first Surprise peal rung in Leicester by a Leicester band. All the above belong to St. John's Society. It was the conductor's 250th peal.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

HOGHTON, NEAR PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S THREE-PART.		Tenor 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.	
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	Treble	*JOHN SANDERSON	5
*TOM STANCLIFFE	2	JOHN WATSON	6
*ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN	3	*LEONARD ROSTRON	7
*FRED CHAMBERS	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ...	Tenor

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th are of St. Michael's, Blackburn, 5th and 6th of the Parish Church, Blackburn, and 7th and 8th from Church Kirk.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM AND THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ cwt.	
WILLIAM SHORT	Treble
THOMAS J. SALTER	2
CHARLES DICKENS	3
JOHN BASS	4
GEORGE F. SWANN	5
SAMUEL GROVE	6
ALFRED DAVIES	7
ROBERT MATTHEWS	Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung on the festival of St. Barnabas, the Patron Saint of the Church

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.	
*ERNEST TALL	Treble	HERBERT H. PAYNE	5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL	2	†OWEN H. GILES	6
*LEONARD C. BEST	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
REGINALD BROWN	4	OLIVER GOLLOP	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. First peal of Grandsire on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.	
*REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ...	Treble
GEORGE BASFORD	2
HENRY W. GAYTON	3
HARRY MEADOWS	4
CYRIL WILLSON	5
CHARLES W. CLARKE	6
JOHN R. MAIN	7
GEORGE LINES	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by G. LINES.

First peal in the method as conductor and first attempt. * 6th peal.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CREWE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.	
WILLIAM T. HOLDING	Treble
HARRY F. HOLDING	2
RICHARD D. LANGFORD	3
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY	4
ALBERT CRAWLEY	5
HARRY OVERTON	6
JAMES H. RIDING	7
RICHARD T. HOLDING	Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band, also by the Crewe Society. First peal of Major as conductor. All the band are employed by the L. & N.W.R. Co., and this is believed to be the first peal in the method rung by employees of the same firm.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. in F.	
ERNEST LINCOLN	Treble
ROBERT RICHES	2
CHARLES F. SAYER	3
CHARLES F. WOODS	4
ROBERT RAYNER	5
JAMES RICHES	6
WALTER RICHES	7
ALBERT RICHES	Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by ALBERT RICHES.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WALTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
ARTHUR B. SHEPHERD	Treble	RALPH S. LONG	4
CHARLES KENNINGTON	2	CHARLES W. TAYLOR	5
JOHN W. SEAMER	3	WILLIAM BOLTON	Tenor

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Hilda Grace Horn, daughter of the Rector and Mrs. Horn, which took place that day.

STRETTON GRANDISON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Canterbury and Grandsire, and two each of Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob.		Tenor 11 cwt.	
HENRY J. TAYLOR	Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD	4
DAVID HORNE	2	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS	5
CHARLES LAYTON	3	CHARLES EDWARDS	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal of Minor on the bells.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob, and 720 of Plain Bob.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
SMITH WOOD	Treble	WILLIAM WILCOX	4
STANLEY STRONG	2	THOMAS A. ROGERS	5
JAMES R. GRIFFIN	3	JOHN WALTERS	Tenor

Conducted by W. WILCOX.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Rogers, who was 60 years of age on the 4th inst. Much regret was felt at Mr. Rogers' inability to take part owing to illness, and the band wish to express their gratitude to him for the kind and generous manner in which he entertained them on Saturday.

BRETTFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.		Tenor 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.	
*RAYMOND JELFS	Treble	JOHN HALL	4
†THOMAS HANDS	2	†JOHN E. PERKINS	5
†STANLEY WAYMAN	3	LEONARD J. JELFS	Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD J. JELFS.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Beatrice E. Blake, the only daughter of the Rev. Canon J. E. H. Blake, Vicar of Brettforton, who on the previous day was married to Lieut.-Colonel A. J. Child, O.B.E., M.C.

**BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Tuesday, June 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Single Oxford (spliced), Double Bob and Plain Bob (spliced), College Single and Canterbury Pleasure.

JOHN CLARK ... ..	... Treble	JAMES BLAKE	4
JOHN BEVAN... ..	2	EDWARD SUMMERS	5
WILLIAM T. POSTON	3	WILLIAM POSTON... ..	Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

HANDBELL PEALS

**ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, May 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. CLARK, CHASE ROAD.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

THOMAS W. ROWLEY	1	ALFRED T. FOULTON	4
JOHN BEVAN... ..	2	JOHN CLARK... ..	5
WILLIAM T. POSTON	3	WILLIAM POSTON... ..	6

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Witnesses: MRS. CLARK and MR. J. MILLINGTON.

**HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Friday, June 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by the performer.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN. Witness: CHARLES JORDAN.

**THE FREEMASONS' PEAL.
CEREMONY AT ST. CLEMENT DANES.**

Many ringers, including members of the Central Council, attended the service at St. Clement Danes Church in the evening after the Council meeting on Whitsun Tuesday, when the handsome marble tablet recording the first Freemasons' peal, was unveiled and dedicated. The Rector (the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford) had arranged a most beautiful musical service, and the church presented a festive appearance with the Whitsuntide decorations still in place. The Rector conducted the service, and the lesson, which was Longfellow's familiar symbol of the bell in 'The Golden Legend,' was read by Canon Coleridge.

During the singing of a hymn, the clergy and choir, accompanied the Bishop of Willesden and Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham (one of the leading Masons of the country), to the tower, where the tablet has been erected on the staircase leading to the gallery.

Alderman Pritchett unveiled the tablet, and the dedication was performed by the Bishop, who afterwards preached an impressive sermon. The memorable service closed with the bell hymn (written by Mrs. Bickford, and set to music by the Rector), sung by the congregation kneeling.

The handsome tablet which has been given by Bro. G. R. Fardon, the composer and conductor of the peal, has the masonic emblem of compasses and square at the top, surmounting the motto 'Nisi Dominus frustra.' It records the peal of 5003 Grandsire Caters rung on Thursday, December 4th, 1919, by the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, 'as a peace peal to celebrate the conclusion of the Great War.' It was the first peal ever rung by Freemasons, and the names, with the rank and lodge of each ringer (which appeared in 'The Ringing World' at the time), are set out, the name of the Rector, who is Chaplain of St. Clement Danes Lodge, being also added.

NAMED.

At St. Thomas' Parish Church, Narbury, Cheshire, 720 of the 4th's Place Delight method (No. 5), published on page 14 of the Central Council Collection, was rung by: J. A. Milner 1, J. P. Fidler 2, Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor) 3, F. Holt 4, J. Fernley 5, J. W. Hartley 6. This was the first 720 rung in the method, and is to be called 'Abbeyville.'

A LINCOLNSHIRE TRIP.

Pleasant recollections will remain with all those who, on Whit-Monday took part in the outing organised by the Gainsborough Parish Church Ringers' Guild. The party, which numbered 27 (including the ringers, with their wives, families and friends, also the Rev. E. V. Clapton, one of the assistant clergy, and Mr. Farndon, school-master), travelled by motor charabanc, and first made for Nettleham, via Harpswell Hill. After a most enjoyable run of about 95 minutes, during which time Fillingham Castle, Scampton and Carlton Aerodromes, Riseholme Palace, and other places of interest were observed, the party reached their destination, where the ringers had several touches on the bells, while others strolled round the village, and inspected the interesting church and institute, or had a chat with the Vicar (the Rev. S. Stamp), who was formerly one of the assistant clergy at Holy Trinity Church, Gainsborough. Leaving next for Scothorne a halt was made for lunch by the wayside. On arrival at Scothorne the party were welcomed by the Vicar's son, who, by the way, is himself a ringer and had a pull with the visitors. The church is a very nice building, and those who visited the vestry had the opportunity of inspecting some magnificent copes and vestments. Dunholme was the next place on the list, and the bells had not long been going before the Vicar (the Rev. S. Wild) put in his appearance. He gave the visitors a hearty welcome, and took part in a six-score of Doubles. The church is very pretty, and, amongst other things, contains some exceedingly fine carving, especially an oak screen at the west end, which is entirely the work of the Vicar. The fourth and last place of call on the programme was Welton. Here the Vicar (the Rev. A. Hunt) was waiting to welcome the party at the Vicarage, and announced that tea was ready. The visitors feel that they owe a very deep debt of gratitude to the Rev. and Mrs. Hunt for their kindness, and also to the captain of the Welton ringers for the excellent manner in which the necessary arrangements had been made. After tea, the Vicar took a portion of the party to places of interest in the Vicarage grounds, one being a spring of water, which, according to an old custom, had been dressed and decorated on Ascension Day. Subsequently he gave a most interesting and instructive address on the history of Welton, from the early days down to the present time. He also conducted them round the church, and they were able to inspect one of the prettiest and most interesting edifices in the county. The objects of interest are too many to be enumerated here, but one may mention the very fine window recently dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln in honour of the officers and men of the Royal Air Force who fell in the great war. Touches were rung on the bells, and the party then wended their way back to the Vicarage to commence their homeward journey, when to their very pleasant surprise they found an ample supply of refreshments and coffee awaiting them. Three hearty cheers were given for the Vicar as the party set off for Gainsborough, via Till Bridge Lane, Sturton, Stow and Willingham. The weather was everything that could be desired, and the outing a real success. Each of the four towers contains an excellent and well-going ring of six bells, and included in the day's ringing, which consisted of the standard methods, were the following: At Nettleham, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: C. H. Baker 1, J. T. Bartram 2, P. Noble 3, H. Morgan 4, J. T. Ladd (conductor) 5, W. Cooper 6. At Dunholme, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. S. W. Butler (conductor) 1, J. T. Bartram 2, H. Morgan 3, C. H. Baker 4, J. T. Ladd 5, W. Cooper 6, J. Dixon 7, A. Hewitt 8. Members of the local companies also took part in various touches with the visitors. The best thanks are due to the incumbents for the use of the bells; the Rev. and Mrs. Hunt and the captain of the Welton ringers for their very kind reception and generosity; also to all those who helped towards making the outing so pleasant and enjoyable.

A SILVER WEDDING.

A pleasing little ceremony took place at St. Martin's Coffee Room, Dorking, on the evening of Thursday, May 26th, on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Lynch, of Pixham, Dorking. Mr. Lynch is one of the oldest members of Dorking St. Martin's Guild of Ringers, and is deservedly held in great esteem by his fellow ringers for his unfailing amiability and readiness to help, as well as for his punctuality and regularity at practice. He is quite an indispensable member of the band. Mr. and Mrs. Lynch were entertained to tea by the Dorking ringers, and Mr. Lynch was presented with a handsome pipe and tobacco pouch, and Mrs. Lynch with a pair of silver and glass salt cellars and spoons.

The presentation was made by the Rev. George Adams, Senior Curate of St. Martin's, who, with the Rev. J. Twist and the churchwardens, were present to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Lynch on having been spared to complete 25 years of happy married life together. It had been decided to celebrate the happy event with a peal, but the arrangements fell through at the last minute owing to unforeseen circumstances. It is hoped, however, that the peal will come off at no distant date.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Rochester District was held at Rodmersham, on Saturday, June 4th, and members took full advantage of the opportunity to visit this very pretty spot, the church lying at the extreme end of the district. The tower contains a ring of six, and the bells were going shortly after 3. Many methods up to Cambridge Surprise were rung, and a short service was held, conducted by the curate (the Rev. Taylor-Jones). A collection at the close for the County War Memorial realised £1.

The ringers were then conducted to the Vicarage, where the Vicar (the Rev. Hon. A. T. S. Massey), a life member of the association, had invited them to tea, which was served amid beautiful surroundings in the large hall. Forty-six ringers put in an appearance, and those who had not sent in their names were fortunate, as the Vicar, perhaps having an inner knowledge of the apathy of some ringers in this respect, had provided for nearly double the number who had intimated they would attend. Even then there was 'enough and to spare.'—The venerable Vicar, in a few words, welcomed the ringers to his parish, and reminded them that the visit that day coincided with the official birthday of H.M. the King. He said how fond he was of the bells, and urged upon all ringers to remember that their first duty was their 'Call to God.' He had not been able to be at the service, but would be pleased to make up their collection to 25s.

The Vicar presided at the meeting which followed, the only business of importance being to fix a place for the annual district meeting.—On the proposition of the District Secretary, it was unanimously resolved that Rochester Cathedral with its new ring of ten be chosen, the date in August being left for the secretary to arrange.—Mr. F. M. Mitchell proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the excellent tea he had provided, and to the Rev. Taylor-Jones for conducting the service, and in addition, playing the organ.—This was carried with applause, and each suitably responded. The Vicar then invited the visitors to a walk through the Vicarage grounds, which were greatly admired. The tower was again visited, and members on their homeward run were given the opportunity of having a ring on the eight at Sittingbourne, and methods from Grandshire to Cambridge Major were rung. Twelve towers in the district were represented, and there were visitors from Canterbury district.

THE DEATH OF MISS MACALPINE LENY.

A meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Hadlow on Saturday, May 28th, and was attended by nearly 30 members. Some good practice in Grandshire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major was obtained. The Association Form was used at the service, and Mr. Cecil Groves (a former member of the local band) presided at the organ. There were several of the parishioners present, including one of the churchwardens.—The Vicar (the Rev. S. H. Monypenny) conducted the service, and gave a short address. The members afterwards adjourned to the King's Head for tea, which was followed by the business meeting. The Vicar presided, supported by the Rev. F. L. Schrieber (Vicar of Shipbourne).

The District Secretary said that it was with deep regret he had to announce the death of their old and esteemed friend (Miss R. MacAlpine Leny), which took place at Speldhurst Close, Sevenoaks, on April 25th. He recalled the many occasions when the members had met at Speldhurst and had partaken of Miss Leny's hospitality. Ringers were always welcome at any time at Speldhurst. The District Secretary said that as soon as he heard the news he wrote to Mrs. Mackinnon (the late Miss Leny's sister) expressing, on behalf of the members their deepest sympathy, and he read the reply which he had received.—The members, while fully endorsing the action of the district secretary, desired to pass the following resolution, viz.: 'That this meeting of the members of the Tonbridge district learn with the deepest regret of the death of their old and much esteemed friend, Miss Leny, and desire to express their deepest sympathy with her relatives.'—This was carried in silence.

Several new members were elected, and it was decided that the next meeting at Hawkhurst should be held on Saturday, July 23rd.—The District Secretary said he hoped that members would make a special effort to attend this meeting, as it was not often that a meeting could be arranged at the tower. As the church was over two miles from the railway station the best way to reach it would be to charter a motor charabanc to start from Tonbridge Station, going by way of Lamberhurst, picking up members en route. He was willing to do this provided the members assisted him, as he must have a guarantee of sufficient number to cover the cost. The meeting would be advertised in 'The Ringing World' three weeks previously, and members must notify him at least a fortnight before the date of the meeting, so that he could make the necessary arrangements. The Hawkhurst members were very anxious to have a meeting at their tower, and the association would be sure of a hearty welcome.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for arranging the service and presiding at the meeting; to the organist and others who had assisted at the service, and to the Rev. F. L. Schrieber for his attendance. The members then adjourned to the tower, where ringing was again indulged in.

A NOTTINGHAM MEMORIAL PEAL.

DEDICATION OF BASFORD BELLS.

In the tower of the old Parish Church of St. Leodigarius, Basford, Notts, there now hangs a melodious ring of bells, eight in number, which have been installed as a memorial to the 220 gallant dead of the district who fell in the war. The bells were cast at the famous Loughborough foundry, and are tuned on Messrs. Taylor's scientific system of perfect harmonical tuning. It may be remarked that this is the first peal in the immediate vicinity of Nottingham that is so tuned on this perfected system, and the superiority of these beautiful bells over the mediocre peals which are to be heard in and around Nottingham is most marked. The three old bells which formerly hung in the tower, although possessing claims to considerable antiquity, were so false in their harmonic tones as to be distressingly unmusical in effect, and the music of the new peal will be thus more noticeable and appreciated by the parishioners. It may be mentioned in passing that these three old bells, two of which are melted down and incorporated in the new peal, were all cast in Nottingham, and the oldest bell of the three, dating probably from about 1490, was almost certainly cast by the founder, Richard Mellour, who was an Alderman and Mayor of Nottingham in the years 1499 and 1506. This oldest bell has been retained on account of its particularly interesting history, and now forms an important archeological feature of the church.

The tenor of the new ring of eight weighs about 15 cwt., note F natural, and the total weight of the bells and fittings, etc., is over 10 tons. The fittings in which the bells are hung are of modern design, and contain all the many improvements that have been introduced by Messrs. Taylor, perhaps the most important being the patent ball bearings in which the bells swing. The framework is of strong and massive construction, of cast iron on stout steel foundation, all designed with a view to the strain placed on the structure of the tower being reduced to an absolute minimum. Needless to say the work has been carried out in a manner which fully upholds the great reputation of the Loughborough firm.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—

Treble.—Given by Charles Hilton Seely and Frank Evelyn Seely, 1921.

2nd.—This bell is the offering of the Sunday Schools, Bible Classes, Scouts and Guides of the Parish and their friends, 1921.

3rd.—Presented by the Adult Members of the Choir, 1921.

4th.—Presented by the Clergy, Churchwardens and Sidesmen of Basford Parish Church, 1921.

5th.—In Loving Memory of Thomas Marriott, who died 1917. Given by his children, 1921.

6th.—In Memory of William Henry Hill, M.B., C.M., who died March 17th, 1915, during the Great War, and of Arthur Robert Cox, who served in the South African War, 1899—1902, and who died April 7th, 1916.

7th.—Presented by Parishioners, Congregation and other friends of the Parish of Basford, 1921.

Tenor.—In Affectionate Remembrance of Captain William Eaton Guy Walker and Lieut. Harry Cullis Steele Walker, of the Sherwood Foresters, sons of Major and Mrs. Walker, Rock House, Old Basford, who fell in France in the Great War, 1914-1918. For God, King and country. This bell also bears the badge of the Sherwood Foresters.

The dedication took place at a largely attended service on Saturday, June 4th, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. H. T. Hayman, Chaplain of the 'Robin Hoods,' while the service was conducted (in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, through the serious illness of his wife) by the Rev. C. W. Good, of St. Augustine's New Basford, who was a combatant officer of the regiment during the war prior to his ordination. The service was of a very impressive character, and was concluded by 'The Last Post' and 'Reveille,' followed by the National Anthem. The opening ringing at the dedication was done by members of St. Peter's band, Nottingham, viz.: W. Flinders 1, T. Kirkby 2, R. Clifford 3, G. West 4, J. Wallace 5, H. R. Cobben 6, F. C. Vickers 7, E. Hughes 8. The first touch of 564 Grandshire Triples was conducted by H. R. Cobben, the second, also Grandshire Triples by R. Clifford. The first touch of Stedman Triples, 567, was conducted by W. C. Hunt.

On the following day, for evening service, the first quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples was rung on the new bells by the Nottingham St. Peter's ringers, in 40 mins.: W. Flinders 1, T. Kirby 2, W. J. Sevier (Master and towerkeeper, Basford) 3, R. Clifford 4, G. West 5, J. Wallace 6, H. R. Cobben (conductor) 7, F. C. Vickers 8.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting was held at Great Staughton on Saturday, June 11th. Members were present from Bedford, Clapham, Bromham, Turvey, Elstow, Roxton, Biggleswade, Dunstable, Higham Ferrers, Finedon, and the local company, 24 sitting down to tea.—The Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Wragg) gave the ringers a hearty welcome, and at the business meeting which followed, with Miss E. Steel in the chair, two new life members were elected, and Wootton chosen for the next meeting.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

BUFFERS ON BELL CLAPPERS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to the account in your last issue relating to the dedication of the two trebles to complete the octave at Bispham, Lancs, and more particularly to the paragraph referring to the new clapper device brought out by us, I should like to state, as this is the first time the idea has been mentioned, that the principle is not ours. The principle was originated by Mr. Weadon, sen., the much respected captain of the Dartford, Kent, Society of Ringers. Mr. Wheadon first applied the idea to the old tenor at Dartford, and was very gratified to notice the improvement in the effect. A few years later, when the bells were recast, he applied it to the back four successfully. He subsequently very kindly gave me permission to protect and adopt the idea in a slightly different form. We have used the principle in a few cases recently, and the result has been perfectly satisfactory, but any credit attaching to the idea ought to be given to Mr. Wheadon, to whom I am glad to take this opportunity of tendering my best thanks. The difference in the two methods is as follows: At Dartford the buffers are fitted to the stem of the clapper just under the ball, and in those we have fitted they are in the ball just above the striking part.—Yours faithfully,

ALBERT A. HUGHES
(of Mears and Stainbank).

OLD LAVENHAM RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. William Moore, of Lavenham, who passed away on May 28th, at the age of 75 years. Although deceased had long been a sufferer, and had undergone many operations, he had only taken to his bed a week previously. Nearly 20 years have passed since he took any part in ringing, owing to ill-health. He had rung four peals, all at Lavenham, and all on the tenor. They comprised three peals of Grandsire and one of Bob Major. The first was rung on March 3rd, 1888, and the last on November 3rd, 1894.

The interment took place on Wednesday, June 11th, and the bearers included one of his old ringing company, Mr. H. Smith, while Mr. A. Symonds and his son, Stedman, were among the mourners. The deceased leaves a widow and two sons to mourn their loss.

In the evening, after the funeral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung, with deeply muffled clappers, as a last mark of respect: M. Symonds 1, W. R. J. Poulson 2, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 3, F. Leeks 4, F. Boreham 5, W. W. J. Roper 6, L. Leeks 7, A. Symonds 8.

KINGTON MAGNA RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Saturday, May 28th, the ringers of Kington Magna, Dorset, had an enjoyable outing to Queen Camel, Somerset. After raising and lowering the bells of their own church, a party of nine, including the Master and secretary of the Salisbury Guild, set forth by motor brake at 2.30 p.m. A halt was made at the village of Holton to investigate the possibilities of change ringing there, but as inquiry elicited the fact that the bells were only three in number, it was decided to proceed. A slight detour from the main road brought the party to the pretty village of South Cadbury, where the Rector readily gave permission to ring, and a tuneful peal of five bells were soon raised and set going to Grandsire Doubles.

The road was resumed, and after a short drive the car drew up beside the stately tower of Queen Camel, with its glorious ring of 6 bells (tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr.). The bells were raised in peal, and after a Plain Course of Grandsire some rounds and call changes gave the less advanced members of the party a chance of trying their skill. The Vicar (the Rev. G. D'Angibau) made his appearance in the belfry, and after giving the visitors a kindly welcome, showed some of them round the grand old church, with its venerable monastic traditions, while others were taking turns at the bells.

An adjournment was made to the Mildmay Arms, where an ample repast was provided by mine host and his good lady for the satisfaction of the inner-man. Fortified by this refreshment, the change ringers of the band brought round some well-struck six-scores, conducted by A. I. Dowding. About 8 p.m. the bells were rung down, and a late visit was paid to the neighbouring village of Marston Magna, where, with the Rector's kind permission, a little more ringing was done on six very melodious bells, tuned on the five-tone principle. The return journey was then commenced, home being reached about 10.30 p.m., after an expedition long to be remembered.

Before the departure from Queen Camel, Mr. Lucas, landlord of the Mildmay Arms, sprang a surprise on two of the party by producing a photograph of a well-known band of ringers at Guildford, and informing them that one of them was his step-brother, Mr. A. H. Pulling. Even the ringing world is a small world!

LONG PEAL CELEBRATED.

The 29th anniversary of the long peal of Oxford Treble Bob at Debenham, in which D. Collins and W. G. Crickmer took part, was celebrated at Worlingworth, Suffolk, on Monday, June 6th, by a 960 Oxford Treble Bob, by: W. Miller 1, H. W. Crickmer 2, E. Curtiss 3, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 4, R. Abbott 5, E. Jinkins 6, W. Ruffells 7, H. Hall 8; and 640, with S. Collins on the tenor.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Now that the postage rates have been further increased associations will find it cheaper, as well as being, as it always has been, more effective to advertise their meetings in 'The Ringing World.'

The memorial to the late Mr. Henry White, of Basingstoke, which was unveiled and dedicated at St. Michael's Church, in the presence of a large gathering of Winchester Guild ringers, bears the following inscription: 'To the glory of God and in grateful memory of Henry White, sexton and captain of bell ringers in St. Michael's tower, 1885-1918, who laboured with untiring zeal for the improvement of bell ringing and the cultivation of the art of change ringing. Died Sept. 27th, 1918, aged 61 years.'

The peal rung at Wallasey, on June 7th, was a well deserved tribute to Mr. G. R. Rogers, who has done much for the encouragement of ringing in the district in which he resides. About 12 years ago the bells of St. Hilary's had fallen into a very dilapidated condition, so much so that to ring them constituted a danger. Mr. Rogers, besides being a large subscriber, personally made a house-to-house collection, and eventually obtained sufficient funds to have the bells rehung. Although not an ardent peal ringer, Mr. Rogers has done much 'spade-work' in the tutoring of beginners, and has endeavoured to inculcate the spirit of progress and unity amongst all those ringers with whom he is in touch.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have completed the restoration of Monk's Kirby bells, and added two trebles to make the octave. The old six have been retuned, and are hung in iron frames on steel girders. The bells were dedicated on Thursday in last week by the Bishop of Coventry.

It is much hoped that when the Oxford Guild war memorial tablet is unveiled in the Cathedral cloisters on the occasion of the annual festival at Oxford, on July 23rd, it will be free of debt. Contributions should be sent to the hon. general secretary as soon as possible. Mr. Hibbert wishes to remind members that notices of motion for the business meeting must reach him by the last day of June.

Correspondents should bear in mind that matter sent for Press cannot now be forwarded by halfpenny post. The postage, when the matter is sent in an open envelope and without any form of letter, is one penny.

An appeal is being made for funds for the restoration of the bells of Bewdley Parish Church, Worcestershire. The rehanging is to be carried out by Messrs. Chas. Carr, of Smethwick, and some structural repairs are also to be carried out to the tower and belfry, the total cost being estimated at £350. Contributions will be welcomed, and should be sent to the Rector, the Rev. H. A. Moore.

Bewdley bells have a long history. There is a record of them having been rung in 1589 at the rejoicings for the wreck of the Spanish Armada, and in 1807 they were rung for the first time for the '5th of November.'

A new ring of bells was purchased in 1660, and were hung in the old chapel, built of timber, that stood on the site of the present church. In 1745 this chapel was pulled down, and the existing tower built. In 1780 the bells were recast and rehung, and there they have remained to this day, equal to some of the best in the county.

A most interesting little history of the bells of the Collegiate Church, now the Cathedral of Southwell, has been written, and published in celebration of the bicentenary of the bells.

Bells are first mentioned in this ancient foundation between the years 1050 and 1060, when there was a gift of two bells by the Archbishop of York, and at intervals through the centuries the bells are mentioned again until 1721, when Abram Rudhall, of Gloucester, recast the peal. The bells were again recast and increased to ten in 1897 by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

The history of the bells, which is full of interest, can be obtained from G. E. Padgett, printer, Southwell, post free, price 6d. Last Saturday the bicentenary was celebrated at Southwell by a visit of Midland Counties ringers.

NORWICH & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday week a meeting of the Halesworth District of the Norwich and Ipswich Association was held at Wenhamston. Good touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stegman Doubles were rung on the musical peal of six bells at the parish church. Members were present (including one lady ringer, Mrs. Reeves) from Halesworth, Honham, Holton, Wissett, Wenhamston, Wrentham, Bramfield and Brampton. The Vicar (the Rev. W. N. Matthews, M.A.) provided tea in the old School Room for the ringers, after which a short business meeting was held. The chair was taken by Capt. A. E. Reeves, supported by Messrs. J. Larier, J. Punchard, J. Spencer, G. Easthaugh, S. Ellis, F. C. Lambert (district secretary), etc. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Cratfield in September, if the bells are available. — A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the capital tea. Afterwards there was further ringing.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 339.)

NEXT YEAR'S MEETING.

The President said the Standing Committee had considered the place of next year's meeting. The interruption of the rota which had been followed for many years had caused a break in their programme, but the committee suggested that they should next go to Lincoln, leaving for the following year some place west of the central Midlands.

Mr. Cotterill (Yorkshire Association) gave the Council an invitation to go to Bradford.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston (Chester Diocesan Guild) proposed that the meeting should be at Chester, which had many attractions, and where it had been previously suggested they should meet. Mr. J. Geo. (hon. member) seconded.

Mr. A. E. Parsons (Worcestershire) reminded the Council that when Chester was previously suggested, Lincoln was also in the list.

On being submitted to the meeting the voting was as follows: Lincoln, 31; Bradford, 5; Chester, 19. Lincoln was, therefore, decided upon.

COUNCIL IGNORED BY ASSOCIATIONS.

The Council was then informed that two notices of motion had been received too late to be included in the agenda, but it was decided that they should be considered.

Mr. A. H. Pulling (Winchester Guild) moved: 'That this meeting recommend all Guilds and Associations to hold their annual meetings within three months previous to the Central Council meeting on Whit-Tuesday.' He proposed this, he said, as one means of endeavouring to get the general body of members of the Exercise interested in the work of the Council. At present they took not a scrap of notice of it. At many of the annual meetings not a word was spoken about the Central Council, and, if they could judge from the reports in 'The Ringing World' they simply took no notice of it. The Associations never submitted anything to the Council, but if they all had their meetings just before the Council it might be possible to get them to consider a little more of the Council's business. It was for that reason he proposed they should recommend the holding of annual meetings within the three months previous to the Council meeting. There was very little co-operation between the associations and the Council. The Council was a sort of Cabinet, 'The Ringing World' like 'The Daily Mail,' and Mr. Goldsmith like Lord Northcliffe (loud laughter). They might laugh, but if they had an Editor who was not out to do all he could to help them, but was opposed to them, he could break that Council up, and he could do it in quick time. They wanted to get the Exercise to take more interest in the Council, and although he hardly expected they would pass his resolution, he thought it was worth considering.

Mr. Cove (Gloucester and Bristol) said he would second the motion as a matter of form.

The Rev. B. H. T. Drake (Herts County) moved as an amendment, that the Secretary of the Council be charged to send all resolutions carried at the meeting to the affiliated associations. As a delegate to that Council he had ventured to bring up questions at his own association meetings, and had been met at once with the answer, 'The Central Council never so much as acknowledge us, beyond taking the 2s. 6d. from us, and never send us any information of anything they have carried, but leave us to find out from the ringing Press what is being done.' Would it not, therefore, be better and simpler if the secretary were to send the resolutions that were carried to the constituent associations in order that they might know officially what had been done?

Mr. Bibby (Chester Guild) said when he got back to his association he would be expected at their first meeting to supply the members with a report not only of the resolutions, but with minute details of what had been done.

The President said he could not accept the Rev. B. H. T. Drake's motion as an amendment. It was a matter of which notice should be given.

Alderman Pritchett (hon. member) said he gathered the object was to give publicity to the existence of the Central Council. He suggested the Standing Committee should draw up a special form of prayer for the Council to be used at association services, just as they had a prayer for Parliament (laughter).

Canon Baker (Bedfordshire Association) objected to the use of the term 'delegate' in connection with the members of that Council. He said he thought they were representatives. He would not be there if he were expected to come as a delegate in the sense of being somebody to vote as he was told. A member was elected freely, and should vote as he thought best. He objected strongly to calling themselves delegates. He also objected strongly to the suggestion that it was the business of that Council to interfere with the affairs and administration of associations. The Council had always kept most carefully off that in the past. The associations were perfectly free to manage their own business, without the interference of the Council, and for that reason he could not support the resolution, because it certainly meant interference with the way in which associations and

guilds managed their own business and fixed the dates of their own meetings.

Canon Elsee (Lancashire Association) said he felt the mover of the resolution had a desire only to get the associations to take a living interest in the work of the Council, but at the same time he hoped the resolution would not be pressed. In his own association they had just discussed at considerable length whether they should change the time of their annual meeting, and after very careful consideration had come to the conclusion that they had better not change it. They had their meeting in the autumn. It was quite true that not much time was given to the affairs of the Council, because there was always a great deal of local business to be got through, but as a matter of interest he noticed that Lancashire had sent its four members and one honorary member to attend that meeting (hear, hear). He also saw two Lancashire visitors in the room as well, so that they did take some interest in the Council (hear, hear).

Mr. Pulling said he was prepared to withdraw his motion. He did not expect it would be passed, because he knew they could not interfere with the associations, but if only they could get the Exercise to wake up and look on the Council as the central body of ringing the Council would do some good.

The resolution was then withdrawn.

BELL RESTORATION FUNDS.

The other resolution of which late notice had been given was one by Alderman Chambers, of the Midland Counties Association, who had intimated his intention of moving 'that it is desirable to establish in the area of each ringing association a bell restoration fund from which grants may be made for the restoration of any rings of bells within the area when local funds were insufficient to meet the cost.'

Alderman Chambers was absent from the meeting, and the President said the Council had always refrained from interfering with the business of the local associations. He took it that practically every association had a fund of this kind, or was ready to make grants, and he did not see that that Council could give instructions.

It was agreed to allow the motion to lie on the table.

THANKS.

The Rev. H. Law James moved a vote of thanks to the President, which Canon Baker seconded, the resolution being carried with applause.

In responding, the President said he had intended moving that during his term of office there should be no votes of thanks to anybody, least of all to the President. He thanked them, however, very warmly indeed. He was afraid, if in future years they were treated to discussions on various abstruse questions, such as they had heard in the past from Mr. James and others, that he would have to call in to his assistance certain 'assessors' to direct him (laughter), because there were some things far above his head. He was simply a plain, practical ringer, but it would be his earnest endeavour to uphold the dignity of the Council as it was upheld by its founder, and in this he was sure he would have the assistance of the members (applause).

The meeting then terminated.

BLOCKING UP OF LOUVRES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Edwards, wooden boards covered with waterproof felt placed immediately behind the louvres will moderate the sound of the bells. It might be found sufficient to treat the louvres in the tower in this manner first; those at the base of the spire could be blocked in the same way afterwards, if necessary.—Yours faithfully,
H. B. WOOLLEY.

Long Stanton.

Dear Sir,—I have had experience of blocking of louvres at three towers in this town. At St John's, which is a very low tower, with six bells hung on a level with the louvres, there was frequent complaint of the noise when the bells were rung. I advised having shutters fitted up to the spring of the arch. This was done as follows: The necessary wood comprised lin, tongued and grooved boards. These were nailed lightly together crossways, with two layers of thick felt between and fitted tight into the louvres. Our Vicar described the effect as like using a mute on a fiddle, or the soft pedal on a pianoforte. We get little complaint now. At St. Helen's, which is also a rather low tower, and situated in a densely populated neighbourhood, the louvres were blocked up completely with match-boarding. There are scarcely any complaints now; in fact, the noise is so toned down that the bells can scarcely be heard a street away. At All Saints' (10 bells) the louvres have been bricked up to the spring of the arches, and to my mind there is scarcely any difference.

In regard to All Saints', Hereford, as far as one can judge, without seeing the tower, I would suggest entirely blocking up the bottom louvres with boards and felt, as at St. John's, Worcester. If the noise outside is very severe use extra felt. All the music of the bells would then come out through the louvres in the spire.—Yours faithfully,
W. PAGE.

37, St. John's, Worcester.

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**THE CROYDON
BELL FOUNDRY
1921.**

'INERTIA.'*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir, 'Inertia' is a term used to denote the principle or law of the material world, that all bodies are absolutely passive or indifferent to a state of rest or motion, and would continue for ever at rest, or persevere in the same uniform and rectilinear motion, unless disturbed by the action of some extrinsic force. . . . Inertia is one of the inherent properties of matter, and unceasingly recalled to our observation in every incident of life.' It appears also to be one of the inherent properties of ringers, and gives a good deal of trouble to the Analysis Committee.

Those who read the committee's report will remember the notice of a peal published as rung by the 'Surrey County Association' at Brighton, and attributed to Surrey, though probably belonging to Sussex. The committee could get no answer to a letter to the conductor about it, and the secretary of one of the associations informed a member of the committee that he had not read the report! Evidently there was need of some 'extrinsic force' to disturb the state of rest. But where is it to be found? Similarly, no further information is forthcoming as to Mr. Page's claim to have conducted seven peals, though only four were published. Perhaps he perseveres 'in the same uniform and rectilinear motion' in the matter of his claim, which our 'extrinsic force' was not sufficient to disturb.

Again, as to the meaning of 'Extreme' used as the name of a method we get no information, and shall be glad if some member of the Exercise can provide the necessary 'extrinsic force' to disturb the 'inherent property' of ringers, which renders them 'absolutely passive or indifferent,' and which is 'unceasingly recalled to our observation.'—Yours faithfully,
E. W. CARPENTER.

**BISHOP VISITS RINGERS,
CLUN'S UNIQUE DISTINCTION.**

On Sunday evening, June 5th, the Bishop of Hereford paid a visit to the ringing room of St. George's Church, Clun, and congratulated the ringers on their excellent ringing. He said they were doing a very important work for the church. He was not aware until that day that Clun had the distinction of having a ringing curate and a ringing warden. He did not think there was another church in his diocese that could claim the distinction.

Mr. W. Mead (warden and hon. secretary) thanked his lordship, on behalf of the ringers, and asked him to accept a copy of the history of Clun bells, which he graciously did. He said he had heard of Clun bells, and should value the history very much. He was very much interested in the fine room and its old church relics.

This was his lordship's first visit to Clun, and was for the dedication of a fine granite cross as a war memorial, and also of a beautiful carved oak sedilia, oak panelling, and the complete installation for the electric light as memorials.

YORKSHIREMEN IN KENT.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Adverting to the account of the Yorkshiremen's visit to Kent, your correspondent, P. J. J. is slightly in error. All the persons named are members of the Yorks Association, and it was the intention to include Mr. Austin in the peal had he arrived earlier.

Only four ladies accompanied their husbands.

The Committee got lost in re-visiting a former residence, whilst another member went into Sussex prospecting for new scenes to visit.—Yours faithfully,
T. MAUDE.

Pudsey.

MR. F. J. LAMBERT'S 100 PEALS.

Doubles, 3; Minor, including one in 14 methods, 40; Triples: Grand-sire, 25; Plain Bob, 1; Oxford Bob, 1; Stedman, 1. Major: Plain Bob, 15; Kent Treble Bob, 11; Double Bob, 1; St. Clement's Bob, 1; Canterbury Pleasure, 1; total, 100. Rung during a period of 30 years, and including many first peals.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District of the Guild was held at Sheffield English recently, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. W. T. Long. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to touches of Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

The tea and business meeting took place at the Hatchet, Mr. J. Williams (Master) being in the chair. There were ringers present from Bishopstoke, North Stoneham, Southampton, Upham Winchester, Romsey, Curdridge, and the local tower. Mr. Pryce Taylor, of the Loughborough Foundry, where the Sheffield bells were cast, was unable to attend owing to indisposition.

A collection on behalf of the late Mr. W. S. Wise amounted to £1 5s.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*MEETING AT SUNBURY.*

On the south side of Sunbury runs the River Thames, and at this point there is a grass-covered and partially-wooded island, which is reached by means of ferry boats; the weir is situated at the west, and the lock at the east end.

Standing on a strong and elevated footbridge which crosses the main stream near the lock, the changes from the tower were heard to full advantage on Saturday last, when forty-three members and their friends met to have a gull on the fine-toned ring of bells at St. Mary's Church. The river was thronged with boats, and many were decorated, and with their happy and gaily-clad occupants were a pleasing sight constantly passing beneath the bridge; one party had a powerful gramophone, and, curiously enough, the piece rendered as they were passing the lock was 'Les Cloches de Corneville.'

A good tea is quite half the success of a meeting, and a pleasant interlude to the ringing. It was arranged by Mr. Alford, who was assisted by willing ladies, so all went well. The business meeting was presided over by the District Master (Mr. C. S. Bird), and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. P. Sydney for allowing the use of the bells. A discussion took place regarding the publications of the Central Council, and Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mr. W. Lawrence both spoke upon the subject. The former explained the principles set out in some of the books; and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. H. Hollier) suggested that a stock should be obtained on 'sale or return.'

Subject to permission being obtained the August meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines. Members attended from Brockley, Chertsey, Croydon, Clapham, Ealing, East Ham, Farnham Royal, Fulham, Heston, Hillingdon, Holloway, Hounslow, Isleworth, Kensington, Staines, Teddington, Whitwell and Walton-on-Thames.

A MID-WEEK MEETING.

The first of the summer mid-week meetings of the North and East District was held at Hornsey on Monday, June 6th, when nearly 30 members attended, amongst the towers represented being Southgate, Edmonton, Finchley, Willesden, Tottenham, Stamford Hill, Walthamstow, etc. Between 7 and 9 p.m. the bells were kept going continuously to Grand-sire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent, Double Court and Double Stedman Slow Course. Not the least interesting part of the proceedings was a visit to the disused church building, including the crypt. This building has been closed since 1899, when the new and much larger church close by was opened, and is in partial ruin. The tower, which was built in 1486, is attached to the disused church, and quite apart from the handsome building in use at the present day.

A short business meeting was held in the tower, at which a vote of thanks was passed to the Rector (the Rev. B. Spink) for allowing the members the use of the bells. It was announced that the next meeting of this series would be held at Tottenham on Tuesday, July 19th, and that the next Saturday meeting was fixed for St. Andrew's, Holborn, on June 25th.

GLOSSOP RINGERS' TRIP.

The ringers connected with St. James's, Whitfield, Glossop, and their wives, had a most enjoyable trip round Derby on May 21st. Travelling in a well-appointed charabanc they journeyed through the glorious Peak district, the first stop being at Baslow, where a first-class breakfast awaited the party at the Rutland Arms. Proceeding to Matlock, two short touches of Stedman were rung before the party went on through Chatsworth Park. Arriving at Duffield Church, another half-hour's ringing was greatly enjoyed, Stedman being again the method. A band of eight good Derbyshire ringers were here waiting to start for a peal of Duffield, and the visitors left them with wishes for the best of luck. The next stop was at St. Alkmund's, Derby, where short touches of Stedman and of Kent Treble Bob were accomplished. After tea, the return journey was made by way of Ashbourne and Buxton to Glossop. An ideal day assisted to make a most successful outing, and the party tender their many thanks to the Vicars, officials and ringers of the above places for the use of the bells, and the kind reception given to them, particularly Mr. J. Lord, of Derby, for the information given which helped the excursionists to get in touch with the various places en route.

THE PEAL AT MERSHAM.

Congratulations to Miss R. Thomas on ringing her first peal at Mersham, Kent. This was her second attempt. She rang 2 hours and 3 minutes on the first occasion some few weeks ago, and was not the cause of the failure. We understand a movement is on foot to secure a peal board to record the peal. On both occasions Mr. and Mrs. Parkes, the parents of Mr. Harry Parkes, of Pattison Farm, Mersham, kindly entertained Messrs. Tribe (Tenterden) and Billenness (Hawkhurst), and these ringers wish to return their best thanks for the hospitality received. The peal was the first peal that has been rung at Mersham for some years, and the first peal rung at Mersham by all the band, with the exception of Mr. Alfred Gower.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WATFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, June 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: G. Seaman 1, W. E. Oakley 2, E. Jones 3, R. Picton 4, E. Elliott 5, W. Norris 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. Hewitt 8.

EARL SOHAM.—On Sunday, June 12th, for morning service, 360 Double Court: W. Miller 1, H. W. Crickmer 2, E. Curtiss 3, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 4, E. Jenkins 5, H. Hall 6. For afternoon service, at Bedford, 720 Double Court: W. G. Crickmer 1, R. Abbott 2, E. Curtiss 3, G. Stannard 4, W. Ruffels 5, H. Hall (conductor) 6.

KENSINGTON.—For evening service, on June 12th, at St. Mary Abbot's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. W. Roberts (first quarter-peal) 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, R. Gordon Brown 3, A. E. Sharman 4, G. W. Frayne 5, A. E. Bradley 6, P. G. Miles 7, A. V. Selby 8, H. G. Miles 9, W. E. G. Hewton 10.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, June 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. A. Fosdike 1, E. J. Pannett 2, H. Norgate 3, J. Law 4, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 5, T. A. Easterby 6, E. B. Crowder 7, C. H. Macklin 8. Composed by G. H. Daynes.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday morning, June 12th, for service, a touch of Grandsire Triples (1,414 changes) was rung in 60 minutes, in the following order: W. Mills 1, G. Tizzard 2, G. Hewett 3, N. E. Hope 4, H. Coomber 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—At St. Mary and All Saints', on Sunday evening, June 12th, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1,260 changes), in 53 mins.: G. Hollis 1, W. Allwood 2, F. Jacobs 3, A. Knights 4, F. E. Smith 5, *A. P. Knights 6, *W. T. Palmer 7, *W. Bennett 8, G. A. Thompson 9, T. W. Gore 10. * First quarter-peal of Bob Royal.

WROTHAM, KENT.—On Sunday morning, June 12th, in 53 mins., a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), by: H. Haigh, taken from 'The Ringing World': J. Avis, G. Hayes, F. Hayes, R. Smith, R. Copelin, G. Morrad, G. Ambrose, F. M. Mitchell (conductor). The band were motored out from Gravesend by Mr. R. Copelin.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, June 12th, for the evening service, 1,260 of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: R. Walker 1, H. Golding (conductor) 2, F. Walker 3, H. Gates 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shephard 6, W. Floyd 8, W. D. Butler 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and the 8th.

SHEFFIELD.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on Sunday, June 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,386 changes), in 50 mins.: F. Willey 1, W. Hammond 2, W. Stubley 3, A. W. Gledstone 4, T. Chown 5, J. W. Smithson (conductor) 6, W. Chown 7, F. Rippon 8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th and his first quarter-peal as conductor.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.—In Sunday, June 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: Hy. Allred 1, Hht. Allred 2, R. Allred, junr., 3, T. B. Worsley (conductor) 4, W. Hindley 5, T. Allred 6, R. Allred senr., 7, Hugh Watts 8. First quarter away from the treble for the 3rd ringer.

LLANISHER, GLAMORGANSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): H. Nott, G. Spencer, W. Biss (conductor), G. Chamberlain, A. H. Cossam, H. Hawkins. Rung muffled for the service and unveiling of the war memorial window and name tablet erected in memory of the fallen of this parish, placed at the west end of the church.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, June 5th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. J. Lewis 1, H. Lewis 2, W. C. Cuss 3, W. G. Cook 4, J. Butler (conductor) 5, S. Hicks 6, H. T. Gardner 7, J. Hayward 8.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Sunday, June 5th, for evening service, at All Hallows' Church, ten six-scores of Grandsire Doubles: F. W. Cox 1, J. Butler (conductor) 2, F. J. Lewis 3, S. Hicks 4, A. Painter 5. Rung with the bells half-muffled, on the occasion of the dedication of a war memorial in the church. Also several six-scores of Stedman Doubles, after service, with the bells open: W. G. Cook 1, S. Hicks 2, J. Butler 3, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 4, V. R. Williams 5.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—At St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, June 5th, for evening service, 224 Cambridge Surprise Major, 112 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and 210 Grandsire Triples. Those taking part were: W. Arnold, W. Burst, John Turner, J. Fleuty, R. Fleuty, S. Warne, P. Claydon, J. French, W. Scillitoe. All are local men, and regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

LONG STANTON.—On Sunday, June 5th, for evening service, 720 Double Oxford: W. Hawkes 1, F. J. Cook 2, J. B. Woolley 3, L. A. Cook 4, G. Crisp 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6. First extent in the method by the local band.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, June 5th, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples: N. Walker 1, L. A. Walker 2, A. G. Cook 3, B. Dollimore 4, R. S. Cook (conductor) 5, A. Hill 6, A. Rogers 7, R. Hayward 8.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—At St. George's Church, on Sunday, June 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: H. Hawkes 1, P. Meek 2, W. Smith (composer and conductor) 3, P. Scutcher 4, F. King 5, G. Wickens 6, F. Terry 7, W. Meek 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1 and 4. First quarter-peal in the method by ringer of the 2nd, and first quarter-peal by a local band since 1914.

LINCOLN.—At St. Peter-at-Arches Church, on Sunday, June 5th, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples: R. Chester 1, C. B. Chester 2, J. R. Mackman 3, L. Snell 4, A. R. Chester 5, G. Almonds 6, H. L. Fask (first as conductor) 7, A. H. A. Marcon 8.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At St. Guthlac's Church, on June 5th, for evening service, 720 St. Clement's Bob Minor: A. E. Sneath 1, E. Wright (first 720 in the method) 2, W. A. Day 3, J. Landon 4, H. M. Day (conductor) 5, G. Wells 6.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, June 5th, at St. John's, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Woodyatt 1, J. J. Jefferies 2, S. Holt 3, W. Page (conductor) 4, W. Lewis 5, J. R. Mackman 6.—On Sunday, June 12th, 720 Cambridge Minor: W. Edgington 1, F. Walters 2, W. Lewis 3, J. J. Jefferies 4, W. Page (conductor) 5, J. R. Mackman 6. These are the first 720's upon the bells since the rebanging of the tenor by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and the 'go' was pronounced satisfactory.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Sunday, June 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: H. Merrett (first quarter of Triples away from tenor) 1, J. Taylor 2, J. W. Bell 3, T. Grant 4, C. W. Bell 5, G. Jones 6, H. Taylor (conductor) 7, H. E. Mills 8.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.—On Sunday morning, May 29th, in 49 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Avis, R. Copelin, F. Hayes, G. Hayes, G. Ambrose (conductor), W. Lane, F. M. Mitchell, S. Simmons. First quarter by S. Simmons, and first as conductor by G. Ambrose.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1,280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

23456	M	W	B	H
35264				
26354				
26543				
64235				
53246				
45236				
23456				

H. J. Gummer.

768 BOB MAJOR.

2345678	W	5's	3rds	M	H
7254568			S		
3572468					S

Twice repeated.
J. George.

320 BOB MAJOR.

2345678	W	4	I	M	H
5527648	S				
7235648	S			S	
2345678		S			

G. Hollis.

1,024 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

23456	1	4	5	6
32654				
26354				
32465				
24365				
43265				
23564				
35264				
34256				
43256				
23456				

G. H. Cross.

720 OXFORD BOB OR DOUBLE BOB MINOR.

23456	
35642	1
42635	4
56423	2
S 26345	1
64532	1
S 34256	1

Five times repeated. Bob instead of Single at 3rd and 6th part-ends.

H. W. Wildo.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SUGGESTED INCREASE OF SUBSCRIPTION.**

The monthly meeting of the Rockdale Branch was held on Saturday, June 11th, at Heywood Parish Church, 34 members being present from Heywood, Middleton, Oldham, Newhey, Milnrow, Totmorden Parish and Unitarians, Crosstones, East Crompton, Miles Platting, Pendleton, Hyde, Radcliffe, and Croydon. During the afternoon and evening the bells (which are a particularly fine peal) were kept going in Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich, Kent Treble and Plain Bob Major.

The evening's meeting was presided over by the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Clarke, M.S.), and the resolution with regard to the proposed reduction of the committee of management was again discussed, but the meeting thought it would be unwise to carry out the suggestion.

A recommendation was passed that the subscription to the association should be raised from 1s. to 1s. 6d. per year.

It was decided that the next monthly meeting should be held at Leesfield, on Saturday, July 9th.—The usual vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of tower and bells, and also for presiding over the meeting and to the local band for having everything in readiness, was passed.

PRESTON BRANCH TO HAVE A 'SOCIAL.'

A well-attended meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Croston, on Saturday, June 4th. The bells, which are a handy ring of eight, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were well utilised from 3 to 5 o'clock. Tea was partaken of at the Grapes Hotel, and was followed by the business meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. Taylor, of Penwortham. It was decided to make the next meeting the occasion of a charabanc outing, and visit Goosnargh and Ribchester in one afternoon. The contest for the place of the annual branch meeting was a very keen one, no less than three towers being proposed. Eventually Preston was selected.

By a large majority it was decided to have an annual social gathering, and Chorley was the place chosen, the date to be the first Saturday in December.

A deputation was appointed to interview the Vicar of St. Luke's, Preston, with regard to their proposed new bells. Unfortunately the authorities have decided to have hemispherical bells, but it is hoped, if not too late, that the deputation may succeed in getting the scheme altered.

The whole of the Croston band, nine in number, were elected members of the association, and the Rector was elected an hon. life member. The Rector of Croston is also the Bishop of Whalley, and he graced the proceedings by his presence after the meeting, moving about amongst the ringers, and chatting pleasantly to all. The standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, as well as Cambridge Surprise Minor.

LADIES' GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Branch was held at Thornbury on Saturday, June 11th. It was the first time the members of the Ladies' Guild have been able to visit this district, and they were given a very kind welcome by the local ringers. The service was taken by the curate of Thornbury (the Rev. — Reece), and the Rev. M. E. Thorold, of Bristol.—Mr. F. K. Howell had made all arrangements for tea, to which 37 sat down. After tea, the Vicar gave permission to any members who liked to do so to walk through his grounds, and many gladly availed themselves of the privilege.

A large number of towers were represented in the belfry—as besides the local band there were present ringers from Portishead, Clapton-in-Gordano, Mangotsfield, Olveston, Almondshury, Wickwar, Berkeley, Wotton-under-Edge, Stinchcombe, and St. Nicholas', St. Thomas's, and St. Michael's, Bristol.

The Guild hope that they may hear of some new members in this district—either performing or honorary members will be welcomed.

It is hoped to get permission to hold the next quarterly meeting at Waxall about September 17th, and also to have a practice meeting at Abbott's Leigh in July.

A 'MISSIONARY' EFFORT.

On Saturday, June 4th, ringers from Bucknall and Norton paid a visit to Brown Edge tower, the object being to revive interest in change ringing in that district. The visitors were successful in ringing a date touch in the seven following methods: London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, in 1 hour 15 mins. 1. Trainer 1, J. W. Walker 2, W. Wheeldon 3, J. E. Wheeldon 4, W. Pradley 5, W. P. Deane (conductor) 6.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on April 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss K. Willers (first 720 of Minor) 1, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 2, A. J. Layton 3, A. E. Austin 4, R. Harvey 5, F. Nunn 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Layton 1, J. Ward 2, Miss K. Willers (first 720 of Minor with a bob bell) 3, A. E. Austin 4, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 5, F. Nunn 6. Great credit is due to Miss Willers for the way she rang these 720's.

NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of the 'RINGING WORLD,' to which all communications should be sent, is 63, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for practice on Mondays at 7.30 p.m.: St. Clement Danes, June 27th. Sundays at 10 a.m.; St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 23rd; Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; and *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 28th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at the headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The usual meeting will be held at Bennington on June 18th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening.—Tea will be provided free by the Rev. Canon Mills at 5 o'clock. All will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. District Sec., Little Munden.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society (Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 18th, at Christ Church, near the Wandle Bridge, from 2.30 to 4 p.m., and SS. Peter and Paul, Mitcham, from 4 to 8 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., tea at 5.30, at 1/6 per head. All ringers welcome.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The Quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) ready at 3. Service at 5; preacher, the Rev. Archdeacon Sandford. Tea 5.45 p.m. Will those who ordered reports and have not had them try and get them at this meeting? Subscriptions received.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Thornhill on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available: Thornhill, all day; Dewsbury and Earlsheaton, from 2.30 p.m. Short service in church, 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dist. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Kirdford, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available from 2 o'clock till 9. Tea at the Bull Inn at 5 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A Meeting will be held at Barton-le-Clay, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High St. North, Dunstable.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The Annual meeting will be held at Lichfield, on Saturday, June 18th. Cathedral bells from 2.30 to 3.45 and 6 to 7.30. St. Mary's (8), and St. Michael's.

(6), from 3. Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea at 4.50 at Lloyd's (late Seagrave's) Restaurant, 1/- each to fully-paid members, to others 1/9. General meeting to follow.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby St., Wolverhampton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Berkswell on Saturday, June 18th. The President, Canon Back, extends a hearty invitation to all members to be present. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service in church at 5 p.m.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Saxmundham District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kelsall on Saturday next, June 18th. Bells of Parish Church (8) and Saxmundham (6) available from 3 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—George Wilson, Hon. District Sec., 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

ALL SAINTS', WEST HAM, ESSEX.—Meetings for practice, Thursday, June 23rd, and fortnightly after; also service ringing—1st Sunday, 10.15 a.m.; 3rd Sunday, 5.30 p.m. in each month.—G. Hayden, 29, Maryland St., Stratford, E.15.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clent on June 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Vine for all who notify me at 1/6 per head. Business meeting afterwards.—O. Davies, Branch Sec., 29, Hampton Street, Netherton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Blackburn Parish Church, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The district Quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Colne, on Saturday, June 25th. See notice next week.—Bert Redgwell, Sec., Rayne, Nr. Braintree, Essex.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—(Established 1623.)—The 298th Anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Monday, June 27th. Ringing commences at 9 a.m. All ringers are cordially invited. A meat tea will be held at 5 p.m., and those wishing to be present should notify the Secretary not later than the 24th.—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 25th, at Hersham. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea notify me without fail by Tuesday, June 21st?—H. T. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, by kind permission of the Rev. E. C. Bedford, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea, at a small cost, at 6, to those who advise me by Tuesday, June 21st, at latest.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Berks and Bucks Branch.—The Summer meeting of this branch will be held at Beaconsfield, on Saturday, June 25th. Evening service (Guild booklet) at Parish Church at 5 p.m., with an address by Rev. E. J. Teesdale, M.A. An invitation to take tea with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bennett has again been kindly offered to the members and ringing friends. It is hoped Lady Burnham will preside at the Burnham Hall. A short musical entertainment will follow. Tower and

handbells available by permission of the R. Churchwardens. Please inform the branch secretary and before 20th June how many of your company be present.—W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, Nr. Slough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, June 25th. St. Peter's tower (10 bells) open from 3 to 5. The Abbey bells will be available after tea. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, North Mymms, District Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tytherington on Saturday, June 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, June 25th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock. Please note the time. All ringers welcome.—I. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting at Tickhill on Saturday, June 25th. Eight bells at 2.30. Tea at 5, 1/6 per head, to those who notify Mrs. Whitaker, Castle Gate, Tickhill, before Thursday, June 23rd. Buses run from Doncaster. All ringers welcome.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A cordial invitation has been received from Rev. S. Th. Lockyear for the members to meet at Brabourne on Saturday, June 25th, at 3 o'clock. Will all members intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 21st?—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The district quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, June 25th. Short service, with address, at 4.30, followed by tea, 1/- per head, at the 'White Lion.' Please notify me not later than Tuesday, June 21st.—Bert Redgwell, Sec., Rayne, near Braintree.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Colston Bassett on Saturday, June 25th. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. A motor will leave Trent Bridge 2.30, fare 3/- per head, including return journey. Will members and friends wishing to go please notify the Hon. Sec., Thos. H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts, by Tuesday, June 21st?

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.—By permission of the Vicar the bells will be available for ringing on Saturday, June 25th, from 2.30 p.m.—Fred R. Borrett.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting and an 8-bell contest will be held on Saturday, June 25th, at Kirkburton. Draw at 3.15 p.m. A tea will be provided (reasonable) for all who please notify the local Sec., Mr. Edwin Armitage, Dean Field, Kirkburton, by June 20th.—W. Friith, Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—The Annual meeting will be held at Burton Latimer on June 25th. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, June 22nd, latest.—R. F. Turner, Hon. District Sec., 7, Gordon Street, Kettering.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Tong on Saturday, June 25th. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m. in Cricket Field. Bells available

all day.— M. Moorhouse, Hon. Sec., 10, Mitford Road, Armley, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—The Annual meeting of this District will be held at Dover on Saturday, June 25th. The bells of St. Mary will be available from 3 o'clock to 4.30 and 6 o'clock to 7.30. Service at 4.30 at the Parish Church. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parish Hall at 1/6 per head (allowance by Association 1/6). The bells of St. James' will also be available. Will all those intending to be present notify me not later than Tuesday, June 21st?—E. G. Buesden, Hon. District Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, July 2nd, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 5 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Hillingdon (St. John's) on Saturday, July 2nd. Ringing from 3.30. Will arrange tea for all who let me know by June 27th. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Birmingham on Saturday, July 2nd, when it is hoped that as many members as possible will attend. Full particulars will appear next week.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Devizes on July 2nd at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Anyone requiring tea please advise me early.—Harold F. Brown, 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

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What we should prefer to see is a genuine effort made to extend ringing in a larger number of the higher methods. There are many bands efficient in the lower methods who have yet left Surprise ringing untouched, and there are many who are competent Surprise ringers who limit their practice to about four or five methods. Ringers seem to get too easily into a groove, and, having rung Superlative, Cambridge and London, with, perhaps, Bristol added, are content. There are many other Surprise methods, not all as difficult, perhaps, but certainly well nigh, if not quite, as interesting. Why is it Major bands do not seek them out and ring them? There are at least half a score of good Surprise methods, beyond those mentioned, in existence, with peals already composed, but very few bother to practise them. The Leiston band, in which the members of one family very largely predominate, is a shining example of what may be done to introduce variety into the ringing of higher methods, and it would be well if more companies would emulate them.

Some day, we suppose, the Central Council will publish a collection of Surprise methods, although at the present rate of progress many years will pass over our heads before it appears. Apart from the handicap of funds wherewith to publish such a work, the Surprise methods would, in the natural order of things, be the last of the sequence, and at present even the plain methods are pigeon-holed, while the Treble Bob methods remain to be worked out. This latter is a prodigious undertaking, for not only

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have the methods themselves to be set down on paper from the formulæ from which these things are obtained, but they have to be proved. Then, when it is remembered that few men are capable of the task and that fewer still have the time to devote to it, it will be seen that the collection of eight-bell Surprise methods is likely to be a thing of the very distant future. In the meantime, however, there is no reason why Surprise ringing should be limited almost entirely to the four methods named above.

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On Saturday, June 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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GEORGE HOLLIS... .. 2	*A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 6
WALTER ALLWOOD 2	*WILLIAM T. PALMER ... 7
*TOM O'HARA 3	WILLIAM BENNETT 8
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4	WILLIAM BIGGIN 9
FREDERICK E. SMITH ... 5	†THOMAS E. LEE... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE HOLLIS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal.

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On Saturday June 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.	
*JEFFREY R. GAMMON ... Treble	ALFRED J. TRAPPIIT 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	AMOS CLARK... .. 7
REGINALD BROUGH 3	GEORGE A. CARD... .. 8
MISS GLADYS BATEMAN ... 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER 9
ROBERT G. CHAPPEL ... 5	WILLIAM H. PICKETT... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal on ten tower bells.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.	
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. ... Treble	WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... 6
JOHN THOMAS 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
*JOSEPH T. DYKE 3	*WILBY J. HAZELL 8
EDWIN J. RIDLER 4	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. ... 9
EDWIN J. BROWN 5	JOHN A. BUREFORD Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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On Friday, June 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.	
*HERBERT ELSE Treble	FRANK CROFT 5
ERNEST W. DAY 2	RALPH CROFT 6
ERNEST J. NEWELL 3	HERBERT E. DAY 7
JOHN HARE... .. 4	GEORGE T. CROFT Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by GEORGE T. CROFT.
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HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.	
*THOMAS FOSTER... .. Treble	*JOHN POTIER 5
*THOMAS B. WORSLEY 2	*TITUS BARLOW 6
ROBERT WALLWORK 3	THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD 7
THOMAS WALLWORK 4	JAMES HV. BANKS Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by J. H. BANKS.
* First peal in the method.

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On Saturday, June 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE 5
HENRY F. EWINS... .. 2	JOHN H. WHITE 6
ERNEST WEATHERBY 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN... .. 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	GEORGE F. HOAD... .. Tenor

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UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.	
PERCY MARCHANT Treble	ARTHUR CAUSLEY 5
HERBERT RANN 2	ALBERT REID 6
ALFRED J. PIERPOINT... .. 3	JAMES A. HART 7
CHARLES H. HUMPHREY 4	ROBERT J. DAWE... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. A. HART.

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On Sunday, June 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
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CHARLES DRAPER 2	*WILFRED H. BUXTON 6
*WILLIAM A. PARSONS 3	*JOHN W. GLEW... .. 7
*J. ARTHUR ORGILL 4	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

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Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.	
ALFRED WATSON Treble	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 2	ERNEST E. GRIMES 6
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FREDERICK MORGAN 2	*CHARLES G. CREBASEY 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
TRAYTON BOOTH 4	†GEORGE MILLS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT EDWARDS.
* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal on eight bells.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.	
GEORGE DURLING Treble	HERBERT J. SKELT 5
ARTHUR MASON 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 6
PERCY J. SPICE 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
HAROLD W. CLARK 4	WILLIAM LYDIARD Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

BISPHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 18, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

C. SHARPLES Treble	F. GREENWOOD 5
*A. STOCKS 2	†J. SMITH 6
†L. GREEN 3	W. WILDE 7
A. HAGUE 4	†J. ATKINSON Tenor

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. Mr. Stocks hails from Rawmarsh, Yorks, and he was elected a non-resident member of the Association previous to starting. The ringers of 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 hail from St. John's, Blackpool, and the tenor from the Church of the Sacred Heart, Blackpool. Mr. Sharples is tutor to the local band. First peal on the bells.

SOLIHULL.—On Saturday, April 30th, 1921, in the belfry, on handbells, in 34 mins., 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: *E. Rose 1-2, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 3-4, *C. H. Simkiss 5-6. † First quarter-peal on handbells.

**HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 18, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,*

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.		Tenor 16½ cwt.	
*PERCY HARRISON ... ..	...Treble	THOMAS H. VALLANCE	5
GEORGE CLEAL	2	HARRY BROUGHTON	6
JOHN OLDHAM	3	†EPHRAIM W. RANDS	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	Tenor

Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

* First Surprise peal. † First in the method 'inside.' First peal Cambridge on the bells.

CHISWICK.

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

*On Saturday, June 18, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.*

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.	
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... ..	...Treble
WILLIAM PYE	2
GEORGE R. PYE	3
ISAAC G. SHADE	4
ARTHUR MASON	5
ALBERT W. COLES	6
JAMES E. DAVIS	7
REUBEN SANDERS	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BERKSHIRE BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, June 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.		Tenor 9½ cwt.	
WILLIAM H. HOLIFIELD ... ..	...Treble	JORDON CADDWELL	5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK	2	ALBERT E. LOCK	6
*JACK HONEY	3	FRANK BARRETT	7
HARRY HOLIFIELD	4	†JOHN NOBES	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

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

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

*On Sunday, June 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.*

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.	
ALFRED H. WATSON ... ..	...Treble
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN	2
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	3
FREDERICK J. SMITH	4
ERNEST LANHAM	5
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	6
WILLIAM T. LAST	7
NORMAN R. BAILEY	Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by N. R. BAILEY.

First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

GRAVELEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

*On Thursday, May 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

LEONARD FIDLER ... ..	...Treble	GEORGE CHERRY	4
ERNEST W. DAY	2	HERBERT E. DAY	5
ERNEST J. NEWELL	3	GEORGE T. CROFT	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE T. CROFT.

The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also Mr. J. Gray for having everything in readiness.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Ascension Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: U. F. Page 1, W. Wagstaff 2, A. Pratt 3, E. Stratton 4, H. Summers 5, R. Olney 6, C. A. Pratt (conductor) 7, A. Franklin 8.

**MALINS LEE, SALOP.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.
(St. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)**

*On Saturday, June 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.		Tenor 8½ cwt.	
*SAMUEL SNELSON ... ..	...Treble	DENNIS J. BOUCHER	4
*JAMES E. LILLEY	2	*REGINALD POLE	5
CHARLES R. LILLEY	3	*ALBERT WOODVINE	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Minor. The ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th hail from St. Chad's, Salop. The band wish to thank the Rev. E. Parry for the use of the bells and for congratulating them upon scoring the peal, and Mr. Woodbine, the captain of the Malins Lee band, for his kindness in having everything ready.

**WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, June 13, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Roystone Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, New London Pleasure and Oxford. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMBAM ... ..	...Treble	THOMAS W. HILTON	4
FGERTON G. NICHOLLS	2	ARTHUR PANTHER	5
ARTHUR GILL	3	CHARLES WALSH	Tenor

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**PYTOHLEY, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, June 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 8040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, each called differently.		Tenor 8 cwt.	
CECIL CHAPMAN ... ..	...Treble	†RONALD F. LAWRENCE	3
R. WILLIAM LAWRENCE	2	JOHN SADDINGTON	4
*REGINALD WILLIAMSON		Tenor	

Conducted by C. CHAPMAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire on an inside bell.

**CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

FRANK ROWLINSON ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM H. WALDRON	4
JOHN J. JUTSON	2	*ARTHUR J. ABRAMS	5
GEORGE H. BARKER	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	Tenor

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

**CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**

*On Monday, June 13, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
IN KING'S COLLEGE,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
†H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 3-4	*F. J. MUSTILL (Downing)... 7-8

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' pair.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—At St. Swithin's Church, on Thursday, after the funeral of Canon Leach, a touch of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 882 changes, was rung half-muffled, in 45 mins.: T. Potter 1, W. Mills 2, G. Hewitt 3, N. E. Cope 4, H. Coomber 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wreo (conductor) 7, J. Felling 8.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT 11, QUEEN ANNE TERRACE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES :

H. G. BENSON 1-2 | * J. B. WOOLLEY 5-6
W. H. J. HOOTON 3-4 | † E. G. BENSON 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal on an 'inside' pair. † First peal away from 1-2.
This composition has 66 short courses.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 16, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT 11, QUEEN ANNE TERRACE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

* E. G. BENSON 1-2 | * J. B. WOOLLEY 5-6
W. H. J. HOOTON 3-4 | * H. G. BENSON 7-8

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor.
This is the first peal in the method 'in hand' for the Association.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by the Performer.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN. Witness: CHARLES JORDAN.

EALING.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Friday, June 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT 69, BALFOUR ROAD, WEST EALING,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE E. HARBOUR... .. 1-2 | † HAROLD P. JAMES 5-6
J. ARNIGER TROLLOPE 3-4 | * DOUGLAS E. HARBOUR 7-8

Composed and Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

* First peal. † First peal on handbells.

5,039 STEDMAN CATERS.

By JOHN CARTER.

123456	1	2	3	9	14	15
152346978	—	—	—	—	—	S
2543	—	—	—	—	—	—
5524	—	—	—	—	—	—
1532	—	—	—	—	—	—
5423	—	—	—	—	—	—
3452	—	—	—	—	—	—
2435	—	—	—	—	—	—
4253	—	—	—	—	—	—
3245	—	—	—	—	—	—
2354	—	—	—	—	—	—
4325	—	—	—	—	—	—
5342	—	—	—	—	—	—

Repeat the above, omitting bob at 1 produces
123456

154237698 S 1, 2, 6, 11.

Repeat from first course to the 25rd.

Rung at Gosforth, April 23rd, 1921, conducted by W. H. Barber.

5,000 DOUBLE BOB ROYAL.

By REV. H. LAW JAMES.

234567890	35264	M	W	H
— 357920486	63254	—	—	3
— 350896742	45326	—	S	1
563482079	24356	—	—	3
426759308	52346	—	—	3
— 429078635	53426	—	—	2
— 428305967	25436	—	—	3
552647890				

Repeat from S
omitting the M.

Rung at Surfleet on April 16th, 1921, conducted by the Composer.

DEATH OF MR. S. G. HODGES.

A DORSET WORTHY.

It was with sincere regret that his many friends in Dorchester and district heard of the passing away of Mr. Sydney George Hodges. This well-known and esteemed Durnovarian for more than 30 years carried on the business of electrical and general engineer, and on his retirement seven years ago, went to live with his son, who has a drapery business at North Cadbury, Somerset. It was here that the deceased breathed his last on May 29th, at the age of 72.

During his residence in Dorchester, Mr. Hodges was a keen and enthusiastic ringer. For some years he was the popular captain of St. Peter's belfry, and in those days change ringing was little practised in the county. Although he had then reached over 50 years nothing daunted him. His ambition was that St. Peter's should be a change-ringing society, and with the advent of Mr. Geo. White (the present Ringing Master of the Dorchester branch of the Salisbury Guild) his ambition was fulfilled, for on February 4th, 1902, the first peal (Grand-sire Triples) rung in the county by a local band was an accomplished fact at St. Peter's, Dorchester. 'Like father like son,' was exemplified on that occasion, for Mr. Hodges and his two sons rang in the peal. Altogether he rang four peals in his beloved tower of St. Peter's, and made several attempts in this and other towers in the county. He also mastered Stedman, Treble and Plain Bob, and was a very fine striker. He was great at raising and falling in peal, and always took the lead. Throughout his long connection, it was a joy to him to be in the tower, either to ring for Sunday service or practice. He attended regularly the quarterly meetings of the Dorchester branch of the Salisbury Guild, and was known as the 'Father' of the branch. He was the means of effecting considerable improvements in the ringing chamber of St. Peter's, which is regarded as being one of the most comfortably arranged in the Diocese. He was the donor of a fine peal board which takes up one side of the chamber, for recording the peals rung in the tower, surmounted by a artistic wrought iron work, and has been commented on by visitors to the belfry, and in 'The Ringing World.' He also gave a peal of handbells and several books and works on campanology. In addition, he made a hand rail of steel piping from the bottom of the tower to the belfry door. This work he was very proud of, for no doubt it was 'well done,' and has proved a great boon to the ringers while ascending and descending the tower.

A lovable man of genial disposition the deceased made a host of friends, by whom much sympathy is extended to his four sons, three of whom are in Canada.

Mr. Hodges took great interest in his lodge of Oddfellows, as well as in bell ringing.

The mortal remains were taken to Dorchester and laid to rest by the side of the late Mrs. Hodges. The St. Peter's ringers paid a last tribute to the memory of their revered comrade by attending the funeral, sending a beautiful wreath, and ringing muffled touches on the bells.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DIVISION.

A most successful quarterly meeting of the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Robin Hood's Bay on Saturday, June 4th. Considering the difficulties of train service the meeting was fairly well attended, Pickering, Helmsley, Thornaby, and Scarborough being the chief towers represented. By the kind permission of the Rev. J. W. E. Walker, Vicar of Robin Hood's Bay, the bells of the Parish Church were available during the afternoon and evening, the visitors making good use of the privilege, several touches in the popular methods being enjoyed by all. In the absence of the Rev. J. W. E. Walker through illness, the Rev. E. Drage, vice-president of the Association, conducted a short service in the church. In his helpful address, the vice-president not only expressed his own appreciation of the ringers' work, but pointed out the great opportunity for good that was given them in the execution of their art.

An excellent tea was provided in the Church Hall by the lady ringers of Robin Hood's Bay, and a business meeting followed.—The Chairman, the Rev. E. Drage, expressed his regret on hearing that Mr. T. W. Robbins, of Helmsley, a member of the District Committee, as well as the General Committee of the Yorkshire Association, was leaving the district. Since the re-organisation of this Northern District, in March, 1920, Mr. Robbins has done much to help the ringers, not only in his own tower, but in the neighbouring parishes as well. Pickering ringers in particular will miss his cheerful and ready help.—Mr. Alexander, of Robin Hood's Bay, was elected to take the place of Mr. Robbins on the General Committee.

The ringers had great pleasure in electing the Rev. C. Hone, Vicar of Whitby, and the Rev. J. W. E. Walker, Vicar of Robin Hood's Bay, as honorary members of the association. Three ringing members were also elected.

In view of a possible amalgamation between the Cleveland and North Yorkshire and the Yorkshire Association, it was decided to leave the fixing of the place and date for the next meeting in the hands of the District Committee.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to all who so kindly helped to make the day a great success.

'GANNY GUNTER' MAJOR.

Once upon a time there was a band of ringers in a beautiful country village. They had been well taught, could ring and strike all the Standard Methods, and were content. Their knowledge did not include Little Bobs, and the now well-known means of eradicating the faults in the methods they rang, yet they were happy.

By some chance an 'Expert' hit upon this spot to spend his well-earned holiday. He announced his coming, and an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich was arranged in his honour.

The eventful day arrived, and the great man asked the conductor to show him the composition, on which the following was produced for his inspection:—

5376	Double Norwich Major.
23456	1 4 8
53624	— — —
36524	— — —
62534	— — —
32465	— — —
24365	— — —
43265	— — —
62345	— — —
23645	— — —

'It's a six part,' said the conductor, 'and I am calling singles in the third and sixth parts instead of the bob marked with an asterisk: I shall also omit three consecutive bobs at 6, which will make it 5152.'

'Tut, tut,' said the Expert, 'don't you know that the great fault of Double Norwich is that it apparently will not permit of exactly 5,000 changes. If this number counts as a peal, why should we ring more? Now I have discovered the means of getting rid of this blemish, and will give you a practical illustration while we are ringing this peal.'

The local men had heard that this was a great man indeed, and thought these were words of wisdom. So the Expert said he would only speak twice during the ringing, and on each occasion he would say 'Ganny Gunter.' When he said these magic words the treble must immediately make second's place and lead again, the other bells altering their work accordingly. For a few minutes he instructed them in these alterations, such as the bell starting the far places from the front must, after the dodge, go straight behind and do the last work, the bell, instead of making the near places, dodged in 3-4 and made the far places without a dodge, and so on; and then they started for the peal.

The striking was good, and it was like any other peal until the end of the second lead of the third course, when the visitor said 'Ganny Gunter.' The ringers carried out their instructions smoothly, and lo! the course end came up in four changes. Again, at the same place in another part, there was a 'Ganny Gunter,' and the course end came up as before.

Everything was going well, and only the conductor seemed to be troubled. He had already omitted three bobs at 6, and not being good at calculating mentally, was under the impression that too many changes had been cut out. Just as he reached the conclusion that the bells would come round in exactly 5,000 changes, his last single was due. His elation at the result of the 'G.G.'s' caused him to forget the change, and he shouted 'Bob,' and the peal was lost. Possibly the Expert could have saved the situation, but he had contracted only to speak twice, so could do nothing.

Then there was much discussion, not about the conductor's mistake, but on the question of 'Ganny Gunter.' The Expert said little except to remark that 'the variation from the method is so slight as to be negligible,' and on the Treble man saying that he had never made seconds before, he replied, 'The second's place is equivalent to a whole pull behind.'

Meanwhile the conductor had been trying the effect, on paper, of successive 'Ganny Gunter's,' and suddenly shouted out, 'Why, it's a method.' The figures he showed were seven divisions of four changes, the following being the first five rows:—

12345678	Bob to move Treble
21436587	21436587
21345678	
12436587	24135678

14263857

'Yes,' said the Expert, 'it's a dwarf lengthening lead method, and either fourth's or sixth's instead of the whole pull behind would be correct as a bob. To get 5,000 changes the tenors must be parted, if ordinary bobs are used. To make the parting of the tenors unnecessary you must have a bob which changes the hunt bell,' and he marked the figures to show how this could be done. He also promised them the figures of a peal if they wished to ring it in either form; and shortly afterwards he left them.

Happiness and contentment went with him; the ringers in that beautiful spot cannot now agree on many points. Various questions arise, such as does the method remain Double Norwich when a 'Ganny Gunter' is introduced, or is it a peal in two methods? Should 'Ganny Gunter' Major be rung with ordinary bobs, or is it better to

move the treble? And these questions are never satisfactorily answered, for Experts don't like to explain too much.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

STEDMAN.

By GEORGE BAKER.

Is it not time to recognise that Stedman is a symmetrical method and worthy of symmetrical treatment?

The earliest exponents of this interesting method created difficulties for themselves and other people by dividing it into quick and slow sizes which do not exist, the second six rows are the reverse of the first six rows, and the whole forms a complete round block, the 12th row (6432715) being a simple transposition row with the 3rd the homing bell (formerly called pivot bell), characteristics that are found in every properly constructed method, principle, or system, which has rounds for the fundamental row.

Further difficulties were created by starting peals from 2314567, necessitating the use of a scale of course-ends foreign to the round block they were dealing with, a proceeding unheard of in other methods.

THE METHOD.

Plain.	Bobbed.	Singled.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
2 1 3 5 4 7 6	2 1 3 5 4 7 6	2 1 3 5 4 7 6
2 3 1 4 5 6 7	2 3 1 4 5 6 7	2 3 1 4 5 6 7
3 2 4 1 6 5 7	3 2 4 1 5 7 6	3 2 4 1 5 6 7
2 3 4 6 1 7 5	2 3 4 5 1 6 7	2 3 4 5 1 7 8
2 4 3 1 6 5 7	2 4 3 1 5 7 6	2 4 3 1 5 6 7
4 2 3 5 6 1 7 5	4 2 3 5 1 6 7	4 2 3 5 1 7 8
4 3 2 1 6 5 7	4 3 2 1 5 7 6	4 3 2 1 5 6 7
3 4 2 6 1 7 5	3 4 2 5 1 6 7	3 4 2 5 1 7 8
4 3 5 6 2 7 1 5	4 3 5 2 1 7 6	4 3 5 2 1 7 8
4 6 3 7 2 5 1	4 5 3 1 2 6 7	4 5 3 1 2 6 7
6 4 3 2 7 1 5	5 4 3 2 1 7 6	5 4 3 2 1 7 8

6 3 4 7 2 5 1 5 3 4 1 2 6 7 5 3 4 1 2 6 7

It will be seen that the 3rd is the homing bell in all three round blocks, and that the simple transposition row (5432176) is the same in both bobbed and singled round blocks, consequently the following scale of course-ends hold good for bobs or singles.

**Scale of Course-ends.
Bobs or Singles.**

S H L Q	1 2 3 4 5 6	Will run
x	6 5 3 4 2 1	2 courses
x x	6 3 5 4 1 2	5 "
x x x	6 1 4 5 3 2	3 "
x x x x	2 1 5 4 3 6	2 "
x x x x	2 3 4 5 1 6	5 "
x x	1 5 4 3 2 6	2 "
x x x	1 2 3 4 5 6	1 "
x x	6 2 4 3 5 1	2 "
x	1 3 2 4 6 5	2 "
x x	1 6 4 2 3 5	5 "
x x x	5 6 2 4 3 1	5 "
x x x	5 3 4 2 6 1	3 "
x	1 5 4 3 2 6	2 "
x x	6 5 3 4 2 1	2 "
x	6 2 4 3 5 1	2 "

In addition, unpaired singles can be used at 1st and 10th calling positions without affecting the 7th, and when used in conjunction they produce 132465.

- Single at 2nd position VI. produces 634125
- Single at 9th position V. produces 452361.
- Single at 11th position VI. produces 634125.
- Single at 14th position V. produces 452361.

Following are two first sections of Thurston's four-part, the first from 2314567 as heretofore, the second from rounds which is the proper and correct treatment of the method.

2 3 1 4 5 6	S H L Q	1 2 3 4 5 6	S H L Q
2 4 6 3 5 1	x x	6 2 4 3 5 1	x x
4 3 2 5 6 1	x x x	2 4 3 5 6 1	x x x
3 4 2 5 1 6	x	2 3 4 5 1 6	x

Apart from the fact that the latter version is the correct way to treat the method, there can be question which of the two versions would be more easily memorised by any young conductor.

Later on, if I can find the time, I hope to publish some original peals of my own composing, and thus make amends for the false peal published some years ago.

A MIDLAND COUNTIES PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of 25th February, 1921, particulars were published of a peal of 5040 Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Long Baton on the 29th January, 1921, but no society was mentioned. Particulars of this peal have now been sent in to me showing it as rung for this association, and I take it, therefore, the omission of the name of the association from the published report was an error.—Yours, etc.,

A. C. WRIGHT, Hon. Sec.
Midland Counties Association.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual meeting of North Bucks Branch was held at Shenley, on Saturday, June 11th, when about 70 ringers attended, representing the following towers: Blotchley, Beachampton, Bradwell, Calverton, Chicheley, Fenny Stratford, Great Horwood, Great Brickhill, Linslade, Laughton, Maids Moreton, Newton Longville, Newport Pagnell, North Crawley, Simpson, Stony Stratford, and the local ringers. The fine weather assisted considerably towards making the meeting a complete success. Shenley is the yearly venue of North Bucks Branch for the annual meeting, and is always looked forward to by its members with pleasure, for the president (the Rev. J. R. Vincent) always makes splendid arrangements. On this occasion the meeting was honoured with the presence of the Bishop of Buckingham, who kindly accepted the invitation to address the ringers. The beautiful church was completely filled, and thanks to the Shenley choir, a fully choral service was held. The Bishop took for his text, 'That ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called' (Ephesians iv. 1), and pointed out the essential duties of ringers towards their church.

After service, an adjournment was made to the Rectory grounds, where tea was served on the lawn.—The President proposed that three cheers be given for the Bishop of Buckingham upon his first visit to a North Bucks branch ringers' meeting. Needless to say these were enthusiastically given, and the Bishop suitably responded, and wished the branch every success.

The usual business meeting then took place. The hon. secretary presented the balance sheet, and gave a brief report of the work of the branch, which is stronger now than at any time since its formation, with 211 ringing members, 14 honorary members, and 28 towers in union.

The Rev. J. R. Vincent was again elected president, and Mr. W. Sear, secretary and treasurer. The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) and the Guild secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) were present, and the former expressed his appreciation of the efforts that were being made in the organisation of the North Bucks Branch. This was most gratifying and encouraging.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert gave a brief outline of the financial position of the Oxford Guild Memorial Fund, for which about £15 is still required.

The usual vote of thanks were extended to all those who had assisted in making the meeting such a complete success, and the motion was suitably responded to by all concerned.

The ringing included touches in methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

HEREFORD GUILD. BREAKING FRESH GROUND.

On Saturday week, the Clifford District of the Hereford Guild held a quarterly meeting at Peterchurch, the first in the village, and there were ringers present from Gilwern, Clifford, Eardisley, Madley, Kingstone and Clebonger, together with the Rev. G. R. M. Ellwood, of Staunton-on-Wye, the Ringing Master (Mr. C. Edwards), the District Secretary, and the local band. The Vicar (the Rev. J. H. T. Kilgour) met the ringers on their arrival, and gave them a kindly welcome. The Guild form was used at the service, at which the Vicar gave a very interesting address on the origin of bells. Mr. S. T. Rackham, of the Gilwern band, very ably presided at the organ. After the service, 23 sat down to tea, at the conclusion of which the business meeting was held, the Vicar, who occupied the chair, giving the Guild a very hearty welcome to Peterchurch. His band were only young as yet, but he hoped they would profit by the visit of so many friends, and put their backs into it, and eventually become good change ringers.

Whitney-on-Wye was chosen for the next meeting, which will mean breaking fresh land again.—The Vicar became an honorary member, and the local band, probationers of the Guild, and the Ringing Master promised to visit them and give them what assistance he could.—The usual votes of thanks terminated the meeting.

Good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening, rounds being rung for the learners, who included a lady of the Clebonger band, and Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and Stedman Doubles for the rest, the finishing touch being the first 720 of Bob Minor on the bells, by: A. A. Rackham 1, E. R. Jones (first 720) 2, Alec A. Rackham 3, S. T. Rackham 4, J. P. Hyett 5, C. Edwards (conductor) 6. This brought to an end a very successful meeting.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Corringham, on Saturday last, ringers being present from Gainsborough, Stow, Scotter, Histon, Lindsey and Bigby, in addition to the local company.

The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and were kept going to the standard methods.

An excellent tea was provided in the Schoolroom, and the business meeting which followed was presided over by the Rev. J. Barber (Rector of Stow). Apologies for absence were read from the Rev. Canon Hicks and the Rev. A. B. Peirce.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mrs. Prescott for so very kindly providing the tea, and also the Rev. J. Barber for presiding, were accorded.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We would like to urge upon correspondents the necessity of sending on their communications to us as early as possible, as the dislocation of posts caused by the curtailment of train services, coupled with the new suspension of any Sunday work in the post office, is causing considerable delay in the delivery of letters.

June 28th is a date which revives sad memories in connection with ringing in Coventry, for it was on that date in 1885 that the famous bells of St. Michael's Church were rung for the last time, on account of the danger to the tower. Shipway, in his 'Art of Ringing,' published in 1816, says: 'Coventry has, at St. Michael's Church, a good peal of ten bells; tenor 31 cwt. in D,' and though Shipway never probably heard them himself he was by no means over lavish in his praise. The bells were one of the glories of the city.

They were cast in 1774 by Pack and Chapman, of Whitechapel, and the tenor was recast by John Briant, of Hertford, in 1805. For eighty years the bells hung in an independent frame carried up from the ground, but when the church was restored in 1885, and the western arch thrown open, the timber cage was ordered to be removed on account of its unsightliness. With the frame, the bells had to come down, and unhappily the proposal to build a detached bell tower for them never came to fruition. Eventually they were hung for chiming only in the octagon.

Records exist of peals rung upon these famous bells, including two in 1807—one of Grandsire Cuters by the St. Martin's Youths, Birmingham, and the other, '6,140 Bobb Major Royal,' by the Society of Coventry Youths. Of those who took part in the final ringing of the bells on Sunday, June 28th, 1885, Mr. James George is the sole survivor.

The authority upon bells appointed by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association is Mr. G. H. Phillott, M.A., M.S.A., 31, Promenade, Cheltenham, and ringers in the two dioceses whose bells require attention are requested to urge their Vicar and vestry to seek his advice before placing orders or when contemplating improvements or augmentations.

Will Corpl. A. Cullum, who called a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Peter's Church, Caversham, Oxon, on May 2nd, 1921, please communicate with P. Harrison, 14, Sheffield Street, Leicester, if he is the same A. Cullum, late of the R.F.C., Aircraft Park, Lympne, during the year 1917?

SIX BELL METHODS.

We are asked to state that the following 'regular' Minor Methods have been rung at Bucknall, and named:—

No 23.—4th's place Delight, page 19, on May 29th last, and named 'Burslem.'

No. 16.—3rd's place Delight, page 24, on May 31st last, and named 'Bucknall.'

No. 29.—Treble Bob, on June 7th last, and named 'Norton-le-Moors.'

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. THE WAR MEMORIAL.

The Cumberland Youths War Memorial is to take the form of a mural tablet to be fixed in the tower of the Church of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London. The cost of the tablet, fixing and faculty will be about £30. Towards this sum £15 2s. has been subscribed and promised, and another £15 is, therefore, required. It is strongly desired to put the work in hand as soon as possible, and members, especially country members, are earnestly invited to send their subscriptions at an early date to the hon. secretary of the society, or to the hon. secretary of the fund, Mr. H. J. Bradley, Christ Church Schools, Willesden Lane, N.W.6.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A good attendance and an ideal day from a ringer's point of view was all that was needed to make a combined practice meeting held at Curdridge on Saturday last, a success. The Church of St. Peter, a noble edifice which stands in the midst of what are now huge stretches of strawberry fields, is the possessor of a grand peal of bells (tenor 26 cwt. in D), which were heard to full advantage. By kind permission of the Vicar, the bells were available during the afternoon and evening, with an hour's interval for tea. The methods rung were: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. Among those present were: Mr. G. Williams (Master), the Rev. E. Bankes James and his pupils, and members from Curdridge, Maidstone, Portsea, Southampton (St. Mary's), North Stoneham, Upham and Wickham. It is hoped that these summer meetings which up to the present are both pleasant and successful will be frequently held up to the end of the season.

MONKS KIRBY BELLS.

NOBLE ADDITION TO WARWICKSHIRE PEALS.

The old parish church of Monks Kirby, Warwickshire, now possesses a magnificent ring of eight bells, one of the finest peals in the county. For many years the six old bells had hung in the tower in a dangerous condition, and could not be rung with safety owing to the decayed and dilapidated state of the wooden beams and supports, and it was found necessary to remove all the old timber, etc., and to entirely rehang the bells with new fittings in new framework. This work was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the bells are now a noble peal in their strong and massive iron frames on stout steel supporting girders. The fittings are of the most modern design, and contain all the many improvements that have been introduced by Messrs. Taylor, the most important, perhaps, being the patent ball bearings in which the bells swing, and everything is designed with a view to the strain placed on the structure of the tower by the thrust of the bells being reduced to an absolute minimum.

The six old bells have been tuned whilst at Messrs. Taylor's foundry, and two new trebles have been added to complete the octave. The bells are now a perfect peal, and the musical effect is very marked. The tenor, dating from 1618, note D natural, weighs between 24 and 25 cwt., and the total weight of the bells, fittings, frame, girders, etc., exceeds 15 tons.

The six old bells are very interesting, from an archaeological point of view, the smallest, dated 1640, bearing the following inscription:—

My noble founders they have been so many,
Because not all I will not here name any.

The old 3rd bell, now the 5th of the ring of eight, is the most ancient bell of the peal, and from the marks and inscription it is probable that this bell was cast towards the middle of the 15th century. It may be mentioned, too, that this bell is supposed to have hung originally in the destroyed church of Stretton, and was at some time transferred to Monks Kirby Church.

The tower at Monks Kirby will henceforth undoubtedly prove a source of great attraction to bell ringers from all parts, furnished as it now is with such a magnificent ring of bells, and, most ideally situated in the midst of a charming country, it is likely that the village will become a great centre for campanology.

One of the most successful gatherings in the history of the Warwickshire Guild took place at Monks Kirby on Thursday, June 9th, for the dedication of the bells. The service was conducted by the Bishop of Coventry, and the church was filled. A band had been selected for the opening touch (three leads of Grandsire Triples), and was arranged as far as possible to include all the present and past officers of the Guild. It included A. Roberts (Master), E. H. Adams and J. George (ex-Masters), H. Argyle (Central Council representative), A. Wilkerson (hon. secretary), with T. W. Chapman (Nuneaton), and F. Pervin (Stoke-in-Coventry). Mr. J. Oldham represented Messrs. Taylor and Co., the founders. The band stood as follows:—

Messrs. A. Roberts 1, H. Argyle 2, E. H. Adams 3, J. Oldham 4, T. W. Chapman 5, A. Wilkerson 6, F. E. Pervin 7, J. George 8. Upwards of 50 ringers were present during the afternoon and evening from Allesley, Birmingham, Burton-on-Trent, Coventry, Croft, Exhall, Leicester, Loughborough, Northampton, Nuneaton, Rugby, Sharnford, Stoke-in-Coventry, Wolsey and Warwick. What the number would have been had the opening been on a Saturday is difficult to tell. Everyone present was greatly impressed with the 'tone' and 'go' of the bells, several of the experts dubbing the peal the finest octave in the county, and the founders are to be congratulated on the excellent splices they have made. The selected band of ringers were invited to tea on the vicarage lawn, in company with the large number of inhabitants and others assembled. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Plain, and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

The bells were lowered in peal about 8 p.m., after which Mr. H. Withers, of Birmingham, performed on the chiming apparatus, which has also been installed.

It was a red-letter day for the villagers, and one that will be remembered for many years to come.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at South Weald, on Saturday, June 11th. Many members were present from Brentwood, Barking, Romford, Ingatestone, Shenfield, Maldon, Chelmsford, Writtle, and the local company. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Kirby), assisted by the Rev. Hensman, of Bentley, who gave an excellent address.

Tea was held at the Tower Arms, and was followed by the usual business meeting.

Four new honorary members were elected, and two ringing members and nine probationary members, including four ladies from Brentwood.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Great Waltham.—Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the Rev. Hensman for his most excellent address, and Mr. A. E. Halls for presiding at the organ.

NEW METHODS.

CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Not long ago, I read an account of a gentleman who congratulated Edison on the invention of the electric bulb. The great scientist replied that it was not an invention, but a discovery. 'We knew,' said he, 'exactly what we wanted, which was a carbonised filament that would last for a thousand hours' use in a vacuum, and we set to work and carbonised everything that we could lay our hands upon until we found it.'

Now this is very true, but is no reason why Edison should not be given the credit of his discovery.

The idea put before the Central Council by Mr. Trollope is no new one. The old Greeks used to hold debate on the question: 'Was Hercules in the marble before the sculptor began to cut it?' But even allowing that he was, we must still allow credit to the sculptor for the beauty of the statue when he had removed all the stone that he did not require for his effect.

When Mr. Trollope says that all the methods have been worked out, he is making a very wide statement. I believe that all the Plain methods on eight bells have been produced, and a great many of those with a Treble Bob Hunt, but not all; a much larger number still remains to be investigated, and there is still plenty of work for the artist to find that which is good, and will be for a long time. For it will take the wholesale manufacturer a great many years yet before he has produced them all, good, bad and indifferent.

Take the case of Crofton Surprise as an example. I knew what I wanted before I set to work to discover it: A method in which the work of the bells 1-2 and 7-8, should show the beautiful symmetry that they here display, but I had to work out a great many methods before I found one that would produce a peal.

So much for eight bells, but what shall we say when we turn to ten and twelve? London Surprise Royal was possible from the days of the creation; but it took me nearly thirty years to discover it, and I was by no means the only one who was seeking it. Does Mr. Trollope mean to say that no credit is to be given to the men who spend their time and patient labour on producing methods that are excellent on ten and twelve bells?

The wholesale manufacturer cannot help us here. It takes 37 years to ring all the changes on twelve bells, but it would take more than ten times that time to produce all the methods.

If we are to have the very best possible, we must fall back upon the artists to produce them, and those who do get them are as worthy of receiving credit for their discoveries as were the men who produced the old Standard Methods.

Just one more word with regard to invention. There is still room for it. The man who first produced Oxford Treble Bob was an inventor. Others have discovered new methods that would fit in to the skeleton that he had drawn up. So we can have new skeletons invented, for which new methods may be discovered. No. II. is an example of this.—Yours truly,
E. BANKES JAMES.

Crofton Surprise.

I.	II.
12345678	12345678
21435687	21435687
12346578	21345678
21364758	12436587
23167485	14263857
32614758	41628375
23164578	41263857
32615487	14628375
23651478	16462735
32564187	61847253
35261478	61482735
53624187	16847253
35642817	18674523
36548271	81764532
63584217	18675423
36852471	81765432
63584271	87156342
36852417	78513624
63825471	87516342
68324517	78153624
86342157	71835264
88431275	17385246
64832157	71832564
46381275	17382546
64316257	13728456
46132875	31274865
64312785	31728456
46137258	13274865
41632785	12347685
14623875	21436758
41268357	21347685
14628375	12436758
14263857	14263578

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SOUTHWELL BICENTENARY.

ABRAHAM RUDHALL AND HIS BELLS.

On Saturday week the bicentenary of the casting of Rudhall's peal of bells in Southwell Cathedral was celebrated by a meeting of the Midland Counties Association. A peal of bells, cast by Thomas Clay, of Leicester, had been hung in the tower in 1712 to replace those lost in the previous year by fire. These bells apparently did not meet with the approval of the inhabitants, and a subscription was raised to have the bells recast. Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, was entrusted with the task, and he undertook (so we read in Mr. W. A. James' little history of the Cathedral bells) after the eight old bells were delivered to him at Budley (now spelt Bewdley), to melt them down and make a new peal 'that shall be in the judgment of any three or more understanding and judicious persons in music, as good and tunable and have as sweet and harmonious notes or tones as the bells at Newark,' which were lately cast by the said Abraham Rudhall, the whole to cost £100. In due course the old bells went to Bewdley and thence down the Severn to Gloucester, were recast and returned to Bewdley and eventually put up in the Minster.

On 25th August, 1721, Rudhall wrote the following letter:—
 'To the Revd. Mr. Timothy Cary, Residentiary at Southwell near Newark upon Trent in Nottinghamshire, via London, Gloucester, ye 25 of Aug. 1721.
 Reverend Sr.

'I understanding ye are now Residentiary ye comes to inform ye yr Bells was this day weighd in ye presence of Mr. Charles Hyett and his Bro. Mr. Beni: who I suppose will give ye an account of ye weight as followeth

	cwt.	qur.	£
The Treble	07.	02.	25
The second	07.	02.	90
Third	08.	00.	10
Fourth	10.	01.	11
The fifth	12.	03.	19
Sixth	15.	00.	06
The Seventh	18.	03.	25
The eighth	27.	03.	27
in all	Ton.	5.	08. 02. 20

'The old ones weighd in all 5. 12. 01. 24 so ye new ones are 03. 03. 04 lighter yn ye old and ye waste of mettle being four pound weight allowed to each hundred weight, for what ye old Bells weighd amounts to 04. 00. 01. so ther's due to me for twenty five pounds of mettle

	£	s.	d.
	001.	05.	00
For casting the Bells	100.	00.	00
In all due	101.	05.	00

'I think the bells are full as good as Newark and as deep toned, although they are not so heavy. The bells goes from hence on Monday morning next and ye Person yt takes ym saith he shall be at Beawdsly on Wednesday or Thursday next and Mr. Powell is to take ym from him ye 2nd of ye next month, soe I suppose ye will receive ym at Southwell ye 6th or 7th Sept: I hope Sr ye will imploy Francis Wrigley of Manchester to hang ym he being as I believe ye Skillfullest Person in England in ye business. After they are hung and rung ten or twelve days if ye please Sr to give me a line how they are approved off direct to me in ye Northgate Street, I shall acknowledge myself very much obliged to ye, Sr, and take it as a great Favour conferrd upon, Sr, yr most

'Humble Servant,
 'Abr. Rudhall Junr.'

Some 60 ringers were present at the bicentenary celebration, and were welcomed at the tower by the Rector (the Ven. W. J. Conybeare), who himself rang the treble to a touch of Grandsire Triples. Touches of Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major followed, and afterwards the Rector presided at tea, being supported by the Rev. C. J. Sturton (Orston), the Rev. F. J. Wilkinson (Mansfield), Mr. Pryce Taylor (of the Loughborough Foundry), Mr. T. H. Kirkby (hon. secretary of the district), Mr. W. E. White (late secretary of M.C.A.), and members from Caythorpe, Cotgrave, Bolsover, Daybrook, Beeston, Nottingham, Long Bennington, Loughborough, Worksop, Swanwick, Mansfield, Retford, Mansfield Woodhouse, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Orston and Radcliffe-on-Trent.

On returning to the tower, the Rector spoke of the occasion upon which they had all met, and mentioned that the Cathedral Library contained the letter (quoted above) sent to the Residentiary in 1721, giving the day that the bells would arrive after being recast. The Rector thanked the members most heartily for their presence, and mentioned that he himself began to ring at nine years of age, but, unfortunately, he was pulled up by a rope and came down on a window ledge. Although severely shaken, he escaped unhurt. It damped his ardour, and he did not ring again for about three years; then he again

took up the art as keenly as ever. He also spoke of change ringing being very peculiar to England, although it was extending to the Colonies, as he had had the pleasure of ringing in New South Wales. Bell ringing and the brotherhood of bell ringers wielded a great influence in the Church, a great bond existing amongst the associations or brotherhood working together. The Rector thanked them, too, on behalf of the local ringers who were trying to take their place along with other towers, and he was very grateful to them for keeping the bells going for Sunday services. During the war they rarely heard more than six going, but he (the Rector) was glad when he heard eight again. That told us the war was over, and the ringers coming home. In conclusion, he thanked the hon. secretary (Mr. T. H. Kirkby) for helping to make the arrangements with the members.

Mr. T. H. Kirkby proposed a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for presiding, and the local band for the tea arrangements.

The Rev. F. J. Wilkinson, of Mansfield, seconded, saying how pleased they were at the invitation extended to them to celebrate the bicentenary of the bells.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
 STOCKPORT BRANCH.**

The Stockport Branch held its third meeting of the year, at Rostherne on Saturday last, when about 30 members and friends attended.

The Vicar (the Rev. T. A. Hanson) conducted the service in the church, and gave an interesting address. Tea was served in the Parish Room, and was followed by the usual business meeting.—Mr. W. Wolstencroft presided, in the absence of the branch chairman, and in opening the meeting, gave a few words of encouragement to the young members of the local band, who were enrolled members of the Guild only at the last meeting, held on May 7th.—The Hon. Secretary (the Rev. A. T. Beeston) endorsed the words of encouragement given by the chairman, and apologised for the absence of the Vicar, who had expressed his pleasure at the visit of the Guild to Rostherne, members being present from the neighbouring branch of Graffenhall, the pleasure which their company afforded was remarked upon. The Hon. Secretary went on to mention his position on the Literature and Press Committee of the Central Council, and asked that all who could, would assist him by bringing to his notice any detrimental report on bells and ringers which appeared in the columns of the Press.

A letter of apology regretting his absence from the branch chairman was read.

Taxal was fixed as the place of the next meeting, to be held either on October 1st or 8th, whichever the hon. secretary may find the more convenient date.

Two new members were elected, one being the twelve-year-old daughter of the chairman of the meeting.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the authorities for permitting the meeting to be held and for the use of the bells, and to all who assisted in making the meeting a pleasant one.

Rostherne is a picturesque and pleasant village, situated in a delightful part of the country, which is now looking its best. It is ornamented by a large and beautiful sheet of water called 'Rostherne Mere,' and on its steep banks stands the venerable pile dedicated to St. Mary, ascertained to have been built previous to the twelfth century. The tower is of stone, erected in 1558. It was rebuilt in 1742, and contains a heavy ring of six bells, tenor 20cwt. These were well requisitioned during the war, the methods rung ranging from Cambridge Surprise down to Doubles. Looking over the Mere from the churchyard a splendid view presents itself, while, as the bells 'stand,' and the last notes die away, the echo across the water is heard, at least a whole pull after, like the notes of an organ dying away.

J. P. F.

STOW & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the above was held at Hilgay (Norfolk), on Saturday, June 4th. Members were present from Thelford, Fincham, Stow, Wallington, Denver, Gaywood, Terrington St. John, Shouldham, and the local company. Touches of Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung during the afternoon and evening, and 21 members sat down to tea. The usual business followed, presided over by the Rector. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Gaywood, on Saturday, July 16th.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, also for presiding over the meeting.

BARLEY RINGERS AMONG THE BELLS.

On Saturday, June 11th, the Barley ringers, belonging to the Hertford Association, went for a ringing tour. Starting at 7.30 a.m., with a short touch of Grandsire at their own parish church, they proceeded on cycles to the towers of Great Chishill, Herdon, Elmton, Christball, Wenden's Ambo, Littlebury, Ickleton and Stapleford. Touches of Kent Treble Bob Minor, Plain Bob Minor, Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, etc., were rung during the day. One of the Barkway band also accompanied them, and a very pleasant day was spent amongst the bells. The Barley ringers wish to thank the clergy for the use of the bells, and also the ringers for the hearty reception given them.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

May we ask those who send us compositions for this page to be kind enough to prove their figures first. Another false touch appeared last week—the 1,280 of Cambridge Major.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HILLINGDON.—At St. John the Baptist's, for evensong, on June 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: S. Honor (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss N. Williams 2, P. Jones 3, H. Chandler 4, W. Honor 5, R. Carter 6, E. Hancock (conductor) 7, A. Ludley 8.

ABBOT'S LEIGH, SOMERSET.—For a memorial and dedication service, on Sunday, June 19th, 360 Bob Minor, with the bells muffled: T. Atherton 1, G. Bennett 2, T. Wyatt 3, G. Chamberlain 4, L. Moore (conductor) 5, E. Frampton 6. After service, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: T. Atherton 1, E. Frampton 2, G. Bennett 3, J. Ackerman 4, L. Moore 5, T. Wyatt (conductor) 6.

ACTON.—On Sunday, June 19th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Easton 1, Miss I. Hastie 2, H. Wincote 3, S. D. Breeze 4, B. E. Rouses 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, C. Edwards 7, R. Fardon 8.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—Ely Diocesan Association.—For evening service, on Sunday, June 19th, at the Church of St. Vigor and All Saints' a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 51 mins.: J. Page 1, J. Stalley 2, C. Hall 3, J. Giddens 4, C. E. Patten 5, A. Page 6, G. Bridge 7, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 8.

TRING.—On Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: *H. Bull 1, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 2, *F. Keen 3, F. C. Reeve 4, F. Waterton 5, T. Wright 6, H. Heley 7, N. Brackley 8. * First 504.

HESTON.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Sunday, June 19th, 1,280 Grandsire Triples: *T. J. Barker 1, G. Gladman 2, C. Edwards 3, C. S. Bird 4, H. Chandler 5, H. Harding 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, *W. Lovett 8. * First quarter-peal.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. A. Fosdike 1, E. J. Pannett 2, A. G. Bennington 3, J. Law 4, W. J. Jeffries 5, T. A. Easterby 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.—On Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 45 mins.: G. Clark 1, L. Beardsmore 2, F. Beardsmore 3, F. Clark (conductor) 4, H. Woodhouse 5, E. Arrand 6, T. Revill 7, H. Trout 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the ringer of the treble, and first quarter-peal of Major as conductor.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.—At St. John's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, June 12th, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: F. H. Tembey 1, J. Joyce 2, T. H. Kewley 3, W. Myers 4, D. Atkinson 5, J. Hutchinson (conductor) 6, J. Kewley 7, H. Borrowdale 8. The band only commenced to learn this method at Easter, and this was their first 720.

THERAPSTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, June 12th, for evening service, 1,152 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 44 mins.: J. Coleman 1, R. Loveday 2, D. Redhead 3, C. Wilson 4, A. Wilson 5, A. Bellamy 6, L. Wyman 7, J. Nickerson (conductor) 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, June 12th, for evening service, at St. Alphage, Greenwich, S.E., 1,241 Stedman Caters: T. H. Taffender (conductor) 1, W. Rushton (longest length on ten bells) 2, J. R. Gammon 3, I. G. Shade 4, J. J. Lamb 5, E. J. King 6, R. G. Chappelle 7, H. Hoskins 8, W. H. Pickett 9, W. Berry 10.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 5th, in 47 mins., with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260

changes): C. Holland 1, V. W. Rigg 2, G. A. Martineau 3, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 4, H. Bragg 5, W. H. Smith 6. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of the memorial chapel in the church by the Bishop of Birmingham.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, June 5th, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: W. Philpotts 1, C. Starkey 2, W. G. Ellis (composer and conductor) 3, E. Mullins 4, F. Jones 5, S. Danby 6, E. Wood 7, E. Starkey 8.

DEPTFORD.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, June 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: S. E. Daynes 1, John W. Billing 2, F. Barnes 3, D. F. Ward 4, R. A. Riches (conductor) 5, W. H. Daynes 6, G. H. Daynes 7, W. H. Billing 8. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Pitman and Mrs. Pitman. This quarter-peal contains the 24 6-7's.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 29th, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, S.E., 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. G. Chappelle 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, E. J. King 3, Miss G. Bateman 4, I. J. Attwater 5, G. A. Card 6, H. J. Gummer 7, A. D. Barker 8.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 22nd, for evening service, 840 Grandsire Doubles: G. Fayne 1, C. Edwards 2, C. Morris 3, W. Duffy 4, A. Colcomb 5, D. Jones 6. Longest length by ringers of 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

GLOSSOP.—At St. James's Church, Whitfield, for evening service, on Sunday, May 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Buckley 1, W. Marsden 2, T. Jackson 3, J. Marsden 4, F. Sarside 5, J. H. Pemberton (conductor) 6, H. Bradley 7, J. Lawton 8. Joe H. Pemberton, formerly of Glossop, now of Wednesbury, Birmingham, was on a visit to his native town.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On May 22nd, at St. Michael's Church, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Sweetland 1, Wm. Chapman 2, *O. Tarr 3, R. Scott (conductor) 4, Wm. Cross 5, H. Norman 6, A. J. Andrews 7, J. Carter 8. Another 504 for evening service; and on May 25th, a quarter-peal by the same band. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1 and 5. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by 5.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, on Whit-Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: Miss Margery Wood 1, Miss Mabel Nye 2, J. Corbett 3, H. Stapleton 4, T. Gould 5, H. Gould 6, F. Nye (conductor) 7, W. Vardell 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: Miss Margery Wood 1, Miss Mabel Nye 2, J. Corbett 3, H. Stapleton 4, H. Gould (first as conductor) 5, T. Gould 6, F. Nye 7, W. Vardell 8.

TRING, HERTS.—On a recent Sunday, for evening service, 560 Grandsire Triples: F. Hounsell 1, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 2, F. Keen 3, F. Reeve, junr., 4, F. Waterton 5, T. W. Wright 6, H. Heley 7, N. Brackley 8. Longest length by ringers of 3rd with a bob bell; also by ringer of the tenor.

BLETCHLEY.—Oxford Guild, North Bucks Branch.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: F. Stonton 1, W. Mead 2, J. Mead 3, C. Matthews (London) 4, F. Whitehead 5, H. Sear 6, W. Sear (conductor) 7, C. Garner (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On a recent Sunday, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: A. Harman (conductor) 1, G. Marriner 2, W. E. Otway 3, A. Brown 4, A. H. Winch 5, H. Boxall 6, A. C. Otway 7, E. Hull 8, A. Dean 9, W. Lynch 10. Also a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 43 mins.: W. Messam 1, W. E. Otway 2, G. Marriner (conductor) 3, H. Boxall 4, A. C. Otway 5, A. Harman 6, E. Hull 7, A. Dean 8.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

560 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

S	572634	1
	345267	2
	243756	5
S	312756	4
	423756	4
	234756	4
S	432756	1
S	524367	5
	325746	5
	253746	4
P.L.	234567	4

Reduced to 451 by bobs at 2, 1, instead of 5, 4 at end.
J. F. Penning.

1,260 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

231456	S	H	L	Q
345261	x		x	
125346		x	x	
215364		x		
152654	x	x		x
512645		x		

Twice repeated.

W. A. Cave.

514 STEDMAN CATERS.

231456													
312654	1	5S	6	16									
213456		5		16									
213654		5S		16									
312456		5		16									
123456	3	4	6	8	9	10	11	12	13				

106 by calling 5 16S 5 16 for 5 middle courses, and 298 by 5S 16.

A. Walker.

720 DOUBLE OXFORD OR ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR.

23456													
56423	2												
34562	1												
62534	2												
45623	1												
S	25364	3											
P.L.	32456	1											

Five times repeated with extra bob at end of 2nd, 4th and 6th parts.

H. W. Wilde.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**VISIT OF MR. GABRIEL LINDOFF**

The quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Doncaster on Saturday last, and, considering the restricted travelling facilities, was very well attended, about 40 members being present from Adwick-le-Street, Arksey, Bolsterstone, Sheffield, Rotherham, Rawmarsh, Selby, Tickhill, Treeton, Wortley, and the local band.

The meeting was honoured by a visit from Mr. G. Lindoff, of Dublin, who was spending a short holiday in the neighbourhood, and good practice was obtained in the following methods: Grandire and Stedman Triples, Bob Minor, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich. Owing to only six having sent in their names no tea could be arranged, but all were able to be supplied at the cafes in the town.

The business meeting was held in the ringing chamber, the vice-president (Mr. F. Willey) being in the chair.

Mr. Brearley, of Bolsterstone, gave the association a cordial invitation to visit that place for the next meeting on Saturday, September 17th, and this was accepted.

Six new members were elected to the association, these being Messrs. W. Noble, Rammoor; J. Hewitt, Wragby; L. Beardsmore, Arksey; and J. H. Humphries, W. Ashman, A. Tomlinson, of Eckington. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Archdeacon Sandford, M.A.). In a brief and interesting address the Archdeacon, after welcoming the association to his Parish Church, touched upon the work of the new Parochial Councils, and referred to the interesting fact that the organist and ringers were not under the control of that Council, but were under the charge of the Vicar and him alone. The assistant organist, Mr. P. Saville, officiated at the organ, which added to the enjoyment of the service, and at the close he kindly played two selections on this very fine instrument, which is one of the few in England which have five manuals. The brief recital was very much enjoyed by those present.

A hearty vote was accorded to the archdeacon for the use of the bells and for his address, to the organist for his kind services, and to the local company for having everything in readiness. The bells were kept going in the various methods until 9 p.m.

PRESS ATTACKS ON RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to correct at the earliest moment your view of what I said at the C.C. meeting re 'Attacks on ringing in the Press.' What I tried to say was that we had found it best not to reply at all, as replies only brought more complaints. Trusting you will make this correction.—Yours truly,
W. A. CAVE.

WEDDING BELLS.

At the Church of St. George and Mary, Cockington, Devon, on Wednesday, June 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung in 45 minutes, to celebrate the wedding of Mr. J. Mayne to Miss Horwill; also of Miss Olive Browning, eldest daughter of Mr. G. Browning, captain of the local band, to Mr. C. Buckley, of Witham, Essex. The ringers were: 1. William Dilling, 2. Alfred W. Bowers (conductor) 3. James Olding 4. John Hawes 5. Frederick Plymsol 6. John Blight 6. First quarter-peal for treble, 4th, 5th and 6th.

A RINGERS' OUTING.

The annual outing of the Bonvilston Guild of Ringers took place on Saturday, June 11th. Several friends were invited, and it was a merry party that set out for Porthcawl, despite the gloomy appearance of the weather. The drive down by charabanc being somewhat chilly, the party felt the need of some brisk exercise. This need was met by taking a sharp walk over the golf links, and when the members returned to dinner, a hearty meal was made.

The afternoon was spent in visiting the quaint old Church of Newton Nottage. Touches of Doubles were rung, and then the party adjourned to tea. The remainder of the time was spent in various ways. In the cool of the evening, the return journey was begun. This was done fairly early, as the band wished to visit Bridgend tower, which possesses a fine peal of eight. The ringing here was thoroughly enjoyed, the only regret being that more time could not be spent in the tower. Thanks are due to those who were responsible for obtaining the bells, both at Bridgend and Newton Nottage.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Wolvey on Saturday, May 21st. The weather was gloriously fine, and enabled most of the members who attended to cycle. Ringers were present from Allesley, Coventry, Croft, Higham, Hinckley, Nuneaton, Sharnford, Stoke Golding, Stoke Coventry, Stoney Stantop, and the local band. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandire and Stedman Doubles Cambridge Minor, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Double Stedman, Slow Course and Plain Bob.

The Ringing Master and Hon. Secretary personally thanked the Vicar for his kindness in allowing the use of the bells, and the Vicar said he was pleased to welcome the Guild, and hoped to have the pleasure of seeing them again.

NOTICES.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for practice on Mondays at 7.30 p.m.: St. Clement Danes, June 27th. Sundays at 10 a.m.: St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

ST. ALPHEGE, GREENWICH (10 bells).—Practice will be resumed on Friday evening June 24th, from 7.30 to 9 p.m.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clent on June 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Vine for all who notify me at 1/6 per head. Business meeting afterwards.—O. Davies, Branch Sec., 29, Hampton Street, Netherton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Blackburn Parish Church, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The district Quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Colne, on Saturday, June 25th. See notice next week.—Bert Redgwell, Sec., Rayne, Nr. Braintree, Essex.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—(Established 1623.)—The 298th Anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Monday, June 27th. Ringing commences at 9 a.m. All ringers are cordially invited. A meat tea will be held at 5 p.m., and those wishing to be present should notify the Secretary not later than the 24th.—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 25th, at Hershams. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—H. T. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, June 25th. St. Peter's tower (10 bells) open from 3 to 5. The Abbey bells will be available after tea. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, North Mymms, District Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tytherington on Saturday, June 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, by kind permission of the Rev. E. C. Bedford, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea, at a small cost, at 6.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Berks and Bucks Branch.—The Summer meeting of this branch will be held at Beaconsfield, on Saturday, June 25th. Evening service (Guild booklet) at Parish Church at 5 p.m., with an address by Rev. E. J. Teesdale, M.A. An invitation to take tea with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bennett has again been kindly offered to the members and ringing friends. It is hoped Lady Burnham will preside at the Burnham Hall. A short musical entertainment will follow. Tower and handbells available by permission of the Rector and Churchwardens.—W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, Nr. Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, June 25th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock. Please note the time. All ringers welcome.—I. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting at Tickhill on Saturday, June 25th. Eight bells at 2.30. Tea at 5, 1/6 per head. Buses run from Doncaster. All ringers welcome.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A cordial invitation has been received from Rev. S. Th. Lockyear for the members to meet at Brabourne on Saturday, June 25th, at 3 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The district quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, June 25th. Short service, with address, at 4.30, followed by tea, 1/- per head, at the 'White Lion.'—Bert Redgwell, Sec., Rayne, near Braintree.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Colston Bassett on Saturday, June 25th. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. A motor will leave Trent Bridge 2.30, fare 3/- per head, including return journey. Will members and friends wishing to go please notify the Hon. Sec., Thos. H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts, by Tuesday, June 21st?

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.—By permission of the Vicar the bells will be available for ringing on Saturday, June 25th, from 2.30 p.m.—Fred R. Borrett.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting and an 8-bell contest will be held on Saturday, June 25th, at Kirkburton. Draw at 3.15 p.m.—W. Frith, Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—The Annual meeting will be held at Burton Latimer on June 25th. Usual arrangements.—R. F. Turner, Hon. District Sec., 7, Gordon Street, Kettering.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Tong on Saturday, June 25th. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m. in Cricket Field. Bells available all day.—M. Moorhouse, Hon. Sec., 10, Mitford Road, Armley, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The Annual meeting of this District will be held at Dover on Saturday, June 25th. The bells of St. Mary will be available from 3 o'clock to 4.30 and 6 o'clock to 7.30. Service at 4.30 at the Parish Church. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parish Hall at 1/6 per head (allowance by Association 1/-). The bells of St. James' will also be available.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at

St. Michael's, Cornhill, on June 28th, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at the headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, July 2nd, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 5 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Hillingdon (St. John's) on Saturday, July 2nd. Ringing from 3.30. Will arrange tea for all who let me know by June 27th. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Devizes on July 2nd at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Anyone requiring tea please advise me early.—Harold F. Brown, 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Erdington, Birmingham, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church House at 5.30, followed by business meeting. All who require tea should notify Miss Salter, 10, Station Road, Erdington. All ringers welcome.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Rd., Enfield.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held in the Abbey Church House, Bath, on Saturday, July 2nd. Service in the Abbey at 3 p.m., at which the War Memorial will be dedicated. Business meeting to follow. Will any requiring tea communicate with Mr. T. C. Rich, 34, Belvedere, Bath, not later than Tuesday, June 28th? Bells available will be published next week.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway, Avenue, Taunton.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The July meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, July 2nd. Eight bells open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1/6 per head. Those who require tea must notify Mr. J. Garth, Main Road, Handsworth, Sheffield, not later than June 29th.—Sam Thomas, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at Leesfield. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea and meeting after. All ringers welcome. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by July 7th, so that tea arrangements can be made?—F. J. Reeve, Hon. Dist. Sec., Clifton House, Tring, Herts.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged at the Masons' Arms Hotel for those who advise me not later than July 5th of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 41, Albert Rd., Handsworth, Birmingham.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The summer meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on July 9th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the Abbey. Business meeting to follow.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

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IN MEMORY OF THE DEAD.

On Saturday last, at Ramore Church, Sheffield, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major was rung in 47 mins., by: Sam Thomas (conductor) 1, G. M. Thorpe (first in the method) 2, J. Osguthorpe (first in the method) 3, J. E. L. Cockey 4, Francis Ward 5, J. Evinson 6, W. Burgar 7, Charles Hayner 8. This was rung with half-muffled clappers (subsequent to the failure of an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples by the same band), previous to the dedication by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield of a memorial cross and tablet, in honoured memory of the 60 men of Rammore, who laid down their lives for their country in the great war. Several well-struck touches of Stedman Triples were also brought round before and after the dedication, in which Messrs. J. Holman, R. W. Collier (T. O'Hara), and A. Hayner also took part.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, CHORLEY. — At St. John's Church, on Sunday, May 22nd, on the occasion of the unveiling of a memorial tablet to the memory of the fallen of the parish, who included four ringers, half-muffled touches of 504 Grandsire and 224 Plain Bob were rung for morning service, and for evening service a touch of 1,008 Plain Bob was brought round in 40 mins. The following ringers took part in each touch: E. Coxhead 1, R. Lancaster 2, H. Lucas 3, C. Salisbury 4, G. Bradley 5, V. Blackwell 6, W. Lancaster 7, A. Blackwell 8. This latter touch was the longest rung by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4, and also for No. 7 as conductor.

KINGS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On April 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Withers (conductor) 1, H. Williams 2, J. Withers, jun. 3, W. Ball 4, E. Ollaway 5, C. H. Webb 6, J. Withers 7, J. Johnson 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Johnson.

BARTON-IN-FABIS.—On Wednesday, April 27th, in 23 min., 720 Bob Minor, also 180 Double Court: E. Chamberlain 1, F. Priestly 2, C. Payne 3, W. Brown 4, J. W. Priestly 5, F. J. Tite (conductor) 6. First 720 by all except the conductor, also first on the bells by a local band.

HERTFORD.—Hertfordshire Association and the Hertford College Youths.—For confirmation service by the Bishop of St. Albans, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, 1,260 changes, in 46 mins.: A. E. Crensey 1, R. Dore 2, V. Neale 3, G. Gray 4, J. Ladley 5, A. Wright 6, Col. H. Baker (conductor) 7, A. E. Akers 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by all except the conductor, who is to be congratulated on the progress of the band under his tuition.

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BELL REPAIR FUNDS.

The proposal of the Midland Counties Association to establish a Bells Repair Fund is putting into practice a suggestion which the President of the Association had hoped to get the Central Council to recommend to all the affiliated societies. Unfortunately Alderman Chambers was not present at the Council meeting at Whitsun to move his motion, although it could only have been done by permission, in view of the fact that formal notice was given too late for the agenda. While the Council continues to look upon its functions in the light that it at present views them, there is very little which members can propose as a recommendation to the affiliated bodies. There is a great reluctance to pass any resolution which shall have the appearance of interference with the domestic economy of the various associations, but while this may be right on certain subjects, there can be little objection to the Council giving a lead in other matters where they do not interfere with the constitution of the associations. Such a suggestion as that contained in Alderman Chambers' resolution could, we think, do no harm if passed by the Council, even if it did little or no good. Alderman Chambers will be able to move the motion next year if he chooses, for it was never formally before the Council in London, and no real opinion was passed upon it. The fact that it was allowed to lie on the table was as much due to the absence of the proposer as to any settled opinion on the subject held by the Council.

That each Association should have a fund from which it can help in bell restoration work is in itself commendable, and some associations already have such a fund, while others are ready to assist out of the general coffers. In view of the pleasure which ringers obtain from the bells, however, it is not too much to ask them to contribute to the cost of repairing or augmenting a peal, when it is going to facilitate the art which they pursue. The existence of a special repair fund enables individual ringers to contribute directly to this cause, whereas donations from the general fund of an association call for no personal effort on the part of the members. By giving, on the occasion of ringing gatherings, a small contribution to a repair fund, the individual has a direct means of showing his appreciation of the facilities which are offered him in the belfries and which restored or enlarged rings increase. If only for this opportunity of expressing gratitude and encouragement, and helping those who are seeking to improve their bells, ringers should welcome the establishment of a special fund, and perhaps the action by the Midland Counties Association will revive the interest in this subject in societies where up to the present nothing

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of this kind has been done. We do not know what line of argument Alderman Chambers would have adopted to get the Central Council to move in the matter, but of this we feel sure that any recommendation made by the Council, if sent to the associations, would ensure for this, or any other reasonable proposal, a consideration which it might not otherwise receive. But pious resolutions such as the Council pass are useless. The Council must take steps to ensure its suggestions being formally conveyed to its affiliated organisations, otherwise, as we have pointed out, there is no machinery by which associations, whose representatives do not happen to be present, can be officially acquainted with the doings of the central body.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 20, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN GATERS, 5055 CHANGES

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN	Treble	ERNEST GOWER	6
ALBERT D. STONE	2	A. YORK BRAMBLE	7
ALFRED KING	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS	8
CHARLES T. COLES	4	KEITH HART	9
ALFRED W. GROVES	5	JOHN CAPP	Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by C. T. COLES.

Rung as a compliment to Alfred King, who bails from Luton, on his 50th birthday

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 25, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND, W.C..

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5090 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE	Treble	*ROBERT G. CHAPPEL	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	WILLIAM BERRY	7
ERNEST J. KING	3	WILLIAM H. PICKETT	8
*JEFFREY R. GAMMON	4	GEORGE A. CARD	9
WALTER G. MATTHEWS	5	HORATIO J. GUMMER	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

CHARLES ABLITT	Treble	ALBERT A. FLEMING	5
JOSEPH LAST	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	GEORGE W. ABLITT	7
CHARLES W. PARKER	4	WILLIAM BERGESSE	Tenor

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LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, June 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman Triples by all brothers and rung at the first attempt.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
 (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, June 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.	
ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	WILLIAM T. PALMER 5
WALTER ALLWOOD 2	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6
JOHN P. TARLTON 3	FREDERICK E. SMITH 7
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 4	*THOMAS W. GORE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Bob Major.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	
WILLIAM D. SMITH Treble	BENJAMIN HOBBS 5
ARTHUR K. GOWER 2	GEORGE W. STOKES 6
ALFRED C. PANKHURST 3	ERNEST GOWER 7
GEORGE H. HOWSE 4	*JOHN H. SHARP Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST GOWER.

* First peal. First peal of Stedman as conductor. Rung in honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday.

BARNES, SURREY.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.) (SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)
 On Thursday, June 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART*	
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr.	
*GEORGE S. BOON Treble	FRANK SKEVINGTON 5
HARRY BARRETT 2	CHARLES F. W. HUNT 6
†RALPH MACKRILL 3	†WILLIAM H. WOOD 7
ERNEST H. COOK 4	†JOHN WILLMOTT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince of Wales.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, June 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.	
ARTHUR PARSONS... .. Treble	JAMES BUTLER 5
WILFRED G. COOK 2	H. CHARLES BOND 6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3	SYDNEY M. LOXTON 7
WILLIAM C. CUSS 4	*JOHN HAYWARD Tenor

Conducted by JAMES BUTLER.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the Diocesan Missionary Festival, and to celebrate the birthday of the Prince of Wales.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	
ALBERT WALKER... .. Treble	GEORGE HDGHES... .. 5
BENJAMIN GOUGH 2	HERBERT KNIGHT 6
JAMES E. GROVES 3	WILLIAM FISHER... .. 7
JAMES GEORGE 4	BERT HORTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

This peal was specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Ben Gough, who attained her 50th anniversary on the above date. Also to celebrate the birthdays of Mr. A. Rowley (towerkeeper) and Master Harry Fisher, son of the conductor.

BAMPTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.		Tenor 25 cwt.	
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... Treble	GORDON CAUDWELL 5	HARRY HOLIFIELD 2	JOHN MONK 6
WACK HONEY 3	NOBLE SPINDLOW... .. 7	ALBERT E. LOCK 4	GEORGE BROOKS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

SALLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.	
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... Treble	WILLIAM E. BASON 5
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
CHARLES E. BORRETT... .. 3	GEORGE MAYERS... .. 7
JOHN A. GODFREY 4	FRANK R. COPEMAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 25, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.	
*WILLIAM JAKEMAN ... Treble	†GEORGE GARDNER 4
CHARLES AYLETT 2	JOHN TAYLOR 5
HARRY O. WHITE 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor with a bob bell. The conductor's 50th peal for the Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd. J. Taylor has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal of Minor.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.	
ARTHUR BELLAMY ... Treble	LEONARD J. WYMAN 4
DANIEL REDHEAD 2	JAMES M. NICKERSON... .. 5
WILLIAM J. GILBERT 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble, 3rd and tenor, it being Mr. W. J. Gilbert's 70th birthday.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES,

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.	
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... Treble	JOHN LARTER 4
JOHN SPENCER 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY 5
*REGINALD THOMPSON ... 3	†ALLAN F. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Spencer. * First peal. † First peal of Minor.

GUILDFORD.—On June 9th, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal at St. Nicolas' Church: *G. Nichols 1 *E. A. Etheridge 2, C. Hazelden 3, *E. Raddon 4, *E. Weatherby 5, S. Radford 6, *G. Tomsett 7, W. W. Thorne 8, *W. Melville 9 A. H. Pulling (conductor) 10. *First quarter of Royal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.**

GEORGE W. STEERE ...	1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	5-6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	3-4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ...	7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Witness: MRS. PULLING.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.) (SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)
ST. GILES', CAMBERWELL, SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
IN THE TOWER OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL, S.E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

ERNEST J. KING ...	1-2	HORATIO J. GUMMER ...	7-8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	3-4	WILLIAM H. PICKETT ...	9-10
ISAAC J. ATTWATER ...	5-6	JEFFREY R. GAMMON ...	11-12

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.
Umpire: THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT 11, QUEEN ANNE TERRACE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

E. G. HIBBENS ...	1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON ...	5-6
R. LATHBURY ...	3-4	T. R. DENNIS ...	7-8

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty Seven Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE. Conducted by the Performer.
Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A meeting of the above was held at Fickhill last Saturday. There was a good attendance of members from Arksey, Bentley, Conisborough, Doncaster, Rotherham, Sheffield, Thorne, Wortley, Treeton, Worksop, Adwick-le-Street, and Harworth. Touches of Plain Bob, Kent, Double Norwich and Little Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung during the afternoon and evening. Tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, and was presided over by the vice-president, Mr. G. Halksworth. Before again ascending the belfry, some well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung on handbells. The tower bells were lowered in peal at 8.30. The carillon was then set working and entertained the company to 'Home, Sweet Home,' and one wag emphasised the fact that 'There's no place like home when one is tired after a good day's ringing.' Evidently a good many more were of the same opinion, for the company split up and went their several ways; some were 'legging it,' a good many were riding bicycles, and more fortunate members who were unaffected by the strike were riding home by bus.

The next meeting will be held at Bentley.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The June meeting was held at South Kirby on Saturday, June 11th, when members were present early from Wath, Darfield, Hoystone, Felkirk, Sandal, Crofton, Barnsley, and other towers. The local members were present in full force, and gave a hearty welcome to everyone. Had it not been for the misfortunes of the coal dispute a brighter feeling would have prevailed, but the bells were kept merrily going in many methods, and hopes were expressed for other meetings to be held in the near future. Darton was selected for the next meeting, in July.

BELLS AND BELL RINGING.**ENLIGHTENING THE UNINITIATED.**

Canon T. L. Papillon, who, perhaps, has done more than anyone else for the Exercise in making its aims and objects known to the uninitiated through the Press of this country has contributed a most valuable article to the June issue of 'The Modern Churchman,' a Broad Church magazine, edited by the Rev. H. D. A. Major, B.D., principal of Ripon Hall, Oxford. As a piece of propaganda work it might well be reprinted and widely disseminated among those who have responsibility for church bells, and whose knowledge is only of a very limited nature, while their interest in bells is practically nil. Canon Papillon, in his article under the title, 'Church Bells and Campanology,' writes:—

What has such a subject as this to do with Modernist or Liberal Churchmen? It is a detail of 'ecclesiology,' a branch of practical Church work for which we are credited with caring nothing in our so-called academic isolation from the realities of Church life—we, the 'sterile party,' barren of useful fruit for religion or for the Church. more intellectuals, destructive rather than constructive reformers. To many, perhaps to the majority, of our fellow Churchmen we are very far from saints. But we have one thing in common with the saints of the Church from apostolic times onward, a plentiful crop of false legends is growing up about us: one of which is that we take no interest in matters ecclesiastical, or in the practical work of the Church.

Now, the use of church bells, and the position of church bell ringers, is a detail of practical church work that may well interest such Modernist Churchmen (let us hope an increasing number) who have or may have charge of a parish in which there is a good ring of bells. Of all the 'goods of the church' for which clergy and churchwardens are responsible, least is known about and least interest taken in the church bells. Far out of sight in windy heights of church towers, inaccessible, through ignorance or carelessness of church architects, to all but active climbers, they hang from year to year unvisited save by bats and jackdaws. The sexton or other official, whose duty it is to see that the bells are kept in order for use, saves himself all the trouble that he can: churchwardens and clergy, if middle-aged or portly, seldom risk the perilous climb to see for themselves that things are right: and so the process of neglect goes on, till some day it is discovered that the bells have become unringable or dangerous. A little ordinary care and a small annual expense would have kept them in order: but things have gone too far, and a large sum of money has to be raised for rehanging and general repair. Even then there is a further risk that ignorance may take refuge in false economy. Bell hanging is a special trade, requiring highly skilled and experienced workmen; and to allow the local ironmonger or blacksmith to undertake repairs is to court disaster. I know a parish where, on its being found necessary to rehang the bells, an estimate was procured from a leading firm of bell hangers, which rather staggered the church authorities. A local man, they found, would do the work 'as well as them Londoners' for less than two-thirds of the cost: so the order was given to him, and the parish rejoiced. Then came the day of re-opening the bells. A band of expert change ringers, invited for the occasion, soon found that nothing could be done; the bells were unringable as a peal. In the end the work had to be done over again by the firm that had first tendered, and much of the expense already incurred had been thrown away.

Closely connected with ignorance and neglect of church bells by church authorities, is their neglect of and indifference to those who ring them, and to the art of change ringing whereby the best use is made of them. It is not the purpose of this article to give any technical account of change ringing. For that I may be permitted to refer to an article, 'Bell,' contributed by me to the 'Encyclopædia Britannica' (11th Edition). I will only say here that it is a fascinating art, easily acquired when the preliminary difficulty of handling and managing a bell has been surmounted, and only requiring patience, perseverance and close attention for its practice in the belfry. In a country parish the belfry may be an admirable school of discipline for qualities in which country folk are specially apt to be deficient—perseverance in work or play, 'give and take' in association with others, steadiness, good temper, and sobriety. Once get a band of ringers up to a certain point of skill in ringing, and inspired with ambition to progress in their art, there is ipso facto a strong antidote to the public-house and the constant tipping which, though it stops short of drunkenness, so often muddles or bonuses the rural brain. No man can hold his own in change ringing if eye or brain are clouded, or hand unsteady by too much beer; and the gradual recognition of this fact, in many a parish where change ringing has been introduced, has put an end to old scandals whereby bell ringers were regarded as parochial black sheep, ringing the church bells, even for Divine service, as anything but church work, and the belfry as an adjunct to the pot-house. When I was a boy, change ringing used to be recorded in 'Bell's Life' and other sporting papers, in company with skittles, rabbit coursing, and a mysterious game called 'knur and

spell'; it ranked among low-class amusements. When, at the age of forty-three, I took up change ringing in order to revive the ringing art and reform the belfry in the parish to which I had been appointed vicar, I found that the ringers were—well, not the most respectable members of our community, and I had to begin by refusing to allow new handbells, procured for use in belfry practice, to be taken afterwards to the public-houses. There being, fortunately, no regular payment for the ringers, the older ones soon dropped off in disapproval of the new regime, and left us a clear field for a fresh start. I say fortunately, for sooner or later I should have had to dismiss some of them, at the risk of unpopularity in the parish and consequent hindrance to the work of belfry reform. Enough, however, of personal experience: I only cite it as showing that church bells and their ringers may well engage the interest of any clergyman, who is not a born opponent of change and reform, as a matter of practical parish politics—not merely of 'the parish pump' order. He will find, too, that a flowing tide is with him; that things are moving all along the line, and that the old bad days of neglect and discredit are gone—it may be hoped for ever.

That this can now be said is due largely to a revival of the art of change ringing, which led to the formation of many diocesan or county societies for its encouragement and for the reform of belfries. Where clergy and church authorities have been apathetic, they have been stirred from below by ringers themselves. Cathedral bodies—never very conspicuous in the van of reform—are much less open than formerly to the reproach of bad example to the parish churches of a diocese in respect to their bells; even Westminster Abbey, long a by-word among ringers, having been aroused by national feeling to put its bells in proper order for the celebration of great national events. A 'Central Council of Church Bell Ringers,' composed of delegates from associations all over the country representing, it is estimated, thirty or forty thousand ringers, meets annually in London or at some provincial centre for the discussion of matters concerning the ringers' art, e.g., the dissemination of knowledge in regard to the art itself, the proper care of bells and belfries, or the best means of diminishing without silencing the sound of bells in crowded neighbourhoods, with possible annoyance to invalids or lovers of quiet: on which, as on many other points of campanology, the deepest ignorance prevails, not only among the general public, but among architects and well-meaning enthusiasts for the preservation of ancient buildings. This Central Council has already done great service to 'the Exercise' (a term denoting ringers as a body and the general interests of ringing), and there is much more work ready to its hand.

That church bells should be silenced, few Englishmen would desire. They are too closely identified with English popular life. The 'sound of the church-going bell,' familiar to many from childhood, has in it a suggestion of home, and to those who have lived within sound of a melodious peal, its absence may aggravate the bitterness of exile. Bells, indeed, have from early times in England been associated with the life of the people. We still expect them to ring cheerily at a wedding and toll slowly, or with muffled sound, for a funeral: and the 'passing bell,' no longer as a rule at the time of death, but shortly after it, is in general use.

The curfew survives here and there by force of custom, though its meaning is lost. The 'harvest' or 'gleaning' bells, to call labourers and gleaners into the fields, have not long disappeared from some country parishes. The 'market bell,' originally a signal to begin selling, so as to guard against forestalling, is (or was till recently) rung at noon on market day at Oundle. The 'fire-bell' is still not uncommon, as I can personally testify from experience at Adderbury, in Oxfordshire, where the then vicar, on showing me his belfry, gave me leave to try one of the bells. But after I had pulled it off two or three times, he remembered that this particular bell was the fire bell! The parish had lately started a fire brigade, which only waited for an opportunity to justify its existence, and he was barely in time to stop the men from leaving their work and hurrying to the rendezvous. Other old bell customs have disappeared, e.g., the 'storm' or 'tempest' bell, to ward off lightning—perhaps from the supposed power of bells to drive away evil spirits; the 'oven bell,' to announce that the manor oven, to which 'enants had to bring their bread, was heated; or the 'pancake bell' on Shrove Tuesday as a signal to housewives to use up their grease and dripping before the Lenten fast. In old belfries here and there may be found quaint metrical rules for the ringers, according to most of which fines were levied for swearing, wearing hat or spurs (presumably regarded as objectionable swagger), or for 'over-throwing' a bell, e.g.:-

If you ring in spur or hat,
Sixpence you must pay for that;
And if a bell you overthrow,
Pray pay a groat before you go.'

Strange tales are told of belfry manners and customs within living memory, of carousals in the ringing chamber itself, which no one ever thought of regarding as part of God's House; of a new bell, brought into the church before being hung in the steeple, placed upside down and filled with beer for general consumption; of 'peals' or 'touches' breaking down because one or other of the ringers was too 'far on' to manage his bell, or keep his place in the changes.

But such things are now ancient history, deservedly forgotten, except so far as their evil memory has made the reform of ringers and of ringing slower and more difficult than it need have been. Yet after all, reform has not been very slow. It has come about within the last fifty years; and what makes it surer is that it has been largely the work of ringers themselves, under the inspiration of a comparatively few earnest ringing clergy: one of whom especially deserves remembrance, the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton, near Abingdon, in Oxfordshire. I could name a dozen others, but they would all agree to yield pride of place to him.

In conclusion, Canon Papillon refers briefly to carillons, which, he admits for tune playing, 'far surpass the melancholy attempt at hymn tunes sometimes heard from an English tower,' but such bell music, he adds, will never supersede the music of a well-struck peal from English towers.

ALONG THE VALLEY OF THE EXE. TAUNTON RINGERS' OUTING.

For two or three weeks the genial and thoughtful secretary of St. James' ringers, Taunton, was busy in making arrangement for a day's ringing in Devonshire, through the Exe Valley, which is so well known for its beautiful scenery. On Saturday, June 18th, the day selected, the ringers, with a few friends, turned up at the church at 7.30 a.m., and having first faced the photographers, left Taunton in a charabanc for Culmstock, where the first stop was to be made. The eight bells were raised in peal, and several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples brought round. Having run the bells down, the ringers were complimented by a local campanologist, who said it was the first time the bells had been raised in peal since the octave had been in the tower. After expressing thanks for the use of the bells, headway was made for Thorverton, the next stopping-place. Under the pilotage of one of Devon's true sons (a well-known ringer, and especially known to the 'Royal Cumberlands'), the visitors arrived punctually at the appointed time to find some of the local band ready for them. The ring of eight was pulled up in peal, and Stedman and Grandsire Triples brought round. It was only possible to make a short stay here, as the principal item in the programme was a visit to Exeter. Arriving at the city at 12.30, the party were guided to the Cathedral belfry by some of the Cathedral ringers, who informed the visitors that steps to the number of 157 had to be climbed, in addition to a walk by the parapet along the whole length of the building. Nothing daunted, the party was soon in spacious belfry. Coats were removed, and the work of raising the four heavy back bells was carried out, the front six being subsequently raised in peal. By way of getting the feel of the bells, a few rounds were rung, and next with ten men at the ropes a touch of Grandsire Caters was brought round, the visitors being well pleased with the way in which they were able to turn such a heavy ring, whose tenor is 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

After leaving the Cathedral lunch was partaken of at 'Dellars,' and subsequently the journey was resumed to Withycombe Raleigh. Here the bells were raised in peal, and after a touch of Bob Major a move was made to Exmouth, where an hour was spent by the sea. The homeward journey was begun at six o'clock, and a call made at Ottery St. Mary, which was the last ringing place on the programme. The bells of this, one of the most beautiful of churches, were rung up, a touch of Stedman Triples being brought round. In the middle of the touch of Grandsire which followed, someone appeared and ordered the bells to stop at once. The order was immediately obeyed, but on inquiry as to the reason the ringers discovered that the order to cease came from no other person than the sexton. As he had no authority to interfere with the visitors—permission to ring having been given by the Vicar—the gentleman had to make his exit, and the ringing proceeded. Such conduct as this by a parish sexton is very rare in these enlightened days. After tea, the journey was resumed via Honiton, and Taunton was reached about 10.30, after a thoroughly enjoyable day.

The ringers wish, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' to tender their grateful thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter Cathedral and incumbents of the other churches who had so kindly given permission for the use of their bells, the various ringers, especially those at Exeter Cathedral, who had everything ready, and all others who assisted in making the outing such a splendid success.

MR. W. C. RUMSEY'S 150 PEALS.

Mr. W. C. Rumsey, who recently completed a total of 150 peals, has conducted peals from treble to tenor at the famous Debenham tower. The following is his list of peals, rung in 20 different towers:-

Double, 1 (conducted 1); Minor, 7 (3); Bob Triples, 2; Grandsire Triples, 4 (3); Stedman Triples, 7; Bob Major, 20 (6); Kent Treble Bob Major, 11 (5); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 30 (11); Double Norwich Major, 41 (15); Double Oxford Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 16 (3); Cambridge, 4; Stedman Caters, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 4; total, 150 (conducted 47).

HINTS FOR BEGINNERS.

THE PLAIN COURSE AND THE BOBS.

In the last article which I wrote I tried to explain for the benefit of those who are just beginning, how a Plain Course of Bob Minor, as it is called, is constructed from the ringing standpoint. Let us briefly review the position. We have seen that, to get a succession of changes on six bells by moving as many bells as possible in each row each time the ropes are pulled, it is necessary to change three pairs and two pairs alternately. This provides us with twelve changes, which make up a plain hunting course, because in this cycle every bell does exactly the same work (although beginning in a different place), and at the end the bells return to the starting-point, which is rounds. Next, in order to extend the number of changes which can be rung it was necessary to let one bell make second's place when the treble was at lead, instead of following the previous plan of letting a bell lie a whole pull behind. This second's place, which does not interfere with the path of the treble, causes all the other bells to pause in their forward movement, and take one step back (called a 'dodge') before pursuing their normal course, and by repeating this operation every time the treble leads (if it were not done, changes which had previously been rung would reappear), the plain course of 60 changes is made up.

If any of my readers followed the advice which I gave them and wrote out for themselves the whole of those 60 changes, they will, if they examine them, find that the various pieces of work which the bells do follow in a regular succession. Each time a bell makes 2nd's place it pushes the rest one step further back, and the dodging follows in a regular sequence, viz., 3-4 down in the lead after making 2nd's place, 5-6 down, 5-6 up, 3-4 up. It might not be quite easy for a beginner to ring the method in this way at the start, and there is another simple method by which the tyro may find his way through the course. The treble, as we have seen, pursues a straight path, without any of the place making or dodging which disturb the rest, and, it is by noting, when hunting up, where a bell passes the treble that the ringer may know where to dodge when the treble leads. In counting the places the ringer should begin with his last blow at lead and call that 'one.' Next he is in 2nd's, then 3rd's, and so on, so that he can call the places as he goes up 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, this last being the first blow of the whole pull behind. In counting his way down again, he begins with his last blow behind and calls it 6th's, so that the next is 5th's and so to 4th's, 3rd's, 2nd's lead; or 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. It is, however, only the counting in going away from lead that now concerns us, and we have to notice where we 'pass' the treble. If, for instance, we strike in 3rd's place and notice the treble striking over us (i.e., in 4th's), we know that in the next change the positions will be reversed, and the treble will be in 3rd's, and we shall be striking over him in 4th's. That is called passing the treble in 3-4. If the same way if, when leading the back-stroke blow, the treble is observed striking over us in 2nd's, we shall pass the treble in 1-2. Now, the figures will show that if we pass the treble in 1-2, we have to make that whole pull over the treble in 2nd's place and lead again, and following upon this we shall find that we shall not meet the treble again until we get right out behind, that is to say, in 5-6. As we go down we reach 3rd's, and then find another bell stopping to make 2nd's over the treble. This necessitates our dodge in 3-4 down, and delays us a whole pull, with the result that in the next lead we have only reached 5-6 down when the 2nd's place is made, and we accordingly have to dodge in 5-6. Now, if you have learnt how to hunt, and understand what it means to 'pass the treble' and to 'dodge,' the whole of the work of a plain course can be put into the following formula, which you should memorise:—

Pass treble in 5-6, dodge in 3-4 down.
 " " " 4-5, " 5-6 down.
 " " " 3-4, " 5-6 up.
 " " " 2-3, " 3-4 up.
 " " " 1-2 make 2nd's and lead again.

The following shows how symmetrical the work of the plain course is, it being remembered that the order in which the bells go down to lead at the start is 2, 4, 6, 5, 3.

	2nd	4th	6th	5th	3rd
1st lead	3-4 down	5-6 down	5-6 up	3-4 up	2nd's place
2nd lead	5-6 down	5-6 up	3-4 up	2nd's place	3-4 down
3rd lead	5-6 up	3-4 up	2nd's place	3-4 down	5-6 down
4th lead	3-4 up	2nd's place	3-4 down	5-6 down	5-6 up
5th lead	2nd's place	3-4 down	5-6 down	5-6 up	3-4 up

With the knowledge which I have endeavoured to impart, the beginner may make his first efforts in change ringing, but before he can aspire to 'touches,' he must know something about bobs. By means of a bob the coursing order of the bells, that is the order in which they go down to lead, is varied, and the number of changes that can be got without repetition is extended beyond the plain

course. A bob in the simple method which we are studying can be made whenever the treble leads. It is effected by a whole pull in fourth's place, instead of a whole pull in second's, and disturbs the work of three of the bells. The bell that 'makes the bob' (i.e., the 4th's place) is the one that, had it been a plain lead, would have dodged in 3-4 up. The making of the 4th's changes the direction of his hunting, just as making 2nd's does, and instead of continuing his path from front to behind he goes down to lead again. The 351624 figures at the side show how the work is carried out. The 315264 bell that would have made 2nd's hunts straight out until it 132546 lies a whole pull behind and the bell that passed the treble in 5-6 and would have dodged in 3-4 down, runs straight 123564 in and leads after the treble. The two bells dodging in 5-6 215346 are unaffected by the bob, and the alterations to the rest may 251436 be stated as follows: If you have passed the treble in 5-6 run straight in and lead, if a bob is called; if you pass the treble in 2-3 make 4th's and lead again; if you pass the treble in 1-2 run straight out and lie a whole pull behind.

For those who are anxious to know what their next dodging place will be, a study of the figures will show that the bell that 'made the bob' was really moved from 3-4 up to 3-4 down, so that the next dodging place after the bob is in 5-6 down. The bells that run 'in' and 'out,' as it is termed, do the same work in the next lead as they would have done in the bob lead had there been no bob called. In other words, after passing the treble in 1-2 and running out, the ringer will find that he will again pass the treble in 1-2, so that the 2nd's place, which he omitted on the first occasion, will be made on the second, unless, of course, another bob be called, when he will once more run out. Similarly with the bell which runs in, by omitting the dodge in 3-4. He will find in the following lead that he again passes the treble in 5-6, and will, therefore, make his dodge in 3-4 down on reaching that position, provided, of course, another bob does not occur.

For the benefit of those bands of beginners struggling along without the assistance of anyone with greater knowledge than themselves, and who, having followed my hints on learning Bob Minor thus far, may feel impatient to put the bobs as well as the plain course into practice, I will just give one 'touch' on which they can make a beginning. If a bob is called at any one lead in the course, for simplicity preferably when the conductor's bell is either going to dodge in 5-6 down or 5-6 up, three bells will be transposed at the course end. Thus, if the bob is called when the 6th dodges in 5-6 down, that is the last lead of the course, the bells, instead of coming round will be, at the course end, 142356. Consequently, to complete a touch a bob must be called at the corresponding place in each of two following courses, and the best moment at which to make the actual call is the moment between the two blows of the whole pull behind. That gives sufficient warning to everybody concerned that they have got to change their work. In some other article I shall deal with conducting, but this brief hint may enable the ambitious to progress, and not be hung up for want of help at a point when they feel they might take a definite stride forward.

I am told I was taken to task by a speaker at the Central Council meeting for missing a great opportunity, when I replied, some weeks ago, to a correspondent, who wanted instruction as to how to ring changes on the eight tubular bells that had been erected at his church. I was chided, I understand, for failing to make an effort to bring him within the fold of the Exercise, but I can hardly think the gentleman who referred to the matter at the Central Council meeting had read my reply aright. Briefly, I told my correspondent to get hold of a few musical changes for chiming, and devote his energies on his tubular bells to tunes; but—and here I think I did exactly what the Central Council speaker inferred I had not done—I also advised him to join a change ringing band in his own neighbourhood, avail himself of the practices there in order first to learn to handle a bell, and afterwards to study the art. Above all, I urged that such an enthusiast as he should not be lost to the Exercise. Now, what more could I have done to bring this ringer into the fold unless I had gone to him personally and dragged him bodily into a beirfy? To have selected a few musical changes for him would not have taught him the art of ringing, and no amount of practice on tubular bells alone will make a man a change ringer. Dear me, some people seem to require a lot of satisfying, but I suppose I ought to feel honoured that I should be even noticed in such an august assembly, albeit it was but to receive verbal chastisement.

I have received a little pamphlet on 'Hints on Dodging in Grandfire Triples,' by D. G. T. It is a most useful collection of 'tips,' and I give the following which are intended for the expert 'to help beginners':—

'Ringers should always LOOK AT THE ROPE they are pulling after on the show down to lead, as if the bell who is coursing you keeps half an eye on you he will see who you are pulling after, and will know the bell he has to pull after next. In fact, you are picking out the bells for him and making his work easier and more sure. Especially look straight at the tenor when leading; he SEES you are leading, and knows he has to lead next handstroke.

This is of far more help to beginners than is generally known. The ringer who keeps his eye on one spot, though he may be an ex-

cellent performer himself, is a great trial to a beginner, and even to his fellow expert ringers.

Remember you may know you have to dodge 4-5 down, and the other man may know he has to dodge 4-5 up, but you also require to know that you have to dodge with each other, and not with someone else.

These may seem trifles to expert ringers, but as a novice, I can assure them they are of infinite value to less expert performers.

It is too late to look up after the mistake has been made. Prevention is better than cure in this case, as in most others.

CONDUCTOR.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LINKS WITH SQUIRE PROCTOR.**

The 40 members of the Hertford County Association who attended the meeting of the Eastern District at Bennington thoroughly enjoyed the visit to this picturesque old-world village, with its associations of ringing, and the high standard it set in the early days when Squire Proctor and his band were famous, and London Surprise was rung long before change ringing was nurtured by county associations. Although Bennington is 4 1/2 miles from the railway, visitors during the afternoon and evening came from places as far apart as the Metropolis and the borders of Cambridgeshire, and from the districts between, by means of the cycle, motor-cycle and railway, and 'shank's pony.'

Tea was kindly provided by Canon Mills (Rector), who has given to the association a very warm welcome at all times, and now, much to the regret of all, is laid aside permanently, it is feared. Consequently he was unable to be present in person, but he sent a warm welcome to the ringers, and hoped they would spend a happy time together. This kindly message was conveyed to the gathering by the Rev. A. G. Langdon, as ex-president of the association, of Great Munden, who presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, of Thundridge.

Ringling was enjoyed by all in the methods, from Grandsire to Superlative Surprise, the three sole survivors of the old Bennington band of fifty years ago taking part. Although now unable to practise the higher methods, these veterans showed that ringing once properly learned is not easily forgotten, and they could ring with the younger generation with great credit.

A vote of thanks was unanimously voted to Canon Mills for his renewed generosity, and welcome, and also one of sympathy with him in the illness which has laid him aside, and which kept his genial presence from the gathering.

The close of the meeting came all too soon, but those who came from both near and far spent a most enjoyable time.

Among the interesting records in Bennington tower is a peal board recording the first peal of Double Norwich Major rung in the county of Herts, upon which appears a free adaptation of the well-known lines of Thomas Moore:—

On Tuesday, November 20th, 1849, a complete peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung in this steeple in 3 hrs. and 1 min. This peal, one of the most difficult in the science of change ringing, and the only peal in this intricate method ever rung in the county of Hertford, was accomplished in a masterly style by the under-mentioned persons, all resident in this parish: James Ploft 1, Thomas Page 2, Leonard Proctor 3, William Collins 4, John Aylott 5, Charles Hollingsworth 6, Joseph Kitchener 7, George Warner 8. The peal, most ably conducted by Mr. J. Kitchener, is the production of Mr. J. Miller, of the Cumberland Youths, London, and contains sixty-five bobs.

Ye Bennington bells, ye Bennington bells,
How many a tale your music tells
Of youth and home and that last time,
When last we heard your merry chime!
Now time will come when we are gone,
Your tuneful peal will still ring on,
While other bands your hempen rope will pull,
And strive our peal to ring, which here we write in full.

And it was not the least interesting part of the Herts meeting that three men should have been present who are links with this band of more than 70 years ago.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Next Thursday, the 7th of July, will be the 170th anniversary of the first performance of Holt's Original—still one of the masterpieces of Grandsire composition, and the summit of every Grandsire conductor's ambition. It was rung at St. Margaret's, Westminster, by Union Scholars, and was called by John Holt himself. Holt did not ring, but sat in the belfry with his manuscript. That is one reason offered for the fact that the peal is not to be found in the Union Scholars' peal book, although the peal board is still to be seen in St. Margaret's tower.

On July 8th, in the previous year at St. Margaret's, one of the first peals of Double Bob Major on record was rung. This was also rung by the Union Scholars, and John Holt took part in the peal.

The announcement in the report of the Midland Counties meeting at Duffield that the elaborate peal books of the association were on view, recalls the fact that it will be forty years on the 23rd June next that the first peal by the association was rung.

The last few weeks have seen a slump in the number of peals rung. Probably this is due partly to the restrictions on travel, partly to the weather, which, at more than 80 in the shade, as it was at the last week-end, makes peal ringing an arduous occupation.

The brothers Bailey, of Leiston, seem to be bent on collecting all the family records that remain to be secured, so far as it is within their power to secure them. The first peal of Stedman Triples by eight brothers has now gone into their 'bag.'

The Saffron Walden ringing society is one of the oldest in the kingdom, for their history, if we may believe tradition, goes back to the early part of the seventeenth century—before there was any change ringing, before there were any College Youths. On Monday they celebrated the 298th anniversary of 'Great Ringing Day.'

The peal in three methods of Doubles at Hoole, Cheshire, by the Chester Diocesan Guild, on May 21st, was the first of Doubles in more than one method by the Guild. The number of six-scores of Stedman was six, and not 16 as printed.

The ringer of the 5th in the peal of Stedman at Drayton, published last week, was Gordon Cauldwell, not Jordan, as published.

Last Saturday's meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild at Beaconsfield was a record one for the branch, there being nearly a 'century' at the service, and about a 'six-score' of members at the tower and tea, which was followed by a short concert, presided over by Lady Burnham. This gathering, following upon the excellent muster in North Bucks the previous week, is an encouraging sign of life at ends of the county, but what about the 'broody' area around Aylesbury?

BUFFERS ON BELL CLAPPERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having read with great interest the two items on buffers on bell clappers, I would like to say that the idea is an old one, and was gone into by the late Mr. George Day, bell hanger, of Eye, and myself, at the time when four bells were being hung at Intwood, near Norwich, somewhere about forty years ago. Mr. Day was very much in favour of my idea. He promised to put it to a test, and decided to construct a clapper on that plan. I have not been able to learn if he did so or not. Perhaps one of the ringers of that district may know, and would be able to enlighten your readers.—Yours faithfully,
Staines. CHARLES JACKSON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like, through your columns, to thank Mr. A. Hughes (of Mears and Stainbank) for his congratulations regarding the buffers on bell clappers. It was with great pleasure I read he had successfully made use of my suggestion. All ringers who have come to our tower consider it a great improvement to the tone of the bells. I congratulate him, and thank him for adopting and protecting the idea, and hope it will meet with great success in the future.
Dartford. JOHN WHEADON.

'GRANNIE GRUNTER.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Parker's effort is very amusing; but why would not the 'expert' explain about the 'dwarf method'?

The usual plan is to put a fresh bell in to do the 'treble work' every course; and the bell that is doing that work is said to be 'in the slow.'

I am afraid that we cannot call the method 'Grannie Grunter,' as it has already a name, and is very fully set out in most of the elementary text books, where they call it 'Treble Bob.'—Yours truly,
E. BANKES JAMES.

THE OWNERSHIP OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There is very little in Mr. Bankes James' letter that I disagree with. I have no wish either to deprive a man of any credit that is his, or to discourage attempts to find new good methods. Quite the contrary. I said at the Central Council that if a band wants a new method to ring they have a perfect right to work out the figures, proof scale, and peals, and when they have rung it to call it what they please; and the fact that those figures have been or may have been worked out before does not in any way affect that right. There is no such thing as ownership of a method, and the mere fact that a man has written out a certain set of figures does not give him any copyright in a method. I have myself worked out some thousands, each one according to some design or other. I am familiar with many more that have not been written out, but could be if there were need. Does Mr. James mean to say that if anyone publishes or rings one of these that I have a right to claim it as 'mine'? Writing out methods is a very simple thing. What is not simple and what is really worth study is to find out the laws that govern method construction. Mr. James says it took him thirty years to discover London Royal. When once I had found out the construction of London Major it did not take me thirty minutes to extend it, not only to ten bells, but to twelve, fourteen, sixteen, and upwards. Furthermore, I could undertake to supply methods by the score on any number with any possible qualities, or to give correct extension of any method (except the few that will not extend), and to explain to other people how they can go and do the same.—Yours truly,
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing, W.5.
P.S.—With reference to Mr. Parker's interesting article, may I point out, not for the first time, that every lead of Kent is really a course, the slow bell being the treble? A similar thing happens in many methods (including London Surprise). Hence everybody who has rung a peal of Kent has rung a peal in the 'new' method with bobs, which 'change the hunt bell.'

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Northamptonshire District was held at Old Duston on Saturday, June 11th. Fifty members attended from All Saints', St. Peter's, St. Edmund's and Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, Weston Favell, Ecton, Moulton, Hardingsstone, Pitsford, Guilsborough, Kettering, Flore, Collingtree, and the local band; also the vice-president (the Rev. J. P. Friend, Collingtree), the Rev. J. White, Pitsford; the Rev. Channer, a past president of the association; Mr. Fred Wilford, Mr. Tom Law, Mr. F. Hopper, etc.

The usual service was abandoned on account of the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. W. D. Pearson).

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Vice-president, Rev. J. P. Friend; secretary, Mr. S. J. Lawrence; committee, Messrs. B. O. Soden, T. Law (central), F. Wilford, H. England, W. Faulkner.

Seven new members joined from Pitsford, where they are making great headway in change ringing under the able guidance of Mr. Tom Law, of Weston Favell.

Mr. Hopper gave a very hearty welcome to the Rev. Channer, and reminded the members of the first meeting of the district held at Harlestone on Saturday, Sept. 23rd, 1905, at which the Rev. Channer presided.—In replying, the Rev. Channer said he had quite forgotten that meeting, but was very pleased to be amongst and to see so many old members still taking part in the good work of the association.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. W. Pearson for the use of the bells, and further ringing was then indulged in by the members, and brought to a close an enjoyable and profitable meeting.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pitsford on October 15th, and a special meeting at Brixworth on Saturday, August 27th.

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By A. J. PITMAN.

2314567	VI	H	L	Q	V	(2314567)	S	H	Q
3461257	—					356412	x	x	
516342		x	x			512463	x	x	
236514		x	x			613452	x		
456231		x	x			152436	x	x	
126453		x	x			536421	x	x	
(231456)		x	x			321465	x	x	
						243615	x	x	x
						462135	x	x	x
						369142	x		
						642153	x	x	
						453126	x	x	

First rung at Bridgend, Glam., on April 16th, 1921. conducted by the composer

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BELL REPAIR FUND STARTED.

The quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Duffield on Saturday, June 18th. The name of the place conjures up reminiscences of the days of old when A. Percival Heywood—afterwards 'Sir Arthur,' ruled wisely and well in the famous belfry of Derbyshire. Gone are the glories of the old regime; gone by-the-board, too, are many of the old records when Surprise ringing was confined to two or three companies at most throughout the whole county; but the ten bells sound as sweet over hill and dale, while the knowledge of what has been should inspire those who follow after. If it does, then Ichabod need never be written in Duffield tower.

The restricted train service was responsible for the small gathering, but 30 kindred spirits met and enjoyed the ringing, which ranged from Grandsire to London Surprise. Tea was served in the Parish Room, and, after a most substantial repast, excellently served, the business meeting was proceeded with.—The President (Ald. R. B. Chambers, J.P.) was in the chair, supported by Mrs. Chambers, the Rev. E. R. Browne, M.A., Vicar of Duffield; Messrs. A. C. Wright, hon. secretary; W. Willson, hon. treasurer; Pryce Taylor, A. Knights, Chesterfield, and others. Apologies for absence were read from the Bishop of Derby, Mr. C. C. Thompson (Derby), etc., after which the Chairman expressed the view that the Central Council might at least give a lead to associations in matters concerning their welfare, without being considered 'interfering.'

This was in reference to a resolution of Ald. Chambers, suggesting a Bell Repair Fund, which was not undertaken by the C.C.

Mr. W. Willson gave a short report of the Council's work at Whitsuntide, which was endorsed by Mr. P. Taylor, and the same was heartily approved by the members.

It was agreed to formulate a Bell Repair Fund in the M.C.A., supported by collections at annual meeting church services.

A number of new members were elected, viz., 14 honorary, including the Bishop of Derby, and 13 ringing members.

The President made a strong appeal for support to 'The Ringing World,' which he said was now going well, and would continue to do so if not neglected by members.

Votes of thanks to the branch for providing tea, were passed on the proposition of Mr. O. Draper, seconded by Mr. E. C. Gobey; to the clergy for the use of the bells, and their presence at the meeting by Mr. W. B. White, seconded by Mr. W. Willson; and to Ald. and Mrs. Chambers by Mr. A. Ward, seconded by Mr. A. Purvin.

After the meeting, the elaborate peal books of the association were on view, while other attractions drew many to the tower again. The next gathering will be held in September, at Binkley.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

As the majority of ringers know, the method which presents the greatest difficulties in composition is Cambridge Surprise Major. For very many years there was only one composition, Middleton's, which runs to 5,600, but can be reduced to 5,056, which is commonly rung, or, in the variation arranged by Johnson to 5,184. The production of any other composition was the subject of much research, and the first peal not based on Middleton's that was rung was the 5,024, composed and conducted by Mr. F. Dench, with the St. Stephen's Society, Westminster, 20 years ago, to be exact, on August 24th, 1901. This composition, curiously enough, was not published when it was rung, and the figures are now given in print for the first time.

234567	B	In	W	4th	H
432765	—	—	—	—	—
625734	—	—	—	—	—
435726	—	—	—	—	—
256734	—	—	—	—	—
364752	—	—	—	—	—
542763	—	—	—	—	—
362745	—	—	—	—	—
425763	—	—	—	—	—
653724	—	—	—	—	—
423756	—	—	—	—	—
536724	—	—	—	—	—
264735	—	—	—	—	—
345762	—	—	—	—	—
652743	—	—	—	—	—
342756	—	—	—	—	—
526743	—	—	—	—	—
463725	—	—	—	—	—
235764	—	—	—	—	—
465732	—	—	—	—	—
352764	—	—	—	—	—
462753	—	—	—	—	—
523764	—	—	—	—	—
634725	—	—	—	—	—
524736	—	—	—	—	—
62534	5ths	—	—	—	—
23645	—	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	—	—

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**THE CROYDON
BELL FOUNDRY
1921.**

WINCHESTER GUILD PRESIDENT DEAD.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. John Pakenham Stilwell, J.P., of Hilfield, Yateley, Hants, who for many years was President of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. Many of the older ringers will recall with pleasant memories the annual meetings of the Guild during the past 30 years at which the deceased gentleman never failed to preside, generally accompanied by the late Mrs. Stilwell, who also took a great interest in the Guild's working. Meetings in those days were held in different parts of the Diocese, and the writer well remembers the early starts which the Guild's president had to make to reach the southern part of the area for the 10 a.m. committee meeting, preceding service and lunch. His interest in all things for the promotion of change ringing; and, in fact, everything connected with the church work never diminished up to the end.

To his own local band he was most kind and generous, always giving them his best advice, and helping in every possible way. For instance, when, through his efforts in the year 1887 change ringing was started in the village of Yateley, two more bells were required to complete the octave. Mr. Stilwell, who had already given one bell previously, promptly had the other two put in at his own expense.

By his death the ringers and parish have lost a great friend, for he was interested in everything for the welfare of the parishioners. From his life all ringers can take a lesson: 'He never failed in his Sunday duties.'

The interment took place in the family vault at Dorking on Saturday last, the coffin being of English oak made entirely by ringers of Yateley. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. J. R. Bunch, one of the oldest ringers, and the band was represented by Mr. W. G. Bunch and Mr. S. J. Riddell. With the passing of Mr. Stilwell one more link with the early days of the Guild is gone.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SUCCESSFUL WESTERN DIVISION MEETING.**

On Saturday, June 18th, a most successful quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Kirdford. A record number of members attended, in spite of the restricted train service, some walking several miles, others coming by bicycle and motor vehicles, in order to be present. The towers represented were Brighton, Crawley, Billingshurst, Heene, Horsham, Shoreham, Shipley, Lewes, Pulborough, and the local band. Some very good touches and courses of London, Cambridge and Carlisle Surprise, London Scholars, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, etc., were rung. A party of 40 sat down to an excellent tea at the Half Moon Inn, presided over by the Vicar of Kirdford (the Rev. E. A. Birvill). At the business meeting which followed, one new member, Mr. B. Nicholls, of Kirdford, was elected.

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Horsham, in September, subject to permission to use the bells being obtained.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and friends of Kirdford for use of the bells and for providing the excellent repast.

Another visit was then paid to the belfry, and after several touches in the methods mentioned above, the members commenced their homeward journeys, all agreeing that it had been a most successful meeting.

There are some old bells at Kirdford, the third in the peal being an interesting relic of supposedly pre-Reformation days, and belonging to a small group, whose founder cannot be stated definitely. The lettering of the inscription, 'Sancta Maria ora pro nobis,' in large Gothic minuscules, corresponds with that on bells in the Sussex villages of Finedon, Bury, Donnington and Tortington. On the Finedon bell are also the letters I.S. This leads Mr. Tyssen, the eminent authority on Sussex bells, to suggest that they may be the initials of John Saunders, of Reading, who commenced as a master founder in 1539, although the bells may have been cast in the reign of Elizabeth, by his successor, William Knight, who used pre-Reformation inscriptions in post-Reformation times. On the other hand, this group of bells may have been cast by Vincent Goroway, or William Welles, who intervened between John Saunders and Joseph Carrier, another successor of the Reading foundry in the troublous times of the middle sixteenth century.

Three other of the bells at Kirdford were cast at the Chertsey Foundry, the 5th by Richard Eldridge in 1607, and the 2nd and tenor by Bryan Eldridge in 1642 and 1649 respectively.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Hersham on Saturday, June 25th, about 20 ringers being present from Aldershot, Farnborough, Guildford, Hersham, Oatlands Park, Walton and Woking. Touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples were rung before the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Storey. A short business meeting was held after tea, at which Miss I. Woodrow was re-elected a member, and Worplesdon was selected for the meeting, in August. Short touches of Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire were rung until 8 o'clock, when the bells were lowered.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday, June 18th, at Christ Church, Mitcham, and various methods were rung on the peal of six, the 'go' of which was found to be excellent. The visitors were met at the Parish Church by Mr. J. D. Drewett, who, by his kindness in arranging for the visitors, made the afternoon and evening most enjoyable. The service, which was arranged especially for the ringers, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Chas. Aubrey Finch), and the Rev. S. Miller gave an interesting practical address and a short history of bells from Biblical times to the present day.

Afterwards, tea was partaken of at Mr. C. Bance's. About 20 sat down, including the Vicar and the Rev. S. Miller, the number being smaller than usual at these meetings.

The Vicar gave the London County Association a hearty welcome to Mitcham, and said he would be pleased for them to come on any future occasion.—Mr. H. Burton (the District Master) suitably responded.—Two new members were elected, viz., the Rev. Arnold William Stacey, of Southwark Cathedral, and Thomas Wilfred Taffender (son of the Master).—A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Mitcham and to the Vicar of Christ Church for the use of the bells; also to Mr. J. D. Drewett and Mr. C. Bance. The tower was then revisited, and ringing took place up to 8.30 p.m., after which handbell ringing concluded the evening.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**VISIT TO WATTLINGTON.**

A splendid welcome to the members of the Ely Diocesan Association on their second visit to Watlington, Norfolk, was given by the Rector and Mrs. Sunderland, on Saturday, June 18th. Thirty members were present from Cambridge, Newmarket, Fleet, Shouddham, Fincham, Denver, Stow, Tilney All Saints, Terrington St. John, and King's Lynn.—The Rector and churchwarden (Mr. Graham Spratt) greeted the ringers at the church gate. Good ringing on the bells followed, and instruction was given to the young members residing in the parish. An adjournment to the rectory was afterwards made, and an excellent spread awaited the ringers, kindly provided by the Rector and Mrs. Sunderland, who were assisted by the ladies at the rectory. The general business meeting followed, Dr. G. E. Atkins being voted to the chair. Several new members were elected.—Miss V. Shorter, general secretary, was present, and answered several questions put to her.—Dr. Atkins proposed a vote of thanks for the use of the bells and the excellent tea provided, and said Mrs. Sunderland was ever ready to help in any good work connected with the parish.—The vote was carried unanimously, and the Rector, in replying, remarked that it gave him great pleasure to entertain the ringers. He hoped they would soon repeat their visit.—Further ringing ended a most successful meeting.

THE PEAL AT TIPTON.

After the birthday peal of Stedman Triples (recorded elsewhere) was rung on Saturday last, the band, together with friends (including Mesdames Groves, Walker and Horton, and Miss Walker), were very kindly entertained at a neighbouring hotel to a substantial repast by Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Gough. Upon the cloth being removed, Mr. Harry Mason was unanimously elected to occupy the chair. The loyal toast of 'The King' was submitted by the chairman. Songs were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, and Messrs. B. Horton and H. Knight. The toast of 'The Host and Hostess' was drunk with musical honours. Mr. A. Walker presided at the piano. — A letter of apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. Wm. Rock Small, who has gone to spend a few days at Bewdley to recuperate after recent indisposition.

PUBLICATIONS.

'The Bells of Southwell Cathedral' (by W. A. James, Esq.), a pamphlet of 14 pages, giving the history of these bells, 1055—1921, may be obtained from Mr. G. E. Padgett, Printer, Southwell, Notts. Price 6d. post free.

'AMONG THE BELLS.' — THE RINGING CAREER OF LATE REV. F. E. ROBINSON, M.A., Vicar of Drayton, Berks, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Part I. to XX. may be had singly at 6d. net. Unbound numbers I. to XX. complete, 8s. 6d. Or the whole work bound in cloth for 10s. 6d. net. From MRS. ROBINSON, Fair Home, Wokingham.

LEIGH, LANCS.—On June 10th, by the local band, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins., as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Hayes, senr.: D. Smith 1, W. Smith 2, H. Hayes 3, S. Hayes, senr., 4, W. Hayes 5, S. Hayes, junr. (first quarter on an inside bell) 6, H. Smith 7, J. Hayes (first quarter-peal) 8.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

The compositions which we have given on this page have been widely welcomed by ringers who are responsible for calling the Sunday Service touches. We have to thank many friends for supplying us with the figures, and if other composers care to send on their compositions of suitable lengths in the more generally practised methods we shall be glad to publish them as opportunity offers.

On Sunday, June 26th, the services held at the old Parish Church at Felkirk St. Peter's were conducted by the Rev. Canon Bell, of York. In the evening he visited the ringers in the ringing chamber, and congratulated them on their ringing and the fine tone of the bells. He referred to the fine art of change ringing, and said it was one of the most important parts of the church service. His presence was very much appreciated by the band.

For those in search of a quarter-peal of Grandsire which is easy to remember, here is the calling of one by Mr. Louis Head: 7th 'Before,' 3 times; 6th, 4 times; 7th, 3 times; 6th, 3 times; 7th, 4 times; 6th, 3 times. It is musical, too, and contains Queens and Tittums.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On Sunday, June 26th, for morning service, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Jennings 1, A. J. Layton 2, Miss K. Willers 3, A. E. Austin 4, R. Harvey 5, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 6.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, June 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. Lawrence 1, E. Harris 2, R. G. Brown 3, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4, P. E. Clark 5, J. E. Roots 6, A. Harding 7, H. A. Folkard 8.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Sunday, June 26th, for morning service, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Maxim (Foxearth) 1, H. Cornwell 2, Geo. Maxim 3, H. Warner 4, A. Bull (first quarter-peal) 5, C. Dillely 6, F. Jelf (conductor) 7, R. Smith 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, June 26th, for evensong, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. Wright 1, W. Gammon 2, R. Brough (composer and conductor) 3, J. Sparrow 4, F. Larby 5, H. Skelt 6, W. Bulpitt 7, G. Burt 8, W. Groves 9, S. Roper 10. Rung on the occasion of the visit of Heer J. Vincent, Carillonneur at the Royal Palace, Amsterdam.

WINDSOR.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on June 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: G. Watkin 1, H. H. Mance 2, A. Newman 3, W. Dean 4, H. Burton 5, W. Essery 6, H. Mance (conductor) 7, F. Skinner 8. The band are the service riggers of St. Luke's, Chelsea, and the above was rung on the occasion of their annual outing.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, June 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: A. Sheppard 1, C. Sheppard (first quarter-peal) 2, O. W. Porter 3, W. Wicks 4, J. Hiscock 5, W. Fuller 6, G. Cleave (conductor) 7, H. Quaint 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, June 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. A. Fosdike 1, A. G. Bennington 2, E. J. Pannett 3, J. Law 4, G. Rawlings (Greenwich) 5, J. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

LINTON, KENT.—On Sunday evening, June 26th, at the Church of St. Nicholas', on the back six, 720 Kent Treble Bob: G. Pound (Boxley) 1, Miss E. M. Goodship (Reading) 2, C. H. Sone (Linton) 3, L. Head (Maidstone) 4, L. Newman (Snodland) 5, F. M. Mitchell (Milton-next-Gravesend), conductor, 6.

FOLKESTONE.—On Sunday, June 26th, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: J. Coppins 1, A. Kedwell (conductor) 2, Miss E. Jarvis 3, E. Bridges 4, J. Henley 5, W. Newell 6, S. Bmfield 7, W. Knight 8. Mr. Newell is from Reading, and is 84 years of age.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, June 19th, for morning service, 840 Grandsire Triples, from Parker's 12-Part, in 33 mins.: A. Farrance 1, H. Head 2, P. Pope 3, G. Smith 4, C. H. Sone 5, J. Head 6, W. Wenban (conductor) 7, C. Pope 8. For evensong, two 168's, with V. Pope for C. H. Sone. Rung upon the first anniversary of the conductor's wedding day.

READING, BERKS.—The Oxford Guild (Reading Branch). — On Sunday, June 19th, at the Church of St. Giles', for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: L. T. Osborne 1, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 2, J. H. Barnes, junr., 3, G. Wheeler 4, A. Bailey 5, R. Bishop 6, H. Egby 7, J. H. Barnes, senr., 8. Longest length by both J. H. Barnes, senr. and junr.

CHESTER-LE-STREET. — On June 19th, for Sunday evening service, 720 of Bob Minor: C. Hedley (first 720) 1, Miss A. Donnison (first in the method) 2, F. Pattison 3, G. Green 4, F. Sheraton 5, G. Ward (conductor) 6.

EASTBOURNE. — On Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. D. Smith 1, A. K. Gower 2, A. C. Pankhurst 3, J. Sharp, senr., 4, B. Hobbs 5, G. W. Stokes 6, E. Gower (conductor) 7, J. Sharp, junr., 8. All the above are ringers at St. Saviour's Church, Eastbourne.

LONDON. — On Sunday, June 19th, for evening service, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, 1,400 Kent Treble Bob Royal: T. H. Taffender (conductor) 1, T. J. Attwater 2, E. J. King 3, J. R. Gammon 4, W. G. Matthews 5, R. G. Chappelle 6, R. Bevan 7, W. H. Pickett 8, G. A. Card 9, H. J. Gummer 10. First quarter-peal of Royal by the 4th and 6th.

LINCOLN.—At St. Peter-at-Arches Church, on Sunday, 19th June, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): R. Chester 1, Rev. R. Bond 2, H. Marcon 3, L. Snell 4, G. M. Mackman 5, A. R. Chester 6, H. L. Pask (first as conductor) 7, C. McGuinness 8—On Sunday, 12th June, for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples: R. Chester 1, C. B. Chester 2, H. Marcon 3, L. Snell 4, G. M. Mackman 5, G. Almonds 6, A. R. Chester (conductor) 7, C. McGuinness 8.

ASHCHURCH, GLOS.—On Sunday, June 5th, for evening service, at St. Nicholas' Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: R. Harris 1, A. Devereaux 2, E. Devereaux 3, V. Attwood 4, W. Crooks 5, W. Ricketts (conductor) 6.

STAINES.—At St. Peter's Church, on the occasion of a special service, at which a stained glass window was unveiled and dedicated in memory of the men of the parish who fell in the war, the bells were rung half-muffled while the clergy and choir returned from the window to their places in the chancel, and after the service two touches were rung by: Miss L. Sparks 1, T. Phillips 2, Miss Mackie 3, Miss Sparks 4, Miss Riggs 5, C. Jackson 6, N. Westgate 7, J. Preston (conductor) 8.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1,006 STEDMAN CATERS.

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53421	—	—	—	—
51234	—	—	—	—
41352	—	—	—	—
42513	—	—	—	—
32145	—	—	—	—
52431	—	—	—	—
51324	—	—	—	—
41253	—	—	—	—
31542	—	—	—	—
32415	—	—	—	—
52134	—	—	—	—
42351	—	—	—	—
41523	—	—	—	—
31245	—	—	—	—

Henry Johnson.

559 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES.

234567	
752346	3
357246	5
253746	5
532467	2
32564	2
743625	1
567432	3
325467	1
243567	5
542367	5
735426	3
357264	2
234567	P.L.

J. Beams.

720 TREBLE BOB MINOR.

23456	
55642	4
63542	1
25634	2
62534	1
45623	2
36452	2
52436	3
45236	1
62453	2
55462	3
45362	1
62345	3
56245	1
52564	2
35264	1
23456	P.L.

H. Haigh.

1,277 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

23456789		
62354978	1	4S
32465	1S	4
43265	9	in 3
24365	9	in 3
52463	9	in 3S
45263	9	in 3
34562	9	in 3S
23465	9	in 3S
42365	9	in 3
53462	9	in 3
53462	9	in 3S
25364	9	in 3S
42563	9	in 3S

Round by 9 in and out at 2.

R. F. Deal.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WELLS.—On April 29th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): E. Stiles 1, T. Hayward 2, W. Farley 3, H. Trim 4, S. Carter 5, F. Loxton 6, E. Lush 7, A. Mills 8, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 9, T. Griffin and A. Berry 10. Longest length by the ringers of treble, 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th.

CROYDON.—On Ascension Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: James Cooper (first quarter) 1, W. States 2, J. Merriett 3, J. Rumble 4, J. Talbot 5, H. J. Skelt 6, A. W. Clark (conductor) 7, R. Fackham 8.

HITCHIN.—On Ascension Day, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 49 mins.: E. J. Newell 1, E. W. Day 2, C. Cannon (first in the method) 3, F. R. Bacon 4, H. E. Day 5, J. Harey 6, L. Fidler 7, G. T. Croft (conductor) 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Ascension Day, at the Parish Church (first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. W. Bond (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Lawrence (conductor) 2, R. W. Hyner 3, E. Bishop 4, H. A. Hearl (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, S. Palmer 6, T. Robinson 7, A. E. W. Smith 8.

UPPINGTON, SALOP.—On Saturday, May 14th, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), comprising 480 of Plain Bob and 780 of Grandsire Doubles: H. Bazzley 1, J. Lilley 2, S. Snelson 3, R. Pale 4, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 5, H. Giles (first quarter-peal) 6. On the same date, at Repton Magna, 240 of Bob Doubles and 240 of Grandsire Doubles. The above were rung on a cycle spin out to towers where there is no change ringing done.

MONKS ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.—On May 18th, 720 of Plain Bob: H. Whymark 1, A. Symonds 2, A. Keeble 3, K. Whitell 4, H. Lister 5, W. Stiff (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 on tower bells by the 4th and 5th ringers, who hail from Bildeston.

SCARBOROUGH.—On May 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with tenor covering: J. R. Fryers (first 720 in the method) 1, H. Gibson 2, H. Ferguson 3, J. B. Park 4, J. E. Barton 5, J. P. Tarlton (conductor) 6, L. T. Cole 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—On May 19th, two courses of Cambridge Surprise Major: A. J. Smith 1, T. Blackburn 2, F. Hunt 3, H. Burton 4, H. Wood 5, T. Kendall 6, A. King 7, L. A. Goodenough 8. All members of the local tower with the exception of the ringers of the 4th.

BISHOP'S HULL.—Bath and Wells Association.—On May 21st, 720 Oxford-Treble Bob Minor: A. Symonds 1, A. Wyatt 2, A. Hayward 3, G. Coles 4, P. Merson 5, J. Hunt (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all except conductor.

PRESTON, LANCs.—On May 25th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: B. A. Knights (conductor) 1, A. Martin 2, J. Bimson 3, E. R. Martin 4, E. Armstrong 5, F. Harwood 6, W. Taylor 7, W. Heald 8. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday. First quarter of Stedman by 3 and 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, for Queen Mary's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Holloway 1, J. W. Fruin 2, T. Beadle 3, C. Edwards 4, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 5, R. Fardon 6, W. Vickery 7, W. Lidbetter 8.—On May 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Hunnisott 1, R. Fardon 2, J. W. Fruin 3, J. Hunnisott 4, W. Hunnisott 5, F. Goodfellow 6, L. H. Page (conductor) 7, F. Palmer 8.—On King George's birthday, on June 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Holloway 1, J. W. Fruin 2, T. Beadle 3, C. Edwards 4, C. Brown 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, W. Lidbetter 7, R. Fardon 8.

CHELMSFORD.—On Saturday, May 28th, for the monthly practice, 528 Stedman Caters: A. Head 1, J. Clark 2, A. Edwards 3, T. Lincoln 4, C. Pease 5, P. Timson 6, E. P. Buckingham 7, J. Wood 8, W. Lincoln (conductor) 9, H. W. Kirton 10. Also 630 Grandsire Cinques, with J. Bowers and A. White taking part.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—At the special service, for the institution of the Rev. G. Monteath Thompson as Vicar on May 25th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by G. W. Sorrell 1, F. W. Edwards 2, H. Head 3, F. G. Radley 4, A. Head 5, E. P. Buckingham 6, W. Lincoln 7, W. E. Emery 8.

DENTON, MANCHESTER.—Chester Diocesan Guild.—At St. Anno's Church, on May 31st, 720 of Annable's London Surprise: D. Wilde 1, A. E. Marshall 2, H. Bardsley 3, J. Pollitt 4, Wilf. Wilde 5, J. Heckingbottom (conductor) 6. First 720 in method by all.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—On June 1st, at the Prior Church 720 Double Court Bob Minor: A. E. Sharman (conductor) 1, A. V. Good 2, C. E. King 3, Canon Baker 4, J. B. Marks 5, A. King 6, G. Heley 8. Rung with the tenor covering. First 720 of Double Court by all except the treble and 5th ringers.

SELBY.—At Selby Abbey, on Thursday, June 2nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 53 mins., by: J. W. Hall 1, T. Morgan 2, H. S. Morley 3, G. W. P. Fenton 4, F. Cryer 5, W. A. Hall 6, H. Fairlawn (conductor) 7, Geo. Bloyce 8.

ALDFORD, CHESTER.—Chester Guild.—On June 2nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Dunning 1, R. Sperring 2, R. Jones 3, G. Jones 4, H. W. Wilde 5, J. Morgan (conductor) 6. First in the method on the bells. Also 720 same method: G. Jones 1, R. Jones 2, R. Sperring 3, G. R. Jones 4, A. E. Richards 5, H. W. Wilde (conductor) 6.—On June 9th, 720 in the same method: A. E. Richards 1, R. Sperring (conductor) 2, R. Jones 3, G. R. Jones 4, G. Jones 5, J. Morgan 6.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, July 2nd, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 5 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Hillingdon (St. John's) on Saturday, July 2nd. Ringing from 3.30. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Devizes on July 2nd at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Anyone requiring tea please advise me early.—Harold F. Brown, 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Erdington, Birmingham, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church House at 5.30, followed by business meeting. All who require tea should notify Miss Salter, 10, Station Road, Erdington. All ringers welcome.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Rd., Enfield.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held in the Abbey Church House, Bath, on Saturday, July 2nd. Service in the Abbey at 3 p.m., at which the War Memorial will be dedicated. Business meeting to follow. The following bells are available: Abbey (in the evening), St. Andrew's, St. Saviour's (Tiverton), St. Mary's, St. Michael's (Corston), until 1.30 p.m. and after business meeting.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greeway Avenue, Taunton.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The July meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, July 2nd. Eight bells open at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1/6 per head.—Sam Thomas, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells ready at 5.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscriptions are due.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: 7.30 p.m. at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, July 2nd, and St. Clement Danes, July 30th. Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement's 1st and 3rd, Bishopsgate 2nd and 4th. Quarterly general meeting St. Clement Danes July 9th, 6.30 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m., followed by special meeting to consider Rule 24.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on July 5th (Cambridge); St. Magnus on the 7th and 21st; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 12th; Southwark Cathedral, 19th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 26th; and St. Andrew, Holborn, 28th (higher methods); all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meetings for practice: Monday next, July 4th, St. Mary's, Whitechapel; Thursday, July 14th, All Hallows, Lombard Street, E.C. Ringing at 7.30 p.m. sharp in each case. *Everybody* welcome.—E. C. Russell, Hon. District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at Leesfield. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea and meeting after. All ringers welcome. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by July 7th, so that tea arrangements can be made?—F. J. Reeve, Hon. Dist. Sec., Clifton House, Tring, Herts.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged at the Masons' Arms Hotel for those who advise me not later than July 5th of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 41, Albert Rd., Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 4. Tea 5.30; members intending being present please send word before July 6th. Business: Nomination of Branch Secretary and Committeeman.—Walter Hughes, Branch Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next Quarterly meeting will be held at Misson (Bawtry Station, G.N.R.) on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Will members please arrange their own tea? After this date no postcards will be sent to members, but meetings will be advertised in the 'Ringing World' only.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Ramsey on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. O. G. Howe, High Street, Ramsey. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Summer Festival will be held at Turvey on Saturday, July 9th. The bells (8) will be available at 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, North Dunstable.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The meeting at Waltham Abbey arranged for July 9th has been postponed.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Darton on Saturday, July 9th. Tower open early in the afternoon. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., Barnsley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, July 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5, with address by the Vicar (Rev. A. W. Hopkinson, M.A.) followed by tea in the Church Institute. Will those intending to be present at tea kindly notify Mr. F. G. Woodiss, Chipstead Road, Banstead, not later than Wednesday, July 6th, to ensure proper catering arrangements being made?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. District Sec.

SALOP GUILD.—Half-yearly meeting at Coalbrookdale, Saturday, July 16th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock in Trinity Hall, 1/6 per head. Members and other ringing friends are cordially invited. Please send a card to the Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmunds, Shrewsbury, or W. Saunders, Institution House, Coalbrookdale.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Howden on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) will be available from noon. Service in S. Peter's at 4 p.m., with a short address by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Waring. Tea at 5 p.m. at Mrs. Wilds' (close to church), at 1/9 per head to those who notify Mr. R. B. Smith, Vicar Lane, Howden, before July 12th.—A. B. Cook, Hon. District Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ribchester on July 16th. Goosnargh bells will also be available from 3 to 4.30. Further particulars by circular.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 23rd (D.V.). Service at Cathedral at 11 a.m., preacher Rev. Canon Coleridge. Immediately after service the war memorial to our fallen ringers will be unveiled in the Cloisters by the Right Rev. E. Domitt-Shaw (Archdeacon of Oxford). The business meeting will then be held in the Chapter House. Dinner in Christ Church Dining Hall at 1.30, tickets 2/6 each (3/- for non-members); application for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must be made to General Sec. Arrangements for ringing will be notified later.—Richard T. Hibbert, General Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The postponed Annual meeting will be held at Walthamstow on Saturday, July 23rd. Short service at St. Mary's Church at 3 p.m. Tea (1/3 to members) at 4 p.m. at the Church House, to be followed by annual meeting. St. Mary's (10 bells), St. Saviour's (8 bells) and other towers in the neighbourhood will be open from 2 p.m. Those intending to be present at tea must notify the Hon. Sec. not later than Monday, July 18th, as a guarantee for number has to be given.—H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec., The Temple, Witham, Essex.

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LINSLADE, BUCKS.—On Saturday, June 4th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 45 mins.: G. White 1, F. Dedman 2, W. Jeffs 3, J. Sear 4, C. Rollings 5, W. Dedman (conductor) 6, F. Vickers 7, A. B. Seddon 8. Rung in honour of the Lord Bishop of Oxford's visit to Linslade. First quarter-peal of Oxford Bob on the bells.

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Cambridge Surprise Royal	1	
Forward Royal	1	
Double Bob Royal	1	
Victory Major	1	
Oxford Bob Major	1	1
Double Norwich Major (including 10,000)	32	10
Stedman Cinques	6	
Stedman Caters	17	4
Stedman Triples	24	6
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	6	1
Kent Treble Bob Major (including 8,000)	16	9
Bob Royal	2	
Bob Major	22	15
Grandsire Caters	4	2
Grandsire Triples	39	26
ON SIX BELLS.		
In 7 methods	6	1
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ON HANDBELLS.		
Stedman Caters	7	
Stedman Triples	1	
Bob Royal	1	1
Bob Major	14	7
Grandsire Caters	3	
Total	250	95

CHELMSFORD.—On Friday, June 3rd, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the back eight in 51 mins.: C. Gentry 1, A. Whight 2, P. Timson 3, J. Clark 4, C. Pease 5, H. W. Kirton (conductor) 6, J. Wood 7, W. Pease 8. Rung in honour of His Majesty's birthday.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—On the King's birthday, at All Saints' Church, 504 Stedman Triples: P.S. C. A. Smith (longest touch) 1, S. T. Goodchild 2, E. Coles 3, R. Coles 4, F. Boxell 5, J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 6, G. White 7, H. C. Ingram 8.

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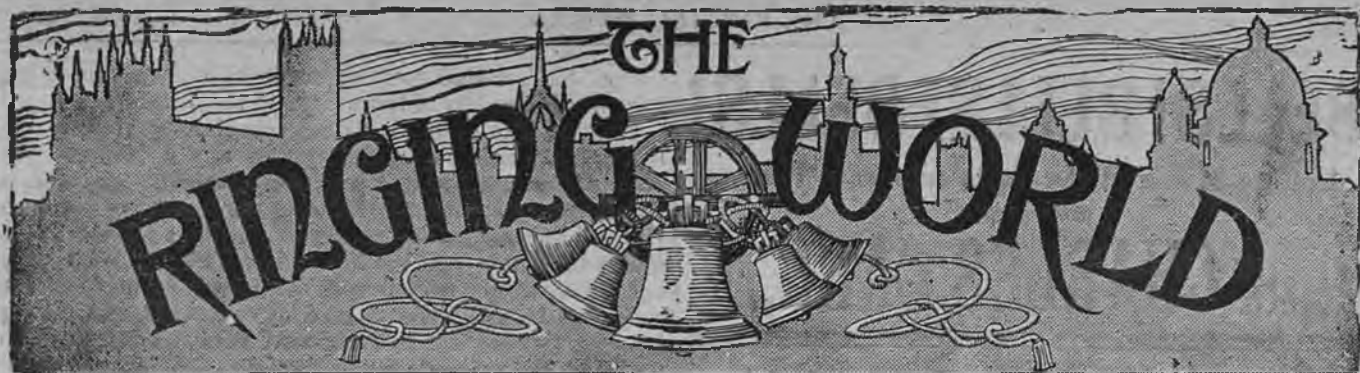
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PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS RECRUITING GROUND.

In a letter which we publish elsewhere in this issue a correspondent refers to the possibility of drawing into the ranks of the Exercise more University and Public School men. This is an important part of the wider subject of extending the practice of change ringing which is ever present, and which the Central Council has made an effort to further by appealing directly and specially to the Bishops, Archdeacons, Rural Deans and clergy generally. Our correspondent suggests that if headmasters of Public Schools and Training Colleges could be interested in the subject, many of their students would be induced to take up the art, with the result that their future influence in the matter would be all for the good.

There is much to be said in favour of some such action. In recent years everyone, we think, will admit there has been a general levelling up in the type of man who enters the belfry. As Canon Papillon pointed out in the article from which we quoted last week, there was a time in the life of many now living when the ringers were not infrequently men of the lowest class in the parish, and when the belfry was often considered an adjunct to the pot house. That condition of affairs has, happily, been swept away, largely because the ringers themselves have willed it, and because they have been recruited from more self-respecting circles. The reform has been from within, and the clergy are now rapidly coming in to take their place with the ringers, just as they have interested themselves in the choir. The influence of the Associations has brought this about, and there is no reason why the Associations should not extend their efforts further, as our correspondent suggests, and endeavour to get into the ranks of the Exercise a larger proportion of Public School youths, many of whom will be the clergy of the future.

In this connection it must not be forgotten that the University Guilds of Cambridge and Oxford have done invaluable service, especially the former, which, under the presidency of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, has carried on its work without interruption for a considerable number of years. The Oxford University Guild has not had such an unbroken career, but its recent revival leads to the hope that we may see it before long as keen a rival to its sister 'Varsity in ringing as other University organisations are in other directions. To secure as active an interest among members of the Public Schools as is done at these two seats of learning would be a great step forward in bringing in a type of recruit to the Exercise which would not only add to its standing with

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the public, but lead to the introduction of the art to men who will be leaders of knowledge in the future.

Such an idea is worth serious consideration. It is not a thing that could be carried out on any widespread plan without mature thought and the hearty co-operation of those already among us who have the necessary influence. But, all the same, the matter is one that should not be shelved. There are Varsity and old Public School men on the Central Council. A committee formed of these could, we think, evolve a plan of campaign, and perhaps between this and the meeting next Whitsun some of them may give the subject serious thought.

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BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, June 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

THOMAS RUSSAM ... ..	... Treble	FRED WILFORD	7
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY	2	ERNEST BISHOP	8
GEORGE F. SWANN	3	ALBERT E. NORMAN	9
PERCY O. LAFLIN	4	ALBERT WALKER	10
ALF PADDON SMITH	5	JOHN NEAL	11
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	6	JAMES E. GROVES... ..	Tenor

Composed by FRANK W. PERRINS. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung on the day the great coal strike was settled. Arranged for Messrs. F. Wilford, of Northampton, and E. Bishop, of Swindon. First peal of Cinques on tower bells as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LANCASHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES HOULDSWORTH... ..	... Treble	FRANK SHAW	5
ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH	2	JONATHAN WHEWELL	6
MISS ELLEN SHAW	3	JAMES SHAW... ..	7
JACK BARNES... ..	4	WILLIAM RILEY	Tenor

Composed by T. LAW. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

This method, published in the 'Ringing World' on March 3rd, 1916, is now rung for the first time.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER ... ..	... Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES	5
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT... ..	2	RICHARD STREDWICK	6
ERNEST GOWER	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..	7
GEORGE ELLIS	4	KEITH HART... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by O. S. PIPETTS.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

H. HADWICK ... ..	... Treble	*ALBERT S. HILL	5
CHARLES KENNINGTON	2	CHARLES W. TAYLOR	6
*FRANK KENNINGTON... ..	3	J. E. KENNINGTON	7
W. H. HEYHOE... ..	4	WILLIAM BOLTON	Tenor

Conducted by C. W. TAYLOR.

* First peal. Rung with the bells fully muffled on the eve of the dedication by the Bishop of Lincoln of the Chapel of the Resurrection, as a memorial to the 2,100 men of Grimsby who fell in the Great War. H. Hadwick, F. Kennington and Chas. Kennington are ex-soldiers who served their King and country in the conflict.

**BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wednesday, June 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5840 CHANGES;

8 3882 HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 9½ cwt.	
*ERNEST J. AYLIFFE Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY 5	GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE GRANT 6
OWEN H. GILES 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 4	CHARLES AYLIFFE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

**ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, June 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.		Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.	
CECIL J. BAKER Treble	WILLIAM H. JAMES 5	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON 2	HENRY HARRISON 6
JAMES F. GEORGE 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY 7	R. ALLEN HICKTON 4	EDWARD C. CHASTY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

This variation is now rung for the first time, and the peal was scored at the first attempt.

**THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(St. Martin's, Leicester, Society.)
On Saturday, July 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.	
PERCY HARRISON... .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON... .. 5
GEORGE CLEAL 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
HARRY BROUGHTON 3	FRED H. DEXTER 7
LOUIS E. ALLEN 4	JOHN OLDHAM Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN OLDHAM.

This is the first Surprise peal on the bells. First peal as conductor in any method.

**ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, July 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*MRS. E. G. BELLINGER... Treble	JOHN HAMMOND 5
ALBERT J. PITMAN 2	F. B. SPEDMAN 6
DAVID REES 3	ERNEST J. STITCH 7
CHARLES H. PERRY 4	FRED ATTWELL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

This composition, which is now rung for the first time and contains 307 calls in five parts, was published in the 'Ringing World' on Sept. 28th, 1917. Mr. Perry kindly came down from Bridgend at short notice to make up the band. Credit is due to Mrs. Bellinger for the way she rang throughout. * First peal in the method.

LIVERPOOL

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, TUE BROOK,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.	
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... Treble	*CHARLES COLES... .. 5
CLAUDE I. DAVIES 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 6
HERBERT LUDKIN 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
†SYDNEY F. BARNES 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell, also first peal in the method on the bells. Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the consecration of the church, and the completion of his twenty-fifth year as Vicar by the Rev. R. T. Brockman.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, July 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.	
ERNEST WEATHERBY ... Treble	ALFRED H. WINCH 5
GEORGE MARRINER 2	GEORGE W. STEERE 6
*WILLIAM BEESON 3	JOHN H. WHITE 7
ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.	
GEORGE WHITING Treble	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 5
ERNEST LINCOLN... .. 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
NORMAN R. BAILEY 3	WILLIAM T. LAST 7
GEORGE PRYKE 4	ERNEST E. LANHAM Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

This peal was rung to oblige the ringer of the 2nd.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.	
THOMAS BLACKBOURN... Treble	HARRY WOOD 5
ALFRED KING 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
THOMAS KENDALL 3	FREDERICK HUNT 7
HERBERT WOOD 4	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

The ringer of the 7th has now rung each of these bells to a peal. G. H. Cross was elected a member of the Bedfordshire Association previous to starting for the peal.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.	
*EDGAR PIZZEY Treble	ALBERT A. FLEMING 5
GEORGE BENNETT 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	CHARLES E. FISHER 7
FRANK L. FISHER 4	WILLIAM BURGESS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

* First peal of Major.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.	
*EDWARD GRINDLE ... Treble	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2	†WALTER RUFFLES 6
PERCIVAL WOODS 3	†THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by W. C. RUMSEY.

* First peal. † First in the method. 50th peal by G. A. Wightman. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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SIX BELL PEALS.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.
 THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
 On Sunday, June 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court,
 Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and two 720's of Oxford
 Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER BROWN Treble	ALPHÉUS J. BERRY 4
JAMES ROSE 2	EDGAR RIVERS 5
GEORGE W. MEE... .. 3	W. CLOVER Tenor

Conducted by E. RIVERS.

BREADSALL, DERBYSHIRE.
 THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 2, 1921, in Three Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of
 Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM A. PARSONS... .. Treble	WILFRED H. BENTON... .. 4
J. ARTHUR ORGILL 2	GEORGE W. BRAME 5
WILLIAM POYSER 3	JOSEPH LORD... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.
 THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 16½ cwt.

FRED RIGBY Treble	*WILLIAM AUSTIN 4
†THOMAS GROUNDS 2	JOHN HY. GARTSIDE, JUN. 5
JOHN BOOTH 3	†GEORGE HEWITT Tenor

Conducted by FRED RIGBY.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. A. Jaques, one of the wardens of the above church. The ringers of treble, 5 and tenor hail from Chorley, and the rest from Standish.

BENTLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
 THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob alternately. Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE W. A. GASSON ... Treble	†MISS HILDA F. MILLS ... 4
†MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 2	GEORGE CHANDLER 5
MISS KATHLEEN A. AVENELL 3	SGT. G. GILBERT, R.E. ... Tenor

Conducted by SERGT. G. GILBERT, R.E.

* First peal. † First peal in five methods. Treble ringer hails from Ruffborough, 3rd and 5th from Worplesdon, and 2nd, 4th and tenor from Aldershot. This is believed to be the first peal in five methods in which three ladies have rung working bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
 THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
 AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by
 ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by REV. EARL BOLWER. Conducted by the Performer.
 Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

OLDHAM.—At St. Thomas's, Moorside, on June 13th, 1,152 Kent Treble Bob Major, as a birthday compliment to C. E. Platt: H. Barnes 1, W. Barnes 2, F. Lawton 3, A. Wild 4, H. Barlow 5, T. Beech 6, L. Hampson 7, C. E. Platt (conductor) 8.

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

On Thursday, June 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
 IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES 5-6
GEORGE F. SVANN 3-4	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 7-8
ALBERT E. NORMAN 9-10	

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.
 Referee: MORRIS J. MORRIS.

The first half of this peal was in the tittums.

ILKESTON VARIATION OF TREBLE BOB.

Another variation of Treble Bob is put forward under the name of Ilkeston, by Mr. E. C. Gobey. It is gob by ringing Kent, with a lead of Oxford in every course when the tenor is going to the slow, cutting out two leads, and keeping the tenors away from the slow work, but Kent bobs only are used at M. W. and H.

The first peal in the variation was rung at Ilkeston, on June 30th, conducted by the composer.

Following are the figures of the peal:—

	23456	M	Ox	W	H
56342					
42635					
26435	2	1	2	1	
46325	2	1			2
36245	2	1			2
45623					1
23564					1
35264	2	1	2	1	
25634	2	1			2
65324	2	1			2
21536					1
32465	1	1			
65243					1
52643	2	1	2	1	
62153	2	1			2
42563	2	1			2
63254					1
54326					1
43526	2	1	2	1	
53246	2	1			2
23456	2	1			2

By repeating the first 5 courses four times the peal will ring to 8060.

CROFTON SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Following is the proof of first lead of Crofton Surprise, together with seven course-ends that are false against 23456 tenors together.

If a peal in the method is possible with the tenors together, I should like to see the figures. Will the Rev. E. Bankes James oblige?
 —Yours faithfully,
 GEORGE BAKER.

	False Course Ends
12345678	
14528376	
13725684	
15327488	
15627348	
17625384	
14238576	
14568273	
12685374	25634
18526374	34562
14683572	54263
15824378	63542
14652873	62345
15642378	46325
13426875	56423
16823475	
14672358	
14685327	
14623875	
14285637	
14362758	

VISIT TO LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY.

The St. Mary's ringers and a few friends, including Mr. R. Richardson, Surfleet, had their annual outing on Thursday, June 30th, when they visited Loughborough. Mr. Richardson kindly placed his car at the disposal of the party, and the remaining accommodation was provided by two other cars requisitioned. A stay was made half-way on the outward journey at Langham, where the fine ring of six were soon going in the various Minor methods, after which lunch was partaken in the Vicarage garden. The Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Mandall), formerly of St. Mary's, kindly provided tea and other suitable refreshments.

Arriving at Loughborough at 2.30, the party were met by Mr. Denison Taylor, who very kindly conducted them over the foundry. Beginning in the moulding shop, the process of bell founding, with all its modern improvements, was explained throughout, which, it need scarcely be said, was followed with the greatest interest, especially by the ringers, most of whom had not visited a bell foundry before. Various rings of bells in process of construction were noticed for different parts of the county, and indeed for other parts of the world. Two peals of ten were specially noticed, one for Bradford Cathedral, and the other, with a tenor of about two tons, for the Luke of Argyll at Inveraray. These peals were tapped round by the workmen for the benefit of the party to contrast to the old Bradford bells, while the visitors were enjoying a pipe in the garden. The carillon was inspected, and attempts made to play upon it by some of the would-be musicians among the visitors, after which Miss Taylor very kindly entertained the company to a sumptuous tea on the lawn.

During the remainder of the evening the foundry peal was made good use of in Bob Major, Treble Bob and Grandsire Triples, while touches were also rung on the handbells. Peterborough was reached somewhere about midnight, after a very enjoyable and happy day.

The party are greatly indebted to the Rev. W. A. Mandall and Mr. D. and Miss Taylor for the kind way in which they were received, and the arrangements made for their comfort.

SUNDERLAND RINGERS IN CLEVELAND.

The ringers of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr, Sunderland, had their annual trip on Wednesday, June 22nd, the district selected being the Cleveland Hills of Yorkshire. The senior curate (the Rev. G. G. Hickman), one of the churchwardens (Mr. H. Dixon), and the ringers' good friend, Mr. Stanley M. Ritson, accompanied them in the motor-bus. The first stop was at Ormesby, where they were met by Mr. T. Metcalf, of North Ormesby, and the fine bells of this beautiful village were soon set going to Stedman and Double Norwich.

Guisborough was reached at noon, and after an excellent dinner at the Buck Hotel, and a ring on the six bells of the old church, the party had a very pleasant stroll in the Priory Gardens, famous for its wonderful chestnut tree and avenue of beeches.

The next place of call was the pretty village of Carlton, in Cleveland, and the car took the excursionists quickly round the base of Rosebery Toppin, the most prominent of the Cleveland Hills, through Stokesley, to their destination. Here a disappointment awaited the party; they had had a very kind invitation from the Vicar to have a ring on the bells, but unfortunately the sexton had gone away with the church key (weighing about one pound), in his waistcoat pocket, and in spite of every assistance from the villagers, who wanted to hear the bells, the door could not be opened. After a walk through the village, tea at the Blackwell Ox, and the taking of a photograph by the Clerical member of the party, they were just getting into the bus when a girl cyclist came up with the precious key, so that they were able to have half an hour's ringing on these splendid bells after all.

It is worthy of remark that both here and at Guisborough the ringing chambers are open to the church, which must make it very difficult to put things right, when ringing for service, and the bells get slightly mixed.

The bus now took the party home via Hutton Rudby, Yarm, and Stockton, where they parted with Mr. Metcalf, Sunderland being reached at about 10 o'clock, after if not quite a 'perfect,' at least a very happy day, which will long be remembered.

YORK RINGERS AT SCARBOROUGH.

On Saturday, June 25th, the ringers and choir of St. Mary's, Bishopthorpe, York, had an enjoyable outing to Scarborough. The party left by charabanc at 7 a.m., and returned about 11 p.m., after a delightful day. The ringers were met at the tower of St. Mary's Church, Scarborough, by Messrs. Barton and Gibson, and after raising the bells in peal, a well-struck quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the following: T. F. Earnshaw 1, W. Fountain 2, P. Fifth 3, A. Horner 4, E. Ricket 5, A. C. Fearnley (conductor) 6, H. N. Imeson 7, I. R. Barton 8. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Barton for his kindness in making arrangements for the ringing and making up the band.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting for combined practice was held on Saturday last at Owslebury, by the kindness of the Vicar. The pretty peal of six were available during the afternoon, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were brought round. Tea was provided on the cricket ground, at the invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Briggs, both of whom were present, also the Rev. W. E. Colchester, Mr. G. Williams, and ringers from Curdridge, Southampton, Bishopstoke, North Stoneham, Winchester, Upham, and the local tower.

The Rev. W. E. Colchester moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Briggs for their kindness for providing tea, and also for the use of the bells.—Mr. G. Williams, in seconding, expressed the hope that the local men would again join the Guild.—The Vicar extended to the members a hearty welcome to Owslebury, and said it was a pleasure to himself and Mrs. Briggs to welcome them.

After tea a move was made to Twyford, where, by the kindness of the Vicar (the Rev. — Morriss), the bells were kept going during the evening to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, Mr. T. Spratt, of the local company, being present.

The thanks of the ringers are due to Mr. G. Fullinger for making the arrangements.

A sum of 16s. was collected at the tea, and forwarded to the memorial fund for the new bells for Winchester Cathedral.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Hinckley district was held at Sharnford, on Saturday last, members and friends being in attendance from Croft, Hinckley, Higham-on-Hill, Sapcote, Stoney Stanton, Nuneaton, and Wigston. The methods rung on tower bells included Grandsire, Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Double Court, and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

The business meeting was presided over by the vice-president (Mr. C. H. Webb), and it was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting at Stoke Golding.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells.

Tune ringing and changes on handbells brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

MORE SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Thomas's Church, on Sunday, 28th June, for Matins a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples (from Groves' Variation), in 48 mins.: T. Scamell 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Scott, senr. 3, W. Johnson 4, J. Bacon 5, W. Scott, junr. 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, E. Alex. Young 8. Arranged especially for Mr. E. A. Young, and as a compliment on his appointment as secretary of the Central Council, he being a frequent visitor to this tower.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday morning, June 26th, at the Church of St. Thomas-a-Beckett, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: H. L. White 1, F. A. Burnett (conductor) 2, L. C. Best 3, W. Ayles 4, E. J. Hedger 5, H. Aitken 6, W. Baker 7, F. Edney 8.

SPROTBOROUGH, Near DONCASTER.—At St. Mary's Church, Sprotborough, Yorks, on Sunday morning, April 24th, for service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Stacey 1, O. Greathead 2, W. Rowley 3, W. Athron 4, E. Short 5, E. Stacey (conductor) 6; and for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. H. Metcalfe 1, H. Harding 2, W. Rowley 3, W. Dent 4, E. Short 5, E. Stacey (conductor) 6. Both touches were rung as a compliment to J. Stacey on his golden wedding day. He has been a ringer at Sprotborough for 58 years, and was conductor up to Easter of this year.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BURSLEM, STAFFS.—The first 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor by the local ringers was rung on April 19th: R. Welsby 1, W. P. Deane (conductor) 2, L. Pennington 3, T. Hilditch 4, T. Hurd 5, W. Bourne 6. Much credit is due to Messrs. W. P. Deane and J. Walker for their valuable instruction of the band in this advanced method.

WORCESTER.—On Monday, May 30th, at St. Helen's, 448 Superlative Surprise Major: J. Brettell 1, R. G. Knowles 2, W. C. Jones 3, G. Hinton, junr. 4, W. Ranford 5, W. Lewis 6, J. J. Jeffries 7, W. Page (conductor) 8. First touch in the method by all except Messrs. Jones and Page.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS.—On Friday, June 10th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 45 mins., by: E. Coxhead 1, R. Lancaster 2, H. Lucas 3, C. Salisbury 4, G. Bradley 5, V. Blackwell 6, W. Lancaster (conductor) 7, A. Blackwell 8. This was the longest touch for the ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4, and for 7 as conductor. All are of the local band, and are regular Sunday service ringers.

WRAGBY, LINCOLN.—On Saturday, 11th June, at All Saints' Church, in 25 mins., 720 Plain Bob Minor: L. Snell 1, E. Sagger 2, S. Cade 3, N. Roundturner 4, H. Lowman 5, H. L. Pask (first as conductor) 6.

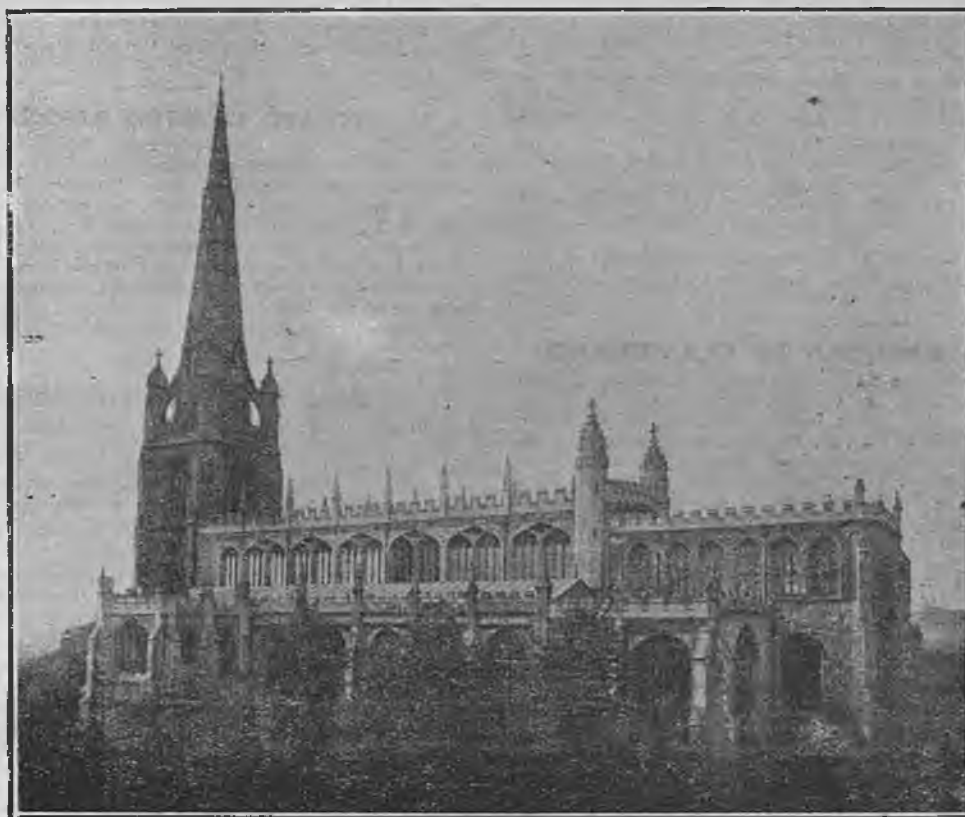
RINGING'S OLDEST FESTIVAL.

SAFFRON WALDEN'S 'GREAT RINGING DAY.'

'Great Ringing Day' at Saffron Walden is probably one of the oldest institutions in the Exercise. For 298 years this event has been celebrated, we believe, without a break, and its origin is due to a bequest of one Thomas Turner, a mercer, of Saffron Walden, who left money, with which an estate was purchased at Henham, Essex, to provide for this festival, and for a memorial sermon to be preached on the anniversary of his funeral (June 27th), the bequest being in gratitude to the bells of Walden for guiding him to safety when lost in the woods at Audley End.

The ringing history of Walden, however, goes back even beyond this remote date, and there is still a record existing which has come down to us from the dim ages of the 15th century. In 1440, when Henry VI. was king, the ringers were paid for ringing on the occasion of a visit of the Queen. 'For rynnaggyr wanne ye quene was her, iijij.' Thus they received the princely sum of fourpence for their services,

those who succeeded them were always well abreast of the advances made in the art. One of the first occasions, if not the very first time that Holt's Original was conducted by a ringer taking part in the peal, was at Saffron Walden in 1753—about two years after John Holt had called it from manuscript, at St. Margaret's, Westminster. At this time there were two companies of ringers at Walden, the seniors and the juniors, and apparently there was no love lost between them. The record of the peal exists in a very old newspaper cutting, dated January 2nd, 1754: 'To inform all real Lovers and Professors of the Art of Ringing That the Society of Young Ringers of this town, on Tuesday, the 25th of December last, being Christmas Day, did ring the true Peal of Grandsire Triples composed of 148 Bobs with two Singles, which they effected in three hours and twenty minutes; and on Tuesday following, being New Year's Day, they completed the same in eight minutes less than before (being the only times the same has been rung there since there has been eight bells) to the no small mortification of their antagonists (some of the Old Society) who, instead of instruction, give them all the obstruction in their



SAFFRON WALDEN CHURCH.

but that there was some importance attached to the ringing of the bells on such an auspicious occasion may be judged by the fact that previously the ringers had been fined for not ringing when Queen Margaret of Anjou came to the Abbey. What the bells of those days were, how many their number, or what their weight, no record remains; but that famous old founder Miles Graye was employed upon them in 1629, when he cast the 'Greate Bell' and was paid £15, with more for 'mettall for ye same bell, xvs. vjd.' In 1634 he appears to have again recast the tenor, for there is an entry, 'Payd to Miles Graye for the casting of our great Bell ye 23rd October, now waying but 27ct. xslbs. at 10s. pr. ct. £13 11. 00. There is 1ct. and 15lbs. remaining of mettall, which was left of the old bell,' which shows that the original tenor was a heavier bell. In 1653 the 5th was recast, and the rest rebung by one John Heddon, bell founder.

The eight bells which made Saffron Walden famous in the history of change ringing, were cast by John Briant, of Hertford, in 1798, and the 7th and 6th were recast at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1813 and 1849 respectively. In 1914 the peal was augmented to twelve by Mr. A. Bowell, and the magnificent tower, with a spire rising to 200 feet, now possesses all that the most ardent ringer can desire.

The story of the early days of change ringing at Saffron Walden is as interesting as the history of the bells. The men who rang on the first 'Great Ringing Day' were probably not change ringers, but

power. The ringers which rung the same were: Fredk. Sell, Charles Baron (who called the bobs), Richard Whitehard, John Banks, William Barrett, junr., John Bush, junr., John Clark and John Salmon.

These performances seem to have caused some trouble, for there is no trace of another peal being rung until 1771. But after that the ringers of Walden progressed in the art. They rang peals of Bob Major and Treble Bob, and afterwards (in 1817) Double Norwich, the last named being, according to the records accumulated by the late Jaspur Snowdon, only the 6th peal ever rung in the method. After this they mastered Superlative, but their enthusiasm, or their luck, was never sufficient to carry them to the success of a peal, their longest length being 1120. It is interesting, however, to recall that the Saffron Walden company, of whom some are happily still alive, were the first to ring a peal in the method in Essex. Between 1820 and 1865 nothing much but Plain Bob was rung at Walden, but afterwards the company went ahead again, and the older members of the present generation of ringers will recollect the achievements of the band in which the famous Pitstow brothers played a part, while Saffron Walden cannot be mentioned without recalling the memory of one of the greatest and most versatile composers, now gone to his rest—Nathan J. Pitstow.

But through all the ups and downs of the art in the ancient Essex town, 'Great Ringing Day' has never passed without its celebration

—more or less fitting as ringing has been in the ascendant or otherwise. Recent years—except during the war-time—has seen the event made the occasion of a gathering of visitors, not only from the towers around, but from distant places as well.

The celebration on Monday in last week brought together ringers from Cambridge (including one lady), Starsted, Great Munden, Croydon, Royston, Brockley, Ickleton, etc., while the local men were, of course, present in force.

Ringling began at 9.30 a.m., and continued with brief intervals until 9.30 p.m., the methods rung during the day ranging up to London Surprise Major and Stedman Cinques.

The customary service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. L. Hughes, who preached a very interesting and appropriate sermon for the occasion, and later presided over a party of about forty at a substantial meat tea. There were votes of thanks to the Vicar, the visitors, the local company, etc., heartily accorded and suitably responded to; and it was generally accepted that a very pleasant and successful 'Great Ringing Day' had marked the 293th anniversary.

A SUFFOLK EXCURSION.

On Monday, June 27th, the Debenham company left that village on pleasure bent, and proceeded by motor-bus to the Churches of Worlingworth, Stradbroke and Fressingfield, ringing touches of Bob Major, Double Norwich and Stedman Triples at these towers. Diss was reached about noon, and here a disappointment awaited the party, for the bells could not be rung owing to a death near the church. The visitors were able, however, to dispose of a dinner provided by the host of the King's Head Hotel, and were joined at that function by Mr. John Souter, one of the local stalwarts, who afterwards accompanied them to the neighbouring village of Palgrave, where some short touches were rung as a kind of solace for the contretemps at Diss. Leaving Mr. Souter at this point, an 18 mile run took the band to Bury St. Edmunds. The Cathedral Church of St. James's, with its fine ring of ten, was visited first, and the three-lead system of Treble Ten had to be adopted to enable all to have a pull before tea, which latter item was provided at the Rose and Crown Inn. Needless to say, full justice was done to this part of the programme, and thus refreshed, the ringers were ready for the fine peal of eight at the Church of St. Mary. Here some good touches of Double Norwich and Stedman Triples were brought round. Bury was left at 7 p.m., and Stowmarket reached at 8.15, where the bells were kept going until 9.30, to the tune of Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative and Stedman. This gave everyone a chance to have a pull, and as the party numbered eighteen in all, the time passed very quickly. A ten-mile run landed the company safely home, about 11 o'clock.

The ringers wish to thank the various clergy for the use of the bells, also the local ringers who so kindly met them and helped to make the outing such a success.
W. C. R.

NAMED METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the notice of Minor Methods Tug and named, which appeared in your issue of June 24th, I wish to draw attention to No. 29 Treble Bob on June 7th last, and named Norton-le-Moors; and I point out that the numbers under the head 'Treble Bob' do not go beyond 24.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

Hon. Librarian, Central Council.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of June 24th, re naming Six Bell Methods, when I consulted my copy of these I find that they only give 24 Treble Bob Methods in the book, but having had some methods which were added to the collection (but I think never published) given to me several years back, I should like to know if the one No. 29 is the same as I have by me.

There have also been some 3rd and 4th's Place Delight Methods added, and as I mentioned before, it would be far the best to give a lead of these methods when naming them in your valuable paper.—
Yours truly,
F. BLOOD.
Nottingham.

DEATH OF MR. EDWARD SCHOFIELD.

The death took place on Friday, June 24th, of Mr. Edward Schofield, of Rochdale, who was a very capable and energetic ringer in the Rochdale branch of the Lancashire Association. Mr. Schofield had been ill for about 28 weeks, and his death is a great loss to the association.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, June 23th, at the Rochdale Cemetery, and was attended by ringers from Oldham, Middleton, Heywood, Rochdale and Milnrow. After the last solemn rites had been performed, J. Milton, W. Crabtree, H. Devonport (Todmorden) and D. Renshaw (Middleton) rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave.

In the evening, eight of the ringers rang a touch of 1440 of Plain Bob Major, with the bells muffled at the Church of St. James, Milnrow, where the deceased had been a ringer for a great many years: W. Crabtree, Todmorden, 1; Jno. Fitton, Milnrow, 2; G. Staff, Milnrow, 3; F. Fielding, Todmorden, 4; J. C. Bennett, Milnrow, 5; J. Nash, Todmorden, 6; Jno. H. C. Massev, Milnrow, 7; H. Devonport, Todmorden, 8. The bells were also half-muffled on Sunday, both for morning and evening service, as a token of respect.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The new bells to be erected at Winchester Cathedral as a war memorial to the fallen members of the Winchester Guild, and which will increase the ring from ten to the first peal of twelve in the diocese, will be dedicated in the Choir of the Cathedral on Saturday, July 16th.

Congratulations to Mr. Harold J. Poole, of St. Martin's Society, Leicester, who by the peal of Superlative rung at Thurecaston on July 2nd, completes his first year's effort at peal ringing. His successes amount to 18 peals, and consist of 2 Stedman Triples, 3 Stedman Caters, 1 Double Norwich Major, 1 Treble Ten, 5 each of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major, 1 Cambridge Surprise Royal. He is still some months short of his 19th birthday, and we imagine that this must be a record for the Midland Counties Association.

We are asked to state that the peal of Minor at Wenhaston, published last week, comprised two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, and not one 720 each of Oxford and Kent and three of Plain, as published.

The spiral staircase is like a whispering gallery, and here is a 'waveless' from the lips of bell ringers that travelled down the old stone newell at Beaconsfield:—

Leicestershire is to be the county patronised by the Essex men (prominent in the Middlesex C.A. Records) for their annual ringing tour.

North Devonshire has been selected as the ground for their annual ringing tour by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in mid-September.

The Cambridge Varsity tour takes place a week earlier, and the Editor has been requested to have a supplement ready so that a full report of the process for raising 'blisters' can be published.

A correspondent asks us if we can tell him who is the ringers' patron saint? We can't. There may or may not be one. We have never heard. Perhaps the Central Council will appoint a committee to investigate.

There are two, among others, who should have a good claim to the distinction—St. Dunstan, whose skill as a smith is familiar to students of ecclesiastical archaeology, and who is known to have been instrumental in hanging if not in casting bells, and who, at Canterbury, gave careful directions for their correct use; and St. Ethelwold, Bishop of Winchester, 963-984, who cast bells for Abingdon Abbey.

Perhaps, however, one or other of these holy men, who were canonised after death, could more fittingly be appropriated as the patron saint of the Bell Founders. But we are not well versed in mythical lore, so we give it up.

The bells at Leesfield being unringable, the meeting of the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association, arranged for to-morrow at that tower, will be held instead at Rochdale Parish Church.

A hundred and four years ago to-day—on July 8th, 1817, James Barham, that Kent worthy whose zeal and enthusiasm for ringing has never been surpassed, rang his last peal, a peal of Treble Bob at Leeds, his native place, and the scene of so many of his great performances. He was at the time 91 years old, and we doubt if any ringer has ever taken part in a peal at a more advanced age.

James Barham died in the following January, and was buried in Leeds Churchyard beneath the sound of the bells he loved so well. From 1744 to 1817 he rang 115 peals, and conducted most of them, including the 40,320 of Bob Major in 27 hours at Leeds Church, and in which it is said 13 men took part. This peal was rung on April 7th and 8th, 1761. James Barham's memory is one that should be ever kept green, for his record was a marvellous one for those days.

On July 9th, 1824, John Pennington died. He was the last of a family of founders of that name who carried on their craft at Stoke Climsland in Cornwall, and many of the bells from this foundry were to be found in that county and in the adjoining county of Devon. It originated in an establishment at Exeter, which from 1601 to 1624 was in the hands of Thomas and John Buiridan. At the latter date it passed into the hands of the Penningtons, who set up a branch establishment at Bodmin in 1687.

Later there were branches at Lezant, carried on by FitzAnthony Pennington from 1756 to 1768, and Stoke Climsland, where the bells of the Parish Church were cast by John Pennington in 1771. The last of the line was also John Pennington, and with his death in 1824, the foundry, we believe, came to an end.

TAMWORTH RINGER'S DEATH.

The Tamworth (Staffs) band have lost, by death, a much-respected member, in the person of Mr. F. Preston, and as a last token of respect a half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Edith's Church on Friday last, by: A. Chaplin 1, G. Peers 2, W. Chapman 3, A. Marks 4, H. Chapman 5, R. Brindley (conductor) 6, G. Chaplin 7, C. Pratt, junr. (first quarter), 8.

RINGERS FROM THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

A HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The effort which is being made to get more clergy to take an active interest in ringing—a desirable point made by the Master of the College Youths at their last dinner—leads me to make a suggestion. I think our only hope lies in the rising generation; therefore, I would suggest that the various Guilds and Associations should arrange to send deputations to the headmasters of the Public Schools and University and Training Colleges in their several areas to point out the excellent training, intellectually and physically, to be obtained by the practice of change ringing with handbells as well as with tower bells, and offer the gratuitous services of qualified instructors for any who desired to enter the art. I believe many of the young fellows would take it up as ardently as they do their field sports, billiards, etc., once their interest was aroused. Already there are University Guilds at Oxford and Cambridge (and why not London and Durham?) but at the University stage many of the men are too much immersed in preparation for their final examinations to give much time to other matters, whereas in the earlier days of their education such training as change ringing gives would be highly beneficial.

As I write this my mind turns to Winchester College, which has in the tower of its chapel a peal of six bells which, I believe, are practically unringable through disuse, and close by there is the beautiful Cathedral peal of ten shortly to be increased to twelve. I feel sure that amongst the large number of students in that College (and also in the training college in the same city), especially those who are destined for service in the church or the teaching profession, there are many who would only be too delighted to receive instruction and become proficient change ringers if the matter were brought to their notice, and encouragement given by their headmasters. The same applies to every other college in the country.—Thanking you in anticipation, yours faithfully,

F. W.

LADY RINGER'S WEDDING.

The marriage took place at the Parish Church, Portishead, on Friday last, of Mr. William Edwards, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Edwards, of Leyton, Essex, and Miss Ellen Elizabeth (Nellie) Gillingham, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gillingham, of Portishead.

The event is of much interest to ringers, for Miss Gillingham has been one of the pioneers among lady ringers. Under the tuition of her father, she, and others, became regular service ringers at Portishead, and made excellent progress with change ringing. In 1912 she took part in the first ladies' peal, which was rung at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, and as the outcome of which the Ladies' Guild was formed. Miss Gillingham was one of the original members of the Guild, and acted as the first secretary of the Western District. In 1918 she was honoured by being elected as the first lady honorary member of the Central Council. She has taken part in several peals, including the first by an entirely local band of ladies, which was rung in her own tower at Portishead, and was almost as memorable a performance as the Cubitt Town peal.

The congratulations and good wishes of the Exercise will go out to the bride and bridegroom.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. W. Jukes, assisted by the Rev. H. S. Briggs. The ringers gathered in full force, and the bells rang out merrily. Eight lady members rang a touch of 168 Grandire Triples: Miss D. Willett 1, Miss Olive Stokes 2, Miss Stokes 3, Miss Crocker 4, Miss Jukes 5, Mrs. Briggs 6, Miss Hole (cond.) 8.

Amongst the numerous presents were an electro-plated tea service and tray from the Portishead ringers; a case of plated tea knives from the Ladies' Guild; and a similar case from the Medical Officer and staff of the Red Cross Hospital, where Miss Gillingham worked throughout the war. Other gifts from the Sunday School scholars and others showed the wide esteem in which she is held.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Hertford County Association was held at St. Albans on Saturday, June 25th, when a fair number of ringers turned up from various towers. St. Peter's bells were available from 3 to 5 p.m., and the fine ring of ten were kept going during that period. The business meeting was held in the tower before tea, Mr. G. W. Cartmel (general hon. secretary of the association) being voted to the chair.—One new member was elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Hatfield, in August. (Since this decision was come to it has been decided to hold this meeting on Saturday, July 23rd.)

A vote of thanks for the use of the bells and to Mr. Cartmel for acting as chairman was passed.

After tea, the Abbey tower was visited, and ringing was indulged in, methods up to Superlative and Cambridge being rung.

MR. F. DENCH'S PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE.

A FALSE COMPOSITION.

The composition of the peal of Cambridge Major which was rung twenty years ago, and as published for the first time last week, turns out to be false.

Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, has found this out, and writes:

It is a matter for regret that the 5024 Cambridge Surprise Major, by Mr. F. Dench, which you publish this week, is false, as the figures below show:—

Treble 5 6 up.	Treble 5 6 down.
34821765	82347156
43287156	28431765
42381765	24837156
24837156	42381765
immediately before	immediately before
the course end	the course end
526743	236457

BELL REPAIR FUNDS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I read your leading article in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' with great interest, as to forming bell repair funds. You will remember I suggested some months ago that a Sunday should be set apart once in every year in all Protestant churches for collecting funds for such an object, each county or diocese to have its own separate fund.

I think money collected in this way would be much easier got than stumping one's parish for funds for repair of the bells of the church when needed.

I would further suggest that some kind of recognition should be made of ringers for their services during the year. There are several ways in which it could be done without resorting to hard cash, and I think it would encourage better attendance in the belfries, and help to create a better feeling amongst ringers, which does not always exist in some belfries. Unity should be shown as much in the belfry as in the church. I know of churches where as much as £30 a year is paid to the ringers for their services during the year. Some ringers have a long way to go to their belfry to ring, which means expense in these days. There is an old saying that there's no flavour in nothing.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR LORKIN.

Reigate.

'GANNY GUNTER.'*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—If the ringers of the village where the Ganny Gunter variation of Double Norwich was attempted, see the opinion of the experts in 'The Ringing World,' they will not be much enlightened. There is not much explanation, and if the villagers do not realise what underlies the statement, 'where they call it Treble Bob,' they may search the elementary text books in vain for a description of Ganny Gunter. When they try to recognise G.G. in a peal of Kent, how they will be puzzled to know why 3rd's and 4th's are made so often, and to find names for the many alterations in the method. Were the expert there he would probably say a lead of Kent consists of six leads of Ganny Gunter and two divisions of Forward. It will be remembered that the conductor 'discovered' it to be a method, and that the expert did explain, making no statement to the effect that it is 'new.'

My own opinion is that the expert knew the laws which govern method construction, and that his explanation was correct. Ganny Gunter is a regular method in which the Treble has a particular 'dwarf' hunt, which is not Treble Bob, and has a bob made at the parting of the leads, which is the only variation from the method necessary for a peal.

It must be remembered that a lead of Bob Major is a course of Original, yet a peal of the former is not also one of Original.—Yours sincerely,

Sunderland.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held on Saturday, June 25th, in delightful weather, at the beautiful village of Tong. There was only a meagre attendance, perhaps owing to the counter-attraction at Kirkburton, where the eight-bell contest for the Halifax and District Society was in progress. A few friends from Thornhill were present, accompanied by a former member of the local company, Mr. H. Oddv. The bells were rung to touches of Oxford and Violet Treble Bob in the evening. Members from Armsley rang touches of Stedman Triples on handbells, much to the delight of the members present.

NETTLEHAM, LINCOLN.—At All Saints' Church, on Saturday, 18th, June, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Minor (1,260 changes): L. Snell 1, J. S. Betts (conductor) 2, H. Marcon 3, N. Roundturner 4, H. L. Pask 5, H. W. Lloyd 6.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SPLENDID GATHERING AT BEACONSFIELD.

On Saturday week a most successful gathering of the East Berks and South Bucks Branches of the Oxford Diocesan Guild took place at Beaconsfield, Bucks, and was attended by about 120 ringers, constituting a record for the branch. The bells were set going about three o'clock, and from that time onwards ringers came along in numbers. One strong party from Windsor arrived, with their wives, by motor-car, and made quite a holiday of the event. Four hon. secretaries were amongst the performers, representing the counties of Oxford, Surrey, London, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire.

A short service was held in St. Mary's Parish Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. S. Commeline), assisted by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild) and the Rev. E. J. Teesdale. The form of service used was from the Manual and Oxford Guild. The hymns used were from the same book, compiled for use at such gatherings, and were sung with great heartiness by the unusually large male congregation. Miss D. M. Jackman officiated at the organ, and her playing was very much enjoyed. The Rev. E. J. Teesdale gave the address, taking for his text, 'He that sounded the trumpet was by me' (Nehemiah iv. 18). In the course of his remarks, the preacher urged those who were engaged in the art of Church bell ringing to consider and realise they were doing work for God in calling people together to worship in His house. It was their duty to take part in the service of the Church. Each individual should recognise his or her responsibility. To accomplish a performance in the art of bell ringing needed united effort, which was good for the development of such qualities as attention, observance, and reverence, and as Churchworkers he appealed to them to continue their good work and to realise in the words of the text, 'He that ringeth the bell was by me.'

A collection was taken on behalf of the Restoration of Bells Fund for Bledlow Church during the singing of the hymn, 'Unchanging God, who liveth.' It is interesting to note that this hymn was composed and set to music by two clergymen who were resident in the county at the time, and that Farnham Royal was its birthplace, the authors being the Revs. Wilder and Matthews.

Lady Burnham presided over the tea, which was kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bennett, and served in the Old Rectory, which is a unique 14th century specimen of half-timbered work. The towers represented included Wycombe (2), Marlow, Boyne Hill, Bray, Cookham, Burnham, Taplow, Fulmer, Slough, Stoke Poges, Chalfont, Farnham Royal, Old Windsor, Windsor, St. George's Tower and Parish Church, Missenden, Amersham, Hughenden, Bledlow and Beaconsfield. There were also visiting ringers from Egham, Staines, Camberley, Reading, Caversham, Ealing, Berkhamstead, Hillingdon and Tottenham. Tea over, a short but most enjoyable entertainment was given by Mrs. Halford (recitations and sketches), Miss Young (violin solo), Miss Jackman (pianoforte solo), Miss Young (cello solo). A course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was rung by Messrs. Welling, Mayne, Barker, Hibbert and Jenkyn, and tunes by Mr. Martin and his two boys.

At the close of the programme, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. H. Fussell) said he had received messages from Canon Blackie, the Bishop of Buckingham, and Sir William and Lady Carter, of Windsor, regretting their inability to be present, other important duties keeping them away. Their president, he added, had been made Bishop of the county, and their vice-president installed as Archdeacon of Lincoln. The committee were waiting to hear of further raids on the patrons of the branch by the Church at large.

It was then announced that the collection in church amounted to nearly £2, and Viscountess Burnham declared her pleasure, as she was not in church, to add a guinea to the fund.—The Vicar of Bledlow expressed his thanks for the kindness shown in contributing to the fund.

Mr. Bennett, on behalf of the company, thanked Lady Burnham for presiding. Her presence had, he felt sure, given them much pleasure.—The Master of the Guild said they ought not to separate without thanking Mr. and Mrs. Bennett for the entertainment that day.—Mr. Bennett briefly responded.

Further use was then made of the tower bells, touches of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Superlative Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Stedman, and Grandsire being rung till 9 p.m., thus ending one of the pleasantest gatherings in the annals of the Branch.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Upavon on June 4th, and was attended by ringers from Melksham, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Westbury, Warminster, Upavon and Beeching-stoke. An excellent tea was provided in the Parish Room, and during the afternoon and evening some very good touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Doubles were rung.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT ST. ANDREW'S, HOLBORN.

Upwards of 40 members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild took advantage of the meeting of the North and East District on Saturday, June 25th, to renew or make acquaintance with the lovely peal of bells hanging in the tower of St. Andrew's, Holborn, which have recently been restored by the Whitechapel Foundry. Soon after the advertised time, the bells were set going to Stedman Triples, and Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, London and Bristol followed in quick succession, the bells being heard to great advantage in a well-struck course in the latter method, which charmed all listeners, both inside and outside the tower.

At the service, the Rector (the Rev. E. C. Bedford) addressed the members, giving the association a hearty welcome. A hymn, composed by the Rector himself, was sung, and immediately following the service there was a short organ recital, the splendid tones of the organ reminding one of the beautiful tones of the bells heard just previously.

After tea, which was served in the Court House adjoining, a short business meeting was held. The Rector presided, and one new member was elected.

The Hon. Secretary was empowered to obtain from the Hon. Librarian of the Central Council a supply of the Council's publications for sale amongst the members.—The Hon. Secretary said he would be glad to hear from members requiring copies.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. E. C. Bedford for his address at the service, for the use of the bells, and for presiding; also to Mr. J. Rayner, the towerkeeper, for the excellent arrangements made; to the organist, whose rendering of two beautiful pieces of music was much appreciated; and to the caretakers for arranging tea.

The Rector very suitably replied, on behalf of himself and all concerned in the vote of thanks, expressing his great pleasure at meeting the association, and stating that the society would always be made welcome at St. Andrew's, Holborn.

Immediately prior to the business meeting, a 'bob' course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells, whilst afterwards another visit was made to the tower, until 9 o'clock came all too soon for many who were so busy ringing Stedman, Bristol, etc., that they almost forgot the fight of time.

The hymn written by the Rector, which was sung at the service, was that composed specially for the re-dedication of the bells in April last:—

St. Andrew's Bells once more
Be heard by all around,
Above the traffic's roar
Peal out your joyful sound.
Ring out, glad bells and may your voice,
Lift hearts to God and bid rejoice.
When comes the Lord's own day,
And hushed are feet and wheels,
May Christian folk obey
Your voice's loud appeals,
Ring out, sweet bells each Sabbath day,
And call the folk to praise and pray!
If death his summons bring,
And call some soul away,
Then muffled you will ring
And solemn farewell say,
Sound out, ye bells and as ye toll
Call men to pray for passing soul.
When man and woman wed
And here God's blessing seek
Upon each joyful head
Your benediction speak
Ring out, glad bells, and fill the air
With blessings on the happy pair!
Our Sovereign's birthday note
And public holiday
Then let each full voiced throat
Give out bright melody
St. Andrew's bells your voices ring
And cry aloud, God save the King!
As move the clock hands slow,
Let hour and quarters chime.
The busy folk below
To warn of passing time,
Sound out, sweet bells, by day and night,
And bid men work or rest aright.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.—On June 17th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Bibby 1, J. E. Bibby 2, J. H. Randles 3, C. Radon 4, F. Bibby 5, W. Bibby (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method of ringers of treble, 3rd and 5th.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

We have been asked if we can ascertain who is the oldest ringer now actively and regularly taking part in Sunday Service ringing. Mr. Ted Horrex, who is ringing twice every Sunday at St. Paul's Cathedral, and now is in his 84th year, is certainly one of the oldest, but in this wonderful art of ours, it would not surprise us to hear of some other 'youth' who can give the St. Paul's veteran years, and a beating.

We put up tablets in our towers to record our peals, why should we not have tablets recording long and faithful service to the church by those who ring on Sundays, with, say, a qualifying period of five or ten years? Such a record would be a recognition of services freely given, an incentive to ringers yet to come, and of interest in the future.

Visitors to St. Paul's Cathedral, by the way, will have noticed with interest that there is a memorial marble in the belfry recording the name and age and the year of the death of each past member of the Cathedral Society. We do not recollect having seen such a record in any other tower.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, July 3rd, after morning service, at Bishop Ryder's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: William C. Scrivens 1, George T. Mitchison 2, Richard C. Ingram 3, James George 4, Frederick W. Rishworth 5, Oliver G. Norman 6, Albert T. Scrivens (composer and conductor) 7, Samuel Coley 8. Rung in honour of the Rev. Canon G. E. Badger's 21st anniversary as Vicar of Bishop Ryder's Church, which was celebrated on this date. The ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 5th hail from Perry Barr, 6th from Aston, the other four belong to the local band.

BOW, MIDDLESEX.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, for Divine service, on Sunday evening, July 3rd, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: D. Hodgson, junr. (aged 14), first attempt, 1, E. Brett 2, R. Turner 3, A. Scambler 4, W. A. Alps (composer and conductor) 5, A. J. Baynes 6, R. Sanders 7, J. Scholes 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the much-respected steepleskeeper, Mr. R. Turner.—Mr. Alps, in a few words, expressed the united and best wishes of the band for Mr. Turner's future health and prosperity.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sunday evening, July 3rd, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: Miss F. Wyman 1, J. Burdfield 2, J. Brown 3, L. Faice 4, S. Paice 5, J. Whitehead 6, W. Short (conductor) 7, O. Sippetts 8.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for evensong, 1,047 Stedman Caters: W. H. Hewett (conductor) 1, E. F. Pike 2, C. T. Coles 3, J. A. Trollope 4, C. F. Winney 5, G. W. R. Grimwood 6, J. E. Davis 7, E. P. Duffield 8, C. Burden 9, H. Belcher 10.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Pierce 1, J. Larter 2, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, J. Spencer 4, C. Moss 5, J. Howard 6, A. E. Reeves 7, A. F. Bailey 8. Also three courses of Stedman Triples.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—St. Mary's Society. — On Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 41 mins.: E. Kilby 1, B. Fosket 2, G. Kilby 3, A. Tennant 4, W. Matthews 5, C. Ebberson 6, H. Crook 7, H. Kilby (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 8.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, at St. Mary Abbot's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,260 changes): W. E. Garrard (conductor) 1, F. V. Sinkins 2, H. Dyas 3, C. H. Dobbie 4, P. L. Miles 5, A. E. Badley 6, P. E. Clark (first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters) 7, A. W. Davis 8, H. G. Miles 9, W. E. G. Hewton 10.

NORTH STONEHAM.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for morning service, 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Munday 1, F. E. Dawe 2, O. H. Giles 3, W. G. Rowe 4, W. G. Edwards 5, C. J. Fray 6, G. Williams (conductor) 7, W. T. Tucker 8.

ERTH, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: F. J. Cullum, senr., 1, F. Grove (St. Mary's, Woolwich) 2, A. J. Morton 3, J. F. Lowrey 4, E. J. Holt 5, H. Holden 6, F. J. Cullum (conductor) 7, J. Morton 8.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, July 3rd, at St. Peter's Church, for morning service, 1,280 Bob Major: R. Lathbury 1, T. FitzJohn 2, Miss V. Shorter 3, E. G. Hibbins 4, R. Sharpe 5, P. Fordham 6, F. Poulson 7, F. Salter 8; also for evening service, 1,280 Bob Major: P. Fordham 1, Miss V. Shorter 2, T. FitzJohn 3, F. Poulson 4, R. Sharpe 5, E. G. Hibbins 6, F. Salter 7, R. Lathbury (composer and conductor) 8.

PUDSEY, NEAR LEEDS.—At St. Lawrence's Church, for evening service, on Sunday July 3rd, 1,152 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Ambler 1, Pratt Cordingley 2, H. Booth 3, S. Ward 4, H. M. Day (Market Deeping, Lines) 5, F. W. Thorpe 6, E. Proctor 7, W. Cordingley (conductor) 8.

CHICHESTER.—At the Cathedral, for Sunday morning service, on July 3rd, the last 742 of Holt's Original Grandsire Triples, in 29½ mins.: H. D. Falconer 1, W. Falconer 2, H. J. Tucker (conductor), Bishop's Stortford 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, G. Marshall 5, W. Ticehurst 6, J. H. Blake 7, M. Heffer 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Law 1, G. A. Dawson (Leytonstone) 2, A. G. Bennington 3, E. J. Pannett 4, G. R. Simmonds (Lewisham) 5, T. A. Easterby 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.—At St. George's Church, on June 26th, for morning service, on the occasion of the anniversary sermons, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,392 changes), in 50 mins.: H. Watts 1, R. Allred, junr., 2, Hy. Allred 3, J. T. Allred 4, W. Hindley 5, T. Allred 6, H. Allred 7, R. Allred, senr. (conductor), 8. For afternoon service, 672 Grandsire Triples: H. Watts 1, R. Allred, junr., 2, R. Allred, senr., 3, J. T. Allred 4, W. Hindley 5, Hbt. Allred (conductor) 6, T. Allred 7, A. Burton (Walkden) 8. For evening service, 840 Grandsire Triples, in 30 mins.: R. Allred, junr., 1, Hy. Allred 2, J. T. Allred 3, T. Allred 4, W. Hindley 5, R. Allred, senr. (conductor) 6, Hbt. Allred 7th, H. Watts 8.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFS.—On June 26th, for morning service, 896 Grandsire Triples: W. Philpott 1, E. Starkey 2, F. Williams 3, C. Starkey 4, W. G. Ellis 5, S. Danby 6, E. Wood (conductor) 7, H. Wood 8; and for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Wood 1, E. Starkey 2, F. Williams 3, C. Starkey 4, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 5, S. Danby 6, W. G. Anker 7, C. Allen 8. Rung with the bells muffled, on the occasion of the unveiling of the war memorial by the Bishop of Birmingham.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1,259 GRANDSIRE CATERS.
23456789

42356798	B1	S1	B1
64263879	B1	S3	
45263	9	in 3	
24583	8	in 3	
32465	8	in 3 S	
53284	8	in 3 S	
25364	8	in 3	
32564	8	in 3	
43265	8	in 3 S	
54362	8	in 3 S	
35462	8	in 3	
23564	8	in 3 S	
42365	8	in 3 S	
32547698	8	in 3	

Has the 6th 12 courses behind the 8th in the handstroke position.
J. George.

1,072 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

23456	1	4	5	6
34256				
36245				
23584				
35264				
52364				
24365				
43265				
32465				
25463				
42356				
23456				

Has all the 6-4's, 6-5's and 5-6's.

G. H. Cross.

503 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

234567	
672453	2
346572	1
723654	2
357246	3
463725	2
574263	1
275346	5
752346	4
467235	2
674235	4
526374	1
745632	2
267345	1
742653	3
S 357264	2

Round at hand next lead.

H. W. Wilde.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

756			
2314567	1	4	6
3417526			
3217456			
3517246			
Twice repeated.			
1,008.			
23145	7	12	
25143		S	
24135			
25314			
21345			
25431			
23415			

Repeated.

J. Carter.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

A capital gathering of members and friends assembled at Lichfield on Saturday, June 18th, the occasion being the annual meeting, when the affiliated towers in the Archdeaconry were well represented. Mr. F. Wilford, who had had a non-stop run from Northampton by motor-cycle, was also present.

The bells at the Cathedral (a fine ring of ten), St. Mary's (eight) and St. Michael's (six) were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. Evensong at the Cathedral was well attended. A capital tea was provided at the cafe, after which the general meeting was held. Mr. W. W. Worthington was unanimously voted to the chair. — Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mr. H. Mason, Mr. Wm. Griffin (through bereavement), and Mr. G. Hughes. The report and balance sheet were read and passed. The committee, in their report, stated: 'During the past year 25 new members have been admitted to the society. The quarterly meetings have been well attended. At Tamworth, the Vicar (the Rev. H. Kosher) presented each member present with a card as a memento, on which was a hymn and prayer for bell ringers which he had had printed. The churchwardens very kindly entertained the society to tea. At the Willenhall meeting in January, the society was again most hospitably entertained, this time by the kindness of the local band. The committee were glad to know that the Vicar of Willenhall (the Rev. T. H. P. Hyatt), who was so seriously ill at the time, has been restored to health. The attendance at Sedzley was over 50—quite a good number for a quarterly meeting. During the year, 22 peals have been rung, as follows: Grandsire Doubles, 1; Grandsire Triples, 6; Grandsire Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 6; Stedman Cinques, 3; Bob Major, 3; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2; total, 22. In 1919, the annual report was not printed owing to the tremendous cost. Last year we had a report—covering the two years—printed. The result of this was to reduce our balance in hand by more than £12, in spite of the strictest economy in other directions. The committee have very carefully considered the matter, and have come to the conclusion that this year again we ought to do without and save up for a two year's report next year. The rise in the annual subscription to 1s. 6d. did not come into effect till the year beginning to-day, and this will only bring in about £5 extra.

The subscriptions to the Roland Cartwright Memorial Fund came to about £35. We are greatly indebted to Mr. Dawkins, one of his late colleagues in the L. and N.W.R., for the result of his efforts in collecting amongst Mr. Cartwright's many friends on the railway. A Dartmoor granite cross has been ordered from Mr. H. Gough, of Wolverhampton, and we hope it will be erected in Wombourne Churchyard before very long. The Vicar of Wombourne (the Rev. H. L. Langley) has very kindly remitted the fees due to him for its erection.

It was resolved that the report should not be printed on account of the high cost.

The officers were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. E. F. Mitchell, auditor, who resigned, Mr. E. J. Tyler being appointed to the vacancy.

The Hon. Lay Secretary reported having attended the Central Council meeting. Mention having been made of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn's motion, re 'Authority to give advice on matters concerning Church Bells,' etc., it was thought advisable, at least for the present, not to move in the matter.

The forthcoming meetings were arranged as follows: Brewood, September; Stafford, January; Pelsall, April; and the annual at Lichfield, in June.

Mr. J. Perry asked if the funds would allow assistance being given to defray the cost of repairing the church spire at Brewood. After a little discussion it was agreed that collecting sheets should be sent to all affiliated towers. The chairman kindly offered a guinea to help the project.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding brought the meeting to a close.

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NOTICES.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practices: 7.30 p.m. at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, July 2nd, and St. Clement Danes, July 25th. Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement's 1st and 3rd, Bishopsgate 2nd and 4th. Quarterly general meeting St. Clement Danes July 11th, 6.30 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m., followed by special meeting to consider Rule 24.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea and meeting after. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Reeve, Hon. Dist. Sec., Clifton House, Tring, Herts.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea at the Masons' Arms Hotel.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 41, Albert Rd., Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 4. Tea 5.30; Business: Nomination of Branch Secretary and Committeeman.—Walter Hughes, Branch Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next Quarterly meeting will be held at Misson (Bawtry Station, G.N.R.) on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Will members please arrange their own tea? After this date no postcards will be sent to members, but meetings will be advertised in the 'Ringing World' only.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Congresbury on Saturday, July 9th. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after service. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Ramsey on Saturday, July 9th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. O. G. Howe, High Street, Ramsey. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Summer Festival will be held at Turvey on Saturday, July 9th. The bells (8) will be available at 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, North Dunstable.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Darton on Saturday, July 9th. Tower open early in the afternoon. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., Barnsley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, July 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5, with address by the Vicar (Rev. A. W. Hopkinson, M.A.) followed by tea in the Church Institute.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. District Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch will be held on July 9th at Farnborough. Evensong at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m. High Littleton, Timsbury and Preston bells also available.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Owing to the bells at Leesfield being unringable, arrangements have been made to hold the next meeting at Rochdale Parish Church on July 9th. Bells ready at 3; meeting 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 21st; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 12th; Southwark Cathedral, 19th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, 26th; and St. Andrew, Holborn, 28th (higher methods); all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meetings for practice: Thursday, July 14th, All Hallows, Lombard Street, E.C. Ringing at 7.30 p.m. sharp in each case. *Everybody* welcome.—E. C. Russell, Hon. District Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—At Earl-Shilton, on Friday, July 15th, induction of Vicar and dedication of new ring of 8 bells. Service at 6.30 p.m. A band has been arranged to ring the opening rounds and first touch, after which all ringers welcome. Bells will be available the next day, Saturday, 16th, to all ringers from 4 till 7 p.m.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

SALOP GUILD.—Half-yearly meeting at Coalbrookdale, Saturday, July 16th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock in Trinity Hall, 1/6 per head. Members and other ringing friends are cordially invited. Please send a card to the Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmunds, Shrewsbury, or W. Saunders, Institution House, Coalbrookdale.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Howden on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) will be available from noon. Service in S. Peter's at 4 p.m., with a short address by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Waring. Tea at 5 p.m. at Mrs. Wilds' (close to church), at 1/9 per head to those who notify Mr. R. B. Smith, Vicar Lane, Howden, before July 12th.—A. B. Cook, Hon. District Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ribchester on July 16th. Goosnargh bells will also be available from 3 to 4.30. Further particulars by circular.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Gt Wymondley on Saturday, July 16th. St. Ippolyt's bells will be available. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. R. Bacon, District Sec., West Hill, Hitchin.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bozeat on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, District Sec., 6, Addington Road, Irthlingboro'.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The next meeting will be held at Binsted on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea and meeting. The bells at Bentley

and Frensham will also be available.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hill Crest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. All ringers welcome. A good attendance requested.—John Halsall, Branch Sec., 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above Branch will be held at Dyrham on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Soberton on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who acquaint me by Tuesday, July 12th.—E. J. Harding, District Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.—These bells will be open for practice on Saturday, July 16th, from 4 o'clock till 9.—D. Collins.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The Annual General meeting of the Guild will be held at Rugby on July 16th. The towers of St. Andrew's, Rugby (8), Dunchurch (6), and Newbold-on-Avon (6) will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Short service in St. Andrew's Church at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the Rev. J. B. Hewitt, M.A., Vicar of Newbold-on-Avon. Meat tea at 2/3 per head at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea kindly send to Mr. J. B. Fenton, 9, Pinfold Street, Rugby, by Wednesday, July 13th?—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A mid-week meeting will be held at All Hallows, Tottenham, on Tuesday, July 19th. Bells available from 8 to 10 p.m. All welcome. Hadley bells will be dedicated on Thursday, July 21st, by the Bishop of Willesden.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at Whitley Bay on Saturday, July 23rd. Further particulars next week.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec., 80, Fern Dene Road, Gateshead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Arrangements are being made for a motor charabanc to leave Tonbridge Station at 2.15. Fare about 6/6 per head. Members intending to go by this must notify the District Sec. not later than Tuesday, 12th inst., and all members wishing for tea not later than Tuesday, 19th inst. Half travelling expenses up to 2/- each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Road.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival at Stokesay Castle, Craven Arms, Saturday, July 23rd. Service, 12; lunch, 1; business meeting, 2. Ringers wishing to attend lunch must notify Rev. G. W. Turner, Madley Vicarage, Hereford, on or before July 16th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 23rd (D.V.). Service at Cathedral at 11 a.m., preacher Rev. Canon Coleridge. Immediately after service the war memorial to our fallen ringers will be unveiled in the Cloisters by the

Right Rev. E. Domitt-Shaw (Archdeacon of Oxford). The business meeting will then be held in the Chapter House. Dinner in Christ Church Dining Hall at 1.30, tickets 2/6 each (3/- for non-members); application for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must be made to General Sec. Arrangements for ringing will be notified later.—Richard T. Hibbert, General Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The postponed Annual meeting will be held at Walthamstow on Saturday, July 23rd. Short service at St. Mary's Church at 3 p.m. Tea (1/3 to members) at 4 p.m. at the Church House, to be followed by annual meeting. St. Mary's (10 bells), St. Saviour's (8 bells) and other towers in the neighbourhood will be open from 2 p.m. Those intending to be present at tea must notify the Hon. Sec. not later than Monday, July 18th, as a guarantee for number has to be given.—H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec., The Temple, Witham, Essex.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will (D.V.) be held at Chester Cathedral on Saturday, July 23rd. Service at 3 o'clock; preacher, The Dean. In addition to the city belfries, those of Christleton, Eccleston and Aldford will be open all day. Other particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon Sec., New Mills.

MARRIAGES.

EDWARDS—GILLINGHAM.—On July 1st, at the Parish Church, Portishead, by the Rev. H. W. Jukes, Rector, assisted by the Rev. H. S. Briggs, William, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Edwards, Leyton, Essex, to Ellen Elizabeth (Nellie), youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gillingham, Portishead, Somerset.

HARVEY—HOLE.—On July 2nd, at the Parish Church, Portishead, by the Rev. H. W. Jukes, assisted by the Rev. H. S. Briggs, Walter Harold, second son of the late Mr. Alfred Harvey, of Bristol, to Edith Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hole, of Brightley, Slade Road, Portishead.

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BADLY VENTILATED TOWERS.

The tropical weather which we have been experiencing for such an unusually long spell has brought home to ringers in a good many towers the insufficiency of the ventilation of their ringing chambers. Ventilation of the ringing room is, unfortunately, about one of the last things that church architects seem to give their attention to, and yet it is one of the most important, for it is in the belfry that the most vigorous of all church duties have to be performed. In probably two out of every three towers the ventilation is bad, and it is generally due to the fact that the matter was never properly studied when the building was erected. Usually the windows are either too small effectively to let in the fresh air, or are made to open in such a position that except on suffocating days, such as the recent weather has produced, they cannot be opened without creating a draught which may result in a chill for any ringer standing near. Some belfries are even worse, and do not possess any window at all that will open, while some few have not even got a window. In cases like these last, the church authorities could not well complain if the ringers declined to exercise their functions in such ill-arranged chambers, and the least that should be done is to provide proper ventilation for those whose duty it is to ring the bells.

In the majority of cases where ventilation is deficient, it is probable that the church authorities, if properly approached, would listen to any reasonable suggestion, although it must be admitted that there is great reluctance to touch anything that would be considered to interfere with the architectural design of the building. We could name a number of towers where the only means of admitting fresh air to the ringing chamber is by keeping the stairway door open—which usually means a deafening intrusion of the sound of the bells, or by lifting the trap door in the centre of the floor. Both these methods are usually insufficient, but ringers are long-suffering creatures and generally seem content to take anything that is offered to them in the way of inadequate arrangements without protest. Because the past generations of ringers in a tower have uncomplainingly put up with the inconvenience and discomfort of a badly ventilated ringing chamber, it does not follow that the present and future generations need submit to similar conditions, and this is one direction in the way of domestic reform in which ringers can set about improving their belfries where there is need for it. Where windows are a fair height from the floor, it is probably best to have the upper part of the lights to open inwards in hopper form. Where this is not possible, hopper ventilators of, say, a foot square, fixed in at least two opposite walls a few inches below the ceiling, are perhaps the next best thing.

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On Saturday, July 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5019 CHANGES

Tenor 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN. ... <i>Treble</i>	JAMES C. ADAMS 6
WILLIAM J. KEMP 2	EDWARD H. KING 7
*ROBERT A. FARDON 3	*ERNEST E. GRIMES 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	GEORGE R. FARDON 9
CHARLES A. HUGHES 5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Feb. 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes, .

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

FREDERICK BORRETT <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES CUTTING 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	HENRY ADCOCK 6
ALFRED SMITH 3	JAMES BOUGHTON 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	TOWNSON ADCOCK <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM SCONCE... .. 5
*JOHN HAYES 2	ERNEST CHANNELL 6
†FRED LATHAM 3	ARTHUR WATKINS 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. Arranged for Mr. A. E. Peglar, of Bangor.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Friday, July 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*GORDON SNOWBALL <i>Treble</i>	WALTER BROWN 5
ALFRED FROST 2	FRANK STONELEY 6
JOHN IDLE 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
HARRY BRICKELL 4	*GEORGE WHITELEGGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by F. STONELEY.

* First peal. Rung by request of the Vicar (Rev. — Parsons) to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the church.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1921, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

E. HARRISON <i>Treble</i>	JAMES H. RIDING 5
F. FOX 2	ARTHUR NAVELL 6
R. SPERRING 3	J. W. DAVIES 7
H. OVERTON... .. 4	G. R. JONES <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by G. R. JONES.

First peal in the method as conductor. Ringers of 4 and 5 hail from Crewe, the rest from Chester. R. Sperring's 70th peal.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM ROSE 5
ERNEST F. POPPY 2	GEORGE R. FINCH 6
FRANK F. FISHER 3	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 7
EDWARD EVANS 4	CHARLES E. FISHER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by Rev. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qt. 12 lb.

CHARLES CUTTING 5	ALFRED SMITH 5
HERBERT PIERCY... .. 2	JAMES BOUGHTON 6
JAMES TANN 3	FREDERICK BORRETT 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	ERNEST WHITING... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by Y. GREEN. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

H. Piercy was home with his battalion from Khartoum, and was on leave prior to going to Germany.

BENNINGTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE H. CARTER... .. <i>Treble</i>	BARNARD PATMORE 5
MISS A. MAY DURRANT 2	*GEORGE T. CROFT 6
*ERNEST W. DAY 3	GEORGE H. GROSS 7
*SAMUEL PAGE 4	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

G. H. Cross was elected a member of the Herts Association previous to starting. *First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, W.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST E. GRIMES 5
WILLIAM HEWETT 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 6
*ROBERT A. FARDON 3	ALBERT W. COLES 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	DALBY HODGSON <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

*First peal on eight bells.

HITCHIN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

*ERNEST J. NEWELL <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 5
MISS A. MAY DURRANT 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
*HERBERT E. DAY 3	*WILLIAM J. CROFT 7
ERNEST W. DAY 4	GEORGE T. CROFT <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

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

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)

On Saturday, July 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETONS'.

*CHAS. HENRY WEBB... .. <i>Treble</i>	HARRY BROUGHTON 5
GEORGE CLEAL 2	DET.-SERGT. H. G. JENNEY 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	SHIRLEY BURTON 7
JOHN OLDHAM 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

*First peal of Treble Bob. †First in the method 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*EDWARD HAYNES <i>Treble</i>	BARZILLAI HAWKINS 5
*GEORGE MILES 2	*WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	SERG. GEO. GILBERT, R.E. 7
*JOHN MOTH 4	WILLIAM WELLING <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by the late C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. WELLING.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The band represented 8 towers and 4 counties.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Sunday, July 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE R.C. ABBEY OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM KENT 5
CHARLES WATMAN 2	OLIVER G. NORMAN 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
GEORGE F. GARRISON 4	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

This peal was rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Bernard B. Eckett and Miss D. Andrews, whose marriage took place at the Abbey Church on the 9th. Also as a birthday peal to the conductor.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Sunday, July 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST J. NEWELL <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT E. DAY 5
MISS A. MAY DURRANT 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
ERNEST W. DAY 3	GEORGE T. CROFT 7
CECIL V. EBBERSON 4	WILLIAM J. CROFT <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

C. V. Ebberson was elected a member of this Association previous to starting, and it was his first peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time.

SIX BELL PEALS.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK HATTON <i>Treble</i>	JACK HAMMOND 4
RONALD ELLIS 2	CHRIS. HATTON 5
HARRY BOYCE 3	ALBERT HATTON <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. HAMMOND.

This is understood to be the first peal rung in Neath. First peal by all except the conductor. The ringer of the treble is only 14 years of age, and is believed to be the youngest ringer in the district to ring a peal on church bells.

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THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*RANDALL JONES... .. 1—2	J. HAMMOND 4
*IDRIS BOWER 2	HARRY BOYCE 5
CHRIS. HATTON... .. 3	*WILL THOMAS Tenor

Conducted by JACK HAMMOND.

* First peal.

OFFLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST W. DAY... .. 1—2	GEORGE WOLFE 4
LEONARD FIDLER 2	HERBERT E. DAY 5
GEORGE T. CROFT 3	WILLIAM J. CROFT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. CROFT.

First peal on the bells. The members of the band wish to thank the Rev. E. P. Gatty for the use of the bells and Mr. C. Monk for having everything in readiness.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*ALBERT HATTON 1—2	J. E. BLOXHAM 4
*HARRY BOYCE 2	*CHRIS. HATTON 5
D. J. LEWIS 3	JACK HAMMOND Tenor

Conducted by JACK HAMMOND.

This is the first peal of Minor rung in Neath. * First peal of Minor. The conductor has now rung his 38th peal.

NORTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS DOBLE 1—2	PERCY S. MERSON 4
WILLIAM DOBLE 2	*JAMES HUNT 5
*FRANK MILLARD 3	EBENEZER PRIDDLE Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells which have recently been rehung and overhauled, new gudgeons, bearings and sheaf pulleys fitted by Messrs. Thomas Doble and Son. The 'go' is excellent. The peal was rung to demonstrate to the local men what change ringing was like, and it is hoped it will bear fruit.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, July 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT 43, MALVERN ROAD, HANDSWORTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

GEORGE F. SWANN 1—2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 7—8
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 3—4	ALBERT E. NORMAN 9—10
JAMES E. GROVES... .. 5—6	JOHN NEAL 11—12

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Witness: Mrs. J. E. GROVES.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN. Witness: CHARLES JORDAN.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT ST. MICHAEL'S, JOSEPH ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

GEORGE W. STEERE 1—2	CHARLES HAZELDEN 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3—4	MRS. C. HAZELDEN 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MOLLIE YVONNIE ELOIE LEOUIE & ETHEL WOOD.

Arranged and rung on the 170th anniversary of the first occasion on which this composition was rung.

SHREWSBURY.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

(ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
IN ST. CHAD'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of ten 120's of Plain Bob Doubles, 1 of Canterbury Pleasure and 31 of Grandsire Doubles.

JAMES E. LILLEY... .. 1—2	CHARLES R. LILLEY 3—4
REGINALD R. POLE 5—6	

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

James E. Lilley is the youngest ringer in the county to ring a pair of handbells through a peal.

CARISBROOKE BELLS.

The recast peal of eight at Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, are to be dedicated on Wednesday, July 27th. They have been rehung in all new fittings, and will be an attraction to ringers residing on or visiting the Island. The work is being carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Appended are the details of the bells upon which the old inscriptions have been reproduced:—

No.	Note.	Inscription.	Weight.
			cwts. qrs. lbs.
Treble E		Although I am Both Light and Small I will Be Heard Above You All.	4 3 15
2 D sharp		At Proper Times our Voices we will Raise In Sounding to Our Benefactors Praise.	5 0 0
3 C sharp		Musick is Medicine to the Mind.	5 1 2
4 B		Peace and Good Neighbourhood	7 0 4
5 A		To Honour Both of God and King Our Voices Shall in Consort Ring.	9 1 5
6 G sharp		Our Voices shall with Joyful Sound Make Hills and Valleys echo Round.	10 3 22
7 F sharp		No Inscription.	14 1 25
Tenor E		In Wedlock Bands all ye who Join With Hands Your Hearts Unite So shall Our Tuneful Tongues Combine To Laud the Nuptial Rite.	20 1 0

James Robey, George Young, George Morris, John Arlot,
Churchwardens.

On Reverse of Tenor:—

1921.

This peal of 8 Bells was recast.

T. Story Buster, M.A., Vicar.

R. Fisk, H. L. Morris, G. H. Horsley,
Churchwardens.

Thanks be to God which giveth us the Victory.

On all Bells:— Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1921.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Earls Colne, on Saturday, June 26th. A short service was held in the Parish Church, and the Rev. A. Hammond gave an excellent address. The lesson was read by the Master of the Association (Mr. C. H. Howard). Tea and meeting followed at the Lion Inn.—Mr. E. F. Cooper, District Master, presided, supported by Messrs. B. Redgwell, district secretary; W. H. Dyson (Braintree), A. Symonds (Lavenham), W. Elliott (Kelsvedon), and about 40 members, including the local band.—The Vicar was thanked by the Master for his address, and the choir and organist for their services.—Fearing was chosen as the next place for meeting. Some excellent touches were brought round in the standard methods.

Earls Colne possesses a musical ring of eight in excellent going order, which are regularly rung for matins and evensong every Sunday by the local band, who are accomplished Surprise ringers.

NEW BELLS IN BRECONSHIRE.

MUNIFICENT MEMORIAL GIFT BY NONCONFORMIST'S FAMILY.

The old and historic Parish Church of St. Meugant's, Llanfagan, four miles distant from the county town of Brecon, now possesses a new peal of eight bells, of which any town or city might be justly proud. The whole cost of the bells, as well as the restoration, pointing, and raising by several feet of the tower, has been defrayed by the family of the late Mr. David Morgan, a well-known and respected Cardiff Nonconformist, founder, and until his death, head of the famous firm of drapers, David Morgan, Ltd., of that city, and a native of Llanfagan. The tower formerly possessed only four bells of various dates, which, on inspection, were immediately consigned to the melting-pot. The firm entrusted with the work, Messrs. John Taylor and Co, Loughborough, are to be congratulated on the excellence and quality of their work, in turning out such a magnificent and musical peal, as that which now hangs in the tower, and which will prove a source of great attraction to ringers from all parts. The bells (with a tenor weighing 12cwt. 1qr. 19lb.) are hung in a rigid iron frame, on steel girders, and the fittings are of the very latest pattern throughout, including patent ball bearings—a great improvement on the old plan. A sound-board has also been erected at the top of the tower to reduce the sound of the bells to a minimum, and an up-to-date chiming apparatus installed in the ringers' room. The bells are a splendid acquisition to the district, where there are so many 4, 5 and 6 bell towers. They are also situated in an ideal place for peal ringing, for there are no houses in the immediate vicinity.

The dedication was expected to have taken place in the last week in June, but owing to the outside pointing of the tower not being quite completed, it has been provisionally fixed for the second week in August, when the Bishop of Swansea is expected to officiate, and Brecon St. Mary's ringers to ring the opening touches.

At the request of the Rector, the Rev. T. A. Davies, the Brecon ringers visited the parish on Sunday, June 26th, for a few preliminary touches, to enable himself and his parishioners to hear the bells rung for the first time. The parish is a large, but very scattered one, the church situated about half-way up the side of a hill, with a fine view of the Usk Valley, the hamlet of Pencelly, and a few farms nestling at the foot. Although the Rector had tried to keep the visit 'dark,' the juvenile element of the parish soon noised it about the place, that 'some men had come to ring their bells,' with the result that by the time the visitors had got possession of the tower they found themselves besieged in the ringing room, and, having already walked four miles in a 'broiling sun, found it extremely difficult to ring at all.

The Rector having kindly provided tea, which was thoroughly enjoyed, a fresh start was made, and some good ringing accomplished, consisting of 504 and 420 Stedman Triples, 630 Grandsire Triples, etc., the following taking part: W. Hargest, G. Hardwick, R. Kinsey, E. Matthews, A. Matthews, C. Powell, W. Evans (conductor), S. Brooks. Later some twin and odd Bob touches of Stedman Triples, mostly taken from 'The Ringing World' Sunday Service pages, were rung, with W. Griffiths on the tenor, conducted by A. Matthews and W. Hargest respectively. By the time ringing ceased, visitors had arrived from adjoining parishes, as they said, attracted by the music, and expressive of the great pleasure it gave them to hear the bells rung. The ringers also were delighted with the tone and 'go' of the bells, the quality and workmanship of which reflects great credit on the founders.

The inscriptions of the four old bells have been reproduced on the recast 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th bells, and on the others the inscriptions are in the Welsh language.

Treble.—Gobaith-y-cyflawn fydd llanwenydd.

(Translation: The hope of the righteous shall be gladness.)
Churchwarden, H. R. Jones-Williams, Colonel, R.W.F.

2nd.—Bendith-yr-arglwydd a cypoethage.

(The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich.)
Rector, Thomas Aneurin Davies.

3rd.—Bendithion fydd ar ben-y-cyflawn.

(Blessings are upon the head of the just.)
Donor, John Llewellyn Morgan.

4th.—John Rudhall, Gloucester, Fect.

Recast 1921.

5th.—Howell Williams, H.W. C. W. Dens. Fear God, 1662.

Recast 1921.

6th.—David Morgan, Churchwarden, 1740. Recast 1921.

7th.—Rudhall, Gloucester, Fect. 1813. Recast 1921.

Tenor.—Coffadwraeth-y-cyflawn sydd fendigedig.

(The memory of the just is blessed.)

A. M. D. G., and in memory of David Morgan, of Llandaff, 1833—1919, a landowner in this parish.

In a shield on each bell is: John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough.

LANCASHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR.

THE FIRST PEAL.

Last week we recorded the first peal in the new Surprise method, published by Mr. T. Law, of Weston Favell, Northants, on March 3rd, 1916. The peal was rung at Oswaldtwistle, Lancs, and the band named it Lancashire Surprise. It is a method on the Bristol principle, and the Oswaldtwistle band are inclined to think the method is more intricate to ring than London. A study of it will go a long way to support this contention, as it seems to be more tricky than Bristol itself, which is classed almost with London, being given 48 points, compared with London's 50. The Oswaldtwistle band are to be congratulated on scoring the first peal.

With regard to the name of the method, the company would like to ask the Methods Committee if it be advisable to give it the name of Lancashire, as No. 22 in the Council's Collection of Surprise Minor Methods, which is of different construction, is already called 'Lancashire.' For those who may be further interested in the method and who may not have seen it when originally published, we give a lead of it below, and also the peal.

THE METHOD.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7
1 2 4 3 5 6 7 8
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2 3 1 4 7 5 8 6
3 2 4 1 5 7 6 8
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1 4 2 6 8 3 7 5
4 1 2 6 3 8 5 7
1 4 6 2 8 3 7 5

Plain 1 4 2 6 3 8 5 7

Bob 1 6 4 2 3 8 5 7

THE COMPOSITION.

5,440.
23456 M B H

43652 — — —
63254 — — —
23564 — — —
52364 — — —
35264 — — —

Four times repeated.
Call and one Part,
M. M. W. W reduces
peal to 5,024.

VICAR 39 YEARS.

WARNHAM RINGERS' LOSS.

It is with a feeling of deep regret and sorrow that the Warnham (Sussex) ringers announce the death of their Vicar, the Rev. H. Howcott, which took place on Wednesday, June 29th. Beloved and esteemed by his parishioners, the loss will be severely felt, for with a keen enthusiasm he entered into everything conducive to the welfare, happiness and enjoyment of his people. His kindly interest in ringing will be well remembered by many who have had the pleasure of visiting the Warnham tower, where they were always heartily welcome.

The funeral took place on Saturday, July 2nd, when practically the whole population, of all denominations, met together to pay their last tribute of respect.

At the close of the service, a touch was rung with the bells deeply muffled, and on Sunday, for morning and evening service, they were rung half-muffled.

The deceased Vicar had held the incumbency for 39 years, and ringers have lost a true and loyal friend, who always had their interests at heart.

HINTS FOR BEGINNERS.

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.—'TIPS' ON DOUBLE NORWICH.
THE SINGLE IN STEDMAN DOUBLES.

Up to the present I have been dealing mainly with the Plain Bob method on six bells, in which all the bells are used, one—the treble—having a plain hunting course and the other five sharing in the 'work' of the method, that is, the dodging and place making. I dealt first with this because, broadly, it is the foundation of method ringing. I know that there are some who may argue otherwise, but for practical purposes I think I may claim to be right, at any rate for an even number of bells, for there was little to be gained by beginning on so small a number as four.

I want, however, now to turn to method ringing on an odd number of bells, which enables those beginners who have to confine their efforts to rings of five to make a start, and which has certain advantages even where there are six bells. One of the difficulties which some beginners experience, when they attempt changes in a method in which all the bells take part, is that of 'leading' with precision, because they are not always able to find the last bell to lead from. In Doubles, which is the name given to five-bell ringing—because the rows are mainly two-pair changes—there is, when practised on the front five of a ring of six, the regular beat of the tenor behind, which not only helps to keep the bells in a good compass, but provides the beginner with a fixed bell from which to lead.

The Grandsire method, which is one of the oldest of all methods, is very like Plain Bob in its construction, except that, instead of having one bell (the treble) in the hunt, it has two bells (the treble and one other). This, at every lead end, when the bells would otherwise repeat unless a place were made (as 2nd's in Plain Bob) causes the place to be pushed one step further out and third's is made instead of second's. These two hunt bells also cause the place

12345 to be made, not during the whole pull at lead by the treble,

21354 but at the back-stroke of the treble's lead and the hand-

23145 stroke lead of the other hunt bell, which, in the plain course,

32415 is the 2nd. In Plain Bob we saw that the making of the place

34251 in 2nd's caused all the other bells to dodge in pairs when the

43521 treble led. In Grandsire, the 3rd's place being a half-pull

45312 later, causes the dodging also to come a half-pull later. An-

54132 other point to bear in mind is that the whole pulls behind are

51423 at back stroke and hand stroke, instead of at hand and back,

15243 as in Bob Minor.

12534 I have explained these differences, not to confuse my readers, but in order to assist them in stepping from the even to the odd bell method, because I want to show how nearly they are one and the same thing and not the totally different methods which some ringers believe them to be.

On account of the third's place being a half pull later than the 2nd's in Plain Bob, Grandsire has to begin with the making of the 3rd's place in the first change, and the 3rd, which is, of course, called upon to do this, goes down to lead. This also causes the two other bells to begin their work with a dodge, the 4th going one step into 5th's and coming down to lead after the 3rd, and the 5th stepping down into 4th's before lying the whole pull behind. Thereafter the bells perform the plain hunting course until the treble again comes to lead, when the next bell in the cycle makes 3rd's. As the treble and 2nd are both plain hunt bells, there are only three left to do the 'work' of the course, and consequently the plain course only runs to three leads, or 30 changes. The work may be learnt by means of a table, just as was the case in the Minor method, and it is as follows:—

Pass treble in 3—4 dodge in 4—5 down.

Pass treble in 2—3 dodge in 4—5 up.

Pass treble in 1—2 make 3rd's and lead again.

In making 3rd's it should be observed that the first blow (which is a back stroke) is over the bell 'in the hunt'—as that bell is called which is doing a similar work to the treble—and the second (at hand stroke) is over the treble itself. The bells behind also have a guide, for the last blow in 4—5 down by the bell which is dodging that way is also over the treble.

The 'bob' in Grandsire has the effect of changing the bell 'in the hunt.' This is done by the making of an additional 3rd's place, immediately in front of the one which occurs in the plain course. The figures at the side show how this operates. The bell which

45312 passes the treble in 2—3 immediately makes one more blow in

51423 3rd's and goes back to lead, taking the treble off and becoming

15432 the new bell in the hunt. This extra place causes an extra

14523 dodge behind (the two being termed a 'double-dodge'), so that

41532 the bell which dodges up, has to step back twice into 4th's

45123 before lying the whole pull behind and the bell dodging down

steps back twice into 5th's after lying the whole pull and be-

fore going to lead. This bell which dodges down is the bell

that, before the bob, was the bell in the hunt and in dodging in 4—5

down is said to dodge out of the hunt. As a guide to the dodging

the same rule applies—the last blow in 4th's is over the treble. Put

into table form we have the 'bob' work as follows:—

Pass treble in 4—5, double-dodge in 4—5 down.

Pass treble in 3—4, double-dodge in 4—5 up.

Pass treble in 2—3, make 3rd's and go into hunt.

Pass treble in 1—2, make 3rd's and lead again.

It will be seen that the work of the bell passing the treble in 1—2 is not affected by the bob, but the other three are; one point to notice being that the bell which would have dodged in 4—5 down had there been no bob, double dodges in 4—5 up, thus cutting out the 4—5 down work altogether.

Here again I would advise my readers to examine the method by figuring it out—it is the best first step to grasping what has got to be done in the tower. Construct the plain course from the lead which I have given and then write out the bob work. If you want to prick out a short touch, make a bob in the first and second leads, and the bells will come round. If you want a longer one put a bob at each alternate lead, and you will get half the possible changes on five bells, viz., 60. In the next article I will show how to obtain the extent of the changes on five, and have something to say on how to call these 120's.

'An Improver'—I rather like that non-de-plume for one who has, in a sense, got out of his ringing apprenticeship, but has not yet become quite a master craftsman—asks me to give a few hints on ringing Double Norwich, as this is a method which he finds some difficulty with. He has learnt the method, he says, according to 'book,' by first, last and full work; but it still gives him some trouble, for he is never quite sure about the place-making, especially after a bob. It is curious how little things like this will sometimes hold up an otherwise quite promising ringer, who, once he gets over the stumbling-block, quickly goes on to greater things. The 'book' method is not to be despised as a groundwork for learning the method but from my own experience I have found the following points useful.

In hunting up or hunting down—in Double Norwich what applies to one applies equally to the other—there are two places to pass the treble that are real guiding points to the place-making.

Pass treble in 1—2 make near places.

Pass treble in 2—3 make far places.

If you don't meet the treble in either 1—2 or 2—3 you are treble-bob bell. If you are hunting down you must remember that it is 1—2 and 2—3 from behind. It is all double dodging in front and behind, unless the treble intervenes or a bob is called. If 'An Improver' will grip this, Double Norwich will present no more difficulties, for if he cannot remember the next piece of work, the treble, or the absence of the treble, will tell him.

Then, when dodging behind at a bob, just keep on dodging until the treble comes up and separates the bells. It is a sure guide that, and an invaluable help to the man that gets worried by a long dodge in case he makes one too many or one too few.

Another important point in Double Norwich is always to look out for your course and after bells and double dodge with them in front and behind unless the treble intervenes.

Where is the right place to make the single in Stedman Doubles, asks another correspondent, 'and can it be done at the parting of the sixes?' To answer the last part of the question first. 'No,' otherwise you turn one bell back into the front work with three blows in 3rd's place. There are three places in the six where the single can be made, but the best form is at the third and fourth changes, where the bell that has come out of the front work makes 4th's place, after having struck one blow behind and then, after one more blow in 5th's returns to the work in front, the other bell in 4—5 of course performing the reverse operation, and stopping behind for another six. The other two places at which the single can be made are at the 2nd and third changes, and at the fourth and 5th changes. If this is done the bell coming up lies a whole pull behind at the single, having, if it is made the 2nd and 3rd changes, a dodge down to complete the six; or, if made at the 4th and 5th changes, a dodge up at the beginning of the six. But whichever form is adopted, both singles must be made alike.

CONDUCTOR.

HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

This society on the invitation of the Master (Colonel Herbert Baker) had a most enjoyable outing to Knebworth on Saturday, July 2nd. Leaving Hertford, by motor, about 2.30, the party arrived at the picturesque village about 3.15, and were heartily welcomed by the Rector. The handy little peal of eight were soon going to Stedman and Treble Bob, and the visitors were joined by Mr. Barnard Patmore, of Great Munden, and old Mr. Sam Page, of the once-famous Beunington band. High tea was partaken of at the Lytton Arms, when the Master presided, and the Rector occupied the vice-chair. The party was further augmented by Mr. John Dennis, who is well known by all ringing visitors to Knebworth, and is still active, in spite of his 83 years.—At the conclusion of the repast, Mr. H. J. Gray, the hon. secretary of the society, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Master for his generosity in providing the outing, and also to the Rector of Knebworth for his welcome and the use of the bells. The tower was then again visited, and the bells kept going till 8.30, home being reached shortly before 10 o'clock.

AUTHORSHIP OF METHODS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The question of embarking upon the Exercise of new methods appears to hold the field in these post-war days of renewed ringing activity. In the light of your leading article of the issue dated June 24th last, Mr. Armiger Trollope's letter will hold an added interest for all ringers whose activity in the Exercise extends from the bell rope to pen and paper.

As a body, the Exercise, doubtless, will respect Mr. Armiger Trollope's statement as to his prowess as a wizard with figures; but for those of us who are more than ordinarily interested in the science of mathematics, and who have tried to delve just a little way below the surface in these matters, there can be nothing less than amazement (not to say awe) in our regard for one who in thirty minutes achieved what an expert ringer and an eminent mathematician has succeeded in producing only after 35 years of patient and deductive effort along scientific lines.

As Mr. Bankes James has said, he was not working alone; indeed it may safely be said that nearly everyone of us who has put pen to paper in constructive effort has a variety of London Royal. But we believe Mr. James' variety to be the closest ever produced to what we know from mathematical principles to be the form which the extension of London Major should take.

If Mr. Trollope's argument be pursued to its logical conclusion, the result will demand that he call on the shade of Stedman to give the well-known principle of that name some other title!

We read that, with the great Creator, 'all things are possible,' but to man only those things are possible which are revealed by Him who is the Author of all things; and those, to whom it pleases Him to reveal any of these secrets of science, we may justly call the authors of methods (et cetera) which they produce.

Surely Mr. Trollope will not be prepared to maintain (for example) that in the realm of Physics, because certain phenomena in relation to Volume, Temperature, and Pressure, were first discovered, summarised and announced by Boyle, the famous 'Law' bearing his name should now be known to science under some other title? In a later issue, should space and your courtesy permit, sir, I should like to illustrate further my remarks by means of some few figures in relation to the construction of Principles and Methods.—Very truly yours,

St. Peter's, Brighton.

A. YORK BRAMBLE.

EARLY RINGING DAYS AT SHIPLAKE.**HOW AN OXFORDSHIRE PARISH GOT ITS BELLS.**

With the death of Mrs. Emily Jane Climensen, widow of the late Vicar of Shiplake, the Rev. John Climensen, the parish loses a link with one who did a great deal for ringing in this Oxfordshire village. The late Vicar predeceased his wife by just 17 years, and for nearly 40 years he held the incumbency. Soon after his first coming to Shiplake he raised a sum of £10,000 for church restoration, and the belfry claimed a good portion of that sum. At that time there were only five bells and one of them, the present sixth, was cracked. This bell was recast, and the Vicar gave a new bell to make a ring of six. In 1902 he was instrumental in getting the present 4th and 5th recast, and two trebles added in memory of Queen Victoria. The Vicar always took a keen interest in change ringing, and from 1870 to 1872 engaged the late Mr. Henry Haley to visit Shiplake at week-ends, and instruct the local men in the art.

In all the work which her husband undertook in connection with the church, his wife was an ever-ready help. The death of this highly gifted lady has left a void in the parish which will long be felt, and the name of Climensen will remain a cherished memory. The ringers acted as bearers at the funeral, and afterwards rang muffled touches on the bells.

A WAR MEMORIAL.

On the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the Gosport War Memorial Hospital by Field-Marshal Earl Haig on Sunday afternoon, July 3rd (the hospital being about half a mile from the church), the bells at Alverstoke, Hants, were half-muffled, and the whole pull and stand was rung for about a quarter of an hour, commencing at 2.30 p.m., the ringers being: C. F. Barron 1, H. Nobes 2, W. Wheeler 3, F. G. Barron 4, H. Reynolds (Holy Trinity, Gosport) 5, A. E. Noble 6, E. Noble 7, G. Gunston 8. A 168 touch of Grand-sire was then rung, with Mr. Uphill as conductor. Whilst the service was in progress, the muffles were removed, and, on the choir being sighted returning to the church, a 364 Grand-sire was rung by: H. Nobes 1, C. F. Barron 2, W. Wheeler 3, H. Reynolds 4, H. Uphill (conductor) 5, A. E. Nobes 6, E. Noble 7, G. Gunston 8. It is of interest to note that these bells are also a part of the parish of Alverstoke memorial, and were put in by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and dedicated on November 11th, 1919.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

When 170 years ago, John Holt sat in the belfry of St. Margaret's, Westminster, and called his great one-part masterpiece for the first time, he could hardly have realised what a comparatively simple task some future ringers would make of conducting this composition. Mr. Alfred Pulling, who has probably called this peal more times than anyone else, celebrated the anniversary of the first peal on Thursday week by conducting it on handbells yet once more. There is one thing about the frequent calling of Holt's Original, it can never get monotonous like the constant calling of the Ten Part.

The two churches at which the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild are holding a meeting, and visiting, on the 23rd inst., play a prominent part in Thomas Hardy's powerful novels, namely, 'Puddletown, which is the 'Westerbury' of 'Far from the Madding Crowd,' and Bere Regis, the 'King's Bere,' of 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles.'

Mr. F. W. Hopgood writes that the peal of Stedman Triples, published under the name of A. J. Pitman, in our issue of July 1st, was first composed by J. W. Washbrook at least 20 years ago. It can be found in the Oxford Diocesan Guild Peal Book, and has been rung many times by the Oxford Guild.

To enlighten the public of Bath a local newspaper, recording the dedication of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association War Memorial at the Abbey, stated that prior to the service the Abbey company 'rang the Grandsire Caters 377.' The reporter must have imagined the touch to be some kind of tune, numbered 377 in the tune book, we suppose. No wonder the public are mystified over change ringing!

Few incumbents, who were not themselves ringers, have been more sympathetic to ringing than the Rev. R. Bowcott, who has just died, after being Vicar of Warnham, Sussex, for 39 years. During his incumbency the bells have been recast and rehung, as well as many improvements effected in the belfry, and we think we are right in saying that over 200 peals have been rung in the tower—the majority of them within the space of the first 25 years.

Few ringers can boast of calling their first peal at the age of 18 from an inside bell in such a method as Cambridge Surprise. This was successfully accomplished on Saturday last at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, by the brilliant young Leicester ringer, whose first year's performances we noted last week, and who undoubtedly has a great future before him. Whilst not claiming any record, it would be interesting to know if this performance has ever been equalled.

PORTISHEAD LADY RINGER'S WEDDING.

The marriage of Miss E. M. Hole, of Brightley, Portishead, to Mr. Walter H. Harvey, of Bristol, took place on July 2nd in the Parish Church, Portishead, the officiating-clergy being the Rev. H. W. Jukes and the Rev. H. S. Briggs. The bride has been a member of the Portishead band of change ringers for several years, and has scored four peals. The first she rang in December, 1910, the last of 5,040 changes Grandsire Triples in August, 1919. This peal was to celebrate 'Peace,' and this she also conducted. She is a member of the Ladies' Guild, and the Bath and Wells Association.

Amongst the many beautiful and useful gifts was a handsome oak clock from the Portishead band, and a case of carvers and fruit knives from the lady clerks of the G.W.R. Goods Department, Bristol.

Miss Hole's wedding took place on the day after that of Miss Gillingham, a member of the same company.

CROFTON SURPRISE.

In response to the request of Mr. George Baker for the production of a peal of Crofton Surprise, with the tenors together, the Rev. E. Bankes James sends the following:—

	5,184.
23456	B W H
23564	— — —
24365	— — —
25463	— — —

Eight times repeated, with a plain lead for the bob at H, at the 3rd, 6th and 8th part ends.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Monday, June 13th, 672 Double Norwich Major: W. Dowsett 1, G. E. Wilson 2, C. P. Chalk 3, W. Bedwell 4, W. Dudley 5, S. W. Corden 6, T. Wilson 7, W. H. Judd (conductor) 8. Longest length by an entirely local company at Prittlewell.

LINTON, NOTTS.—On June 21st, as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Wesley, a peal of Stedman Triples (Washbrook's No. 2) was attempted, but lost after 50 minutes' good ringing, too late for another attempt. Afterwards a touch of 1,428 changes was rung, taken from the same peal and coming round at seventeen courses: S. Wesley 1, T. H. Kirkby 2, J. C. Dickens 3, R. A. Hickton 4, W. H. James 5, H. Harrison 6, E. C. Goby (conductor) 7, P. Price 8.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. WAR MEMORIAL AT BATH ABBEY.

The memorial erected to those members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, who fell in the war was unveiled and dedicated at Bath Abbey on July 2nd on the occasion of the annual meeting of the association. There was a large gathering of ringers, representing the two dioceses, and the clergy present included the Rector of Bath (Preb. S. A. Boyd), the Rev. C. C. Parker (Rector of Corston and Master of the Association), the Archdeacon of Bath (the Ven. L. J. Fish), the Rural Dean of Keynsham (Preb. M. E. Hoets), the Revs. J. T. W. Honeywill (Leigh-on-Mendip), Preb. F. A. Bromley (Weston), H. Wheeler Bush (Bathford), W. Smith (Chaplain, Partis College), and de Ste. Croix (Chairman of the Bridgwater Rural Deanery Branch of the Association), with Major J. M. T. Reilly and Mr. E. J. Vokes (Wardens). A service touch of 377 Grandsire Caters was rung by the Abbey ringers, and the service began with the hymn, 'Lifted high within the steeple.' The sentences were said by the Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker), Psalm 23 was chanted, and Preb. M. E. Hoets read a portion of 1 Thess. iv. The special ringers' collects were said, and after another hymn the Rev. C. C. Parker recited the names of those whose memories were being honoured.

A HANDSOME MEMORIAL.

During the singing of the hymn, 'O Valiant Hearts, who to your glory came,' a procession was formed to the north transept, and at the conclusion of the hymn the Archdeacon of Bath withdrew the Union Jack from before the memorial and dedicated it to the glory of God and in proud and honoured memory of fallen members of the Bath and Wells Change Ringers' Association. The tablet is a very beautiful and effective memorial, designed by Sir Thomas Jackson, R.A. Its predominant feature is a great bell on a copper plaque, and the bell is copper gilded—the work of the Birmingham Arts Guild. The execution of the tablet and the carving, including the names, was carried out by Messrs. Hayward and Wooster. The bell is encircled by the words 'Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers.' The names recorded in gilt letters are: S. Ball, W. Bennett, H. Brook, A. Budd, W. Butler, G. Bye, W. Caple, A. Case, E. Chivers, S. Chivers, A. E. Coles, W. Comer, R. Cox, B. Cullen, I. G. Day, H. Doble, G. Drew, B. F. Dunford, S. Everett, H. Fisher, L. Fisher, H. Ford, G. Fountain, C. V. Fry, W. Fudge, A. Gould, S. B. Ham, A. Harris, J. V. M. Hodges, J. Hodges, C. James, R. Jarvis, J. Loxton, A. O. Major, A. C. Mardon, F. Marsh, F. Norman, J. Odey, V. Partridge, W. Perry, S. Phillips, T. Pope, T. Price, G. Ralph, A. E. Sears, H. Stevens, W. Stiech, W. Stone, T. G. Taylor, W. Tudgay, C. Vowles, S. Waite, T. Ward, W. Weaver, W. B. Webb, A. Webber, H. Webber, P. Wheeldon, E. Whitehead and W. Woollard.

Beneath the names are the words: 'These members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers died for their country in the Great War, 1914-1918.'

While the procession was returning, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells, by: Messrs. J. Hunt 1-2, J. T. Dyke 3-4, G. Condiek, junr., 5-6, J. A. Burford 7-8, W. A. Cave 9-10. The concluding hymn was 'Jesus, Lover of my Soul,' during the singing of which a collection was taken towards the completion of the tablet, and realised £4 18s. 8d.

The Rector of Bath (Preb. S. A. Boyd), in the course of an address, said that those whom they commemorated were young men, full of vigorous life, rejoicing in their strength and prospects, and with the prospect of years of happy companionship. They were men who found pleasure in the difficult, manly and truly British art of change ringing. It was because they loved their English land and the manners and customs of their fathers and the old associations attaching to bell towers that they became ringers, and it was the same love of fatherland, fortified by a spirit of duty, unity and discipline that made them quick to the call of their country, and ready even to lay down their lives. Those remaining were proud of them, and felt that the very least they could do was to raise at any rate such a memorial as they had dedicated that day as a tribute to their noble spirit, as a mark of gratitude, and as a reminder to all who should come after them of what the men of the present generation of ringers did when an exceedingly searching trial came. That was a diocesan memorial. The whole broad county of Somerset was represented and the men whose names were on that tablet of honour were drawn from the towns and villages throughout the county. The memorial was raised almost entirely by the members of the Diocesan Guild. Those brave men never forgot they were ringers, and their fellow-ringers would not forget them. Would it be possible to think of the sacrifices of those men without realising that a solemn burden was cast upon those who remained? What were they that they should remain when so many of the best and finest should be taken? The men who laid down their lives called on those who survived to emulate their noble example and to carry on, never spoiling or undoing their work, recalling that if they who remained were frivolous,

or self-seeking, they would be unworthy of the men whose sacrifice was made for the saving of the country. To the bereaved ones they offered their tribute of reverent and heartfelt sympathy, reminding them that those who died had not lived useless lives.

During the day the towers of the Abbey, St. Andrew's, St. Saviour's, St. Mary's and St. Michael's were open for ringing, and were well patronised. After the service at the Abbey, the annual meeting of the association was held in the Abbey Church House, presided over by Prebendary J. L. Fish.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The Master, in his annual report, said 'We have never had our annual meeting under circumstances of greater importance and solemnity than this year. We often hear of bells rung in memory of some well-known and faithful ringer, whose death is felt to be a serious loss to the Association, but on this occasion we commemorate not one but 60 of our number who have sacrificed their lives on behalf of their country. Ringers are not only loyal Churchmen, but also loyal citizens, and if any proof were needed it is amply supplied by the noble death of these gallant men. It is a great honour and privilege for us all that we are able to show our appreciation of their sacrifice by the erection of this tablet in the glorious Abbey Church of Bath. I am sure we all deeply regret the absence of our Bishop and President to-day, solely due to ill-health, a cause which, I am sorry to say, has led also to his resignation from this diocese, in which he has spent so many years of strenuous and self-sacrificing work. We are most grateful to the Archdeacon for taking the Bishop's place and dedicating the tablet, and we owe more than I can say to Prebendary Boyd, who has extended to us so much kindness, and has helped us with such keen interest to carry out our purpose.'

The report was adopted, as was also the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £87 1s. 7d., compared with £74 7s. 11½d. a year ago.

Preb. S. A. Boyd was added to the list of vice-presidents, Mr. Taylor expressing the warm appreciation of the Association of Preb. Boyd's keen interest in their activities.

The Rev. C. C. Parker was re-elected Master, amid applause, and accepting office once more, said while he felt the time was approaching for him to vacate the office, he desired to see the Association on a financially sound footing before doing so, and believed it to be possible during the ensuing year (applause).

Mr. Coles (Bridgwater) proposed the re-election of Mr. E. Burgess as the Association's secretary and treasurer, and this was unanimously carried.—Mr. D. G. Taylor was re-elected auditor, with thanks for his services, and as representatives to the Central Council, the meeting appointed the Master, Messrs. A. E. Coles, E. Burgess and James Hunt.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Prebendary Boyd and all the incumbents who had placed their bells at the disposal of the Association; also to the Bath members for their assistance, and with this the name of the local secretary, Mr. F. C. Rich, was coupled.

CHANGE RINGING IN SOUTH AFRICA.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of May 27th, you gave an excellent description of the new peal of ten bells just opened at St. Mary's, Durban, and I am sure we all hope, as the writer of that article suggests, that Durban will now become a stronghold of change ringing.

May I, however, be allowed to correct two of the remarks in the article under review. The writer states, firstly, that St. Mary's, Durban, is the only tower in South Africa with bells that are rung; secondly, that the art of method ringing has been hitherto unknown in South Africa. Both these statements are somewhat inaccurate.

The bells of St. Mary's, Woodstock, Cape Town, which are a peal of eight, tenor 12 cwt., have been rung on and off since 1903, and ringing has been in full swing here for the last fifteen months, good progress being made in Grandsire.

The art of change ringing was known to this country as far back as 1904, as on December 15th of that year a peal of Grandsire Triples (Taylor's 6-part) was rung on the Woodstock bells in 3 hours and 7 minutes by the following gentlemen, Mr. Powell conducting: S. A. Davies 1, J. F. Priest 2, H. C. Cook 3, E. F. Behan 4, L. Green 5, J. Murray 6, E. F. Powell 7, H. Montgomery 8.

This was the first peal on the bells, and the first ever rung in South Africa. I also understand that a peal of Bob Major was contemplated at that time, but it did not materialise, as some of the members of the band left the neighbourhood. Messrs. Green, Powell and Priest are still members of our band, and it is under their able guidance that we are now practising the art.

I think I have now said enough to prove the claims of St. Mary's, Woodstock, to seniority in change ringing in South Africa, and I will close by wishing the Durban ringers the best of luck and success in their ringing.—Yours sincerely,

Cape Town, June 24th.

J. M. POYNTZ.

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WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

This meeting, which had been postponed from Whit-Monday, took place at Winchester on Monday, July 4th. Besides members from the following towers, Bishopstoke, Curdridge, Portsmouth, Portsea, Southampton, Chertsey, Aldershot, Guildford, Wickham, North Stoneham, Christchurch, Basingstoke, Yorktown and Winchester, the Revs. C. D. P. Davies (Overton), E. Bankes James and N. C. Woods were present.

The Central Committee met at 11 a.m., lunch followed at 1, and the annual general meeting at 2, at which the vice-president (the Rev. C. E. Matthews) was in the chair, supported by Canon Braithwaite (representing the Dean and Chapter), the Rev. Sir J. C. Herschel, Bart., hon. secretary; the Rev. E. W. Colchester, hon. treasurer, and Mr. G. Williams, Master.

The election of officers followed the confirmation of the last minutes, all being re-elected with the exception of the hon. secretary, who, with much regret, expressed his inability to carry on owing to the pressure of other work. Sir John Herschel was cordially thanked for his past services, and the Rev. N. C. Woods, Minor Canon and Sacrist of Winchester Cathedral, was elected in his place.

The Hon. Treasurer, who has given much time to the Guild's war memorial, and deserves the sincere thanks of all members, reported that the two new trebles had just been cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and would be dedicated by the Bishop of Winchester on Saturday, July 16th, in the Cathedral. It was the intention to place these bells upon the floor of the choir, under the tower, ready for hoisting, and to solemnly offer them to the glory of God, and in memory of the members of the Guild, who gave their lives during the great war. A design for an oak tablet, containing the names of those who made the supreme sacrifice, was produced, and cordially approved. This would be erected in the Cathedral belfry, when completed by a Winchester firm, at the cost of about £22. The sum of £30 odd was still needed to defray the cost of the bells and oak tablet.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting on a Saturday in June, and Canon Braithwaite kindly consented to preach the sermon on that occasion.

On the recommendation of the committee, one or two slight alterations were made in the rules, and Mr. A. H. Pulling (Guildford) gave notice that he would move that in future the annual meeting should always be held on a Saturday.

The Rev. E. Bankes James referred to the proposed sub-division of the diocese, and voiced the general opinion of the meeting, by expressing the fervent hope that their Guild would not be split up and separate associations formed for the new dioceses of Guildford and Portsmouth. He remembered the division of Bristol from Gloucester diocese, but on that occasion they wisely decided to maintain one society, with admirable results.

A very well struck course of Stedman Caters was rung for the annual service, which was the ordinary evensong at the Cathedral at 4, with some of the Guild's special prayers added to it. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. E. Colchester, from 2 Samuel vi. 21, in which, taking the three objects of the Guild, the preacher showed that each and all of them aimed at giving glory and honour to God and to His church.

Subsequently tea was served in St. Maurice's Hall, when the Vice-President proposed a sincere vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells.—Canon Braithwaite, in responding, said that they always welcomed the diocesan ringers at Winchester, and hoped they would always regard their noble Cathedral as the Mother Church of the Diocese.

THE LADIES' GUILD.**AN INCREASING MEMBERSHIP.**

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Erdington, on Saturday, July 2nd. The attendance was poor, owing probably to travelling difficulties. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening, when Stedman and Grand sire Triples, Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung with the help of the gentlemen present.

A short service was held in the church, at which the Vicar gave an interesting address.

The members and their friends were entertained to tea by the Erdington ringers at the Church House, at which Miss Pigott (President of the Guild) presided.

At the business meeting which followed, three honorary members were elected.—The Secretary submitted the accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £15 10s. 5d.—The Secretary, in reviewing the year's work, stated that the districts which had been formed were doing very good work, and the membership was gradually increasing.—Mrs. F. I. Haits, of Clapham, was unanimously elected president for the year, and Miss Parker re-elected honorary secretary and treasurer.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting in the Northamptonshire district.

The Secretary reported that she had now received the dinner gong, a silver-plated bell, suitably engraved, and hung in an oak frame, which the members were presenting to Mrs. Salvaneschi (nee Miss Alice White) on her marriage. It was not possible to make a formal presentation, as Mrs. Salvaneschi had left England for some time, and was at present in Canada. The gong was, therefore, being forwarded, with the Guild's best wishes.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his address at the service, and to the Erdington ringers and their wives for their kind welcome and hospitality.—A vote of thanks was also passed to the secretary for her work during the year.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**BIG GATHERING AT HANDSWORTH.**

The monthly meeting of the Sheffield district and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held at the Church of St. Mary's, Handsworth, on Saturday, July 2nd. Over 100 members were present at the meeting from the following towers: North Wingfield, Bolsover, Staveley, Wortley, Killamarsh, Anston, Norton, Dronfield, Chesterfield, Rotherham, Sheffield Cathedral, Eckington, Ecclesfield, Barnsley, Ranmoor, Treeton, All Saints', Sheffield; Dore, St. Maries', Sheffield, and Rawmarsh, and there were also visitors from New Mills and Huddersfield.

Tea was provided by the local company in the Parish Room, and at the business meeting which followed, the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Baker) presided, and gave a hearty welcome to the society, saying how pleased he was to have such an opportunity of welcoming the society of church workers at Handsworth to ring on the new memorial peal of bells. He could plainly see that the spirit of the ringers was a good one, and that a genuine freemasonry existed amongst them. He could tell by the singing in the church during service that the members were devotional as well as musical, because they sang with their souls, which made the service into a bright reality instead of dismal formality.

It had been said to him that no sober bell ringers could be found, but he, as well as the society, were able to deny this. The spirit of the ringers had changed; what was done in the past was not done to-day, and they were contented at their meetings with a cup of tea.

Congratulations were extended to the local company, under the able management of Mr. Watkinson, for their speedy progress in ringing in so short a time.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston, of New Mills, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and for the kind way in which the society had been received by them.

Eleven new members were elected.

Ringing on the handbells took place after the business meeting, and ringing on tower and handbells continued till dusk, while the Rectory gardens were open to the members and their wives during the afternoon.

The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone in August.

VISIT TO ASHBY FOLVILLE.

On Saturday, July 2nd, St. John-the-Divine Society, Leicester, had their annual outing, when 36 ringers, wives and friends, made a 12-mile journey across country by horse charabanc, to Ashby Folville, a quiet old-world spot, with a light ring of eight bells in an iron frame. An invitation by Lady Smith-Carrington, of Ashby Manor, to the manor grounds was gratefully accepted, and on arrival bowls, skittles, tennis, etc., were soon being indulged in, while others visited the tower and rang various methods, from Grand sire to Cambridge. The Vicar of St. John's (the Rev. Shirley White, M.A.) and Mrs. White, accompanied the party, as did also the doyen of Leicester ringers—Mr. William Cooper, now in his 85th year, and an inmate of Wiggleston Hospital. Tea was served in the orchard of The Carrington Arms (a fully licensed house) by Host Walker, and thoroughly enjoyed. After tea another visit to the manor grounds was made, where sports were on the programme. A four-legged race for men proved the old adage: 'More haste, less speed,' as did also the 'land boat' race, when the craft of the winning team collapsed a few yards from the tape. A clothes-peg race for ladies was well contested, and in the run-off, the winner and second well earned the bottle of scent and box of chocolates. The 'kiddies' race was such a near thing that it was expedient to give each a prize of equal value. Handbells on the lawn and time brought the holiday all too soon to a close, and the party ultimately arrived back in Leicester at 11 p.m. The best thanks are due to Mr. Pyket, verger of Ashby Folville, and the society cannot let the opportunity pass without publicly thanking the hostess of Ashby Manor for her kindness and hospitality. W. W.

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's Church, on June 29th, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples (Cox's), in 47 mins.: R. Baird 1, Wal. Dobbins 2, J. T. Williams 3, A. Sluman 4, H. Willis (conductor) 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams 7, W. Webb 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Dobbins, the captain.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

'Something for the experts to get on with,' is the comment of the correspondent who forwards the quarter-peal of Stedman Triples given below, from the Rev. H. Law James' seven-part. For those who desire to call the complete peal, we would add that it consists of the first 12 courses six times repeated, the first part end being 4536712. The 4th change of the last six of each part is in the cycle of rounds, viz., 3456712 in the first part, 567123 in the second, and so on.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, for evening service, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: G. Seamon 1, W. E. Oakley 2, R. Picton 3, E. Elliott 4, W. Norris 5, F. Edwards 6, W. Hewitt 7, H. J. Wise (conductor) 8. This quarter-peal was published in 'The Ringing World' of July 1st.

BARNES.—On Sunday, July 10th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,260 changes): W. H. Stevens 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, T. H. Taffender (first quarter in the method) 4, H. Cook 5, R. Mackrill 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, July 10th, for morning service at the Parish Church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: R. Russell (first quarter away from tenor) 1, H. Grosvenor 2, E. Rose 3, C. Helinkiss (first quarter on tower bells) 4, C. Webb 5, S. Grove 6, W. B. Cartwright (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, L. Wallbuton (first quarter) 8.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—At St. Swithin's Parish Church, on Sunday, July 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins., for morning service: T. Baker 1, W. Mills 2, G. Hewitt 3, N. E. Hope 4, G. Coomber 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8.

HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, July 10th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: H. Blee (first 720) 1, A. Hibble 2, A. Howell 3, F. Fensom 4, M. Fensom 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, July 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. A. Fosdike 1, E. J. Pannett 2, A. G. Bennington 3, J. Law 4, H. Norgate 5, T. A. Easterby (conductor) 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, Arch. Bennington 8.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 10th, for evening service, 720 Doubles, comprising 4 six-scores of Grandsire and 2 six-scores of Plain Bob: S. France 1, W. Clay 2, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 3, W. Lycett 4, W. Weatherby 5, H. Edwards 6. This in all probability the first 720 on the bells, as there is no record of any other having been rung on them. It is also the first time the bells have been rung for nearly 12 months, as there is no local band there.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On July 3rd, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently: C. Hitchman 1, W. Hitchman 2, A. E. Smith 3, E. Cox 4, R. G. Rue (conductor) 5, A. E. Gee 6. Longest touch by ringers of 3 and 6.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for morning service, at St. Luke's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: H. Knight (conductor) 1, T. Smith 2, T. Roden (longest length in the method) 3, H. A. Farlow 4, E. F. Mitchell 5, W. H. Lawley 6, A. Fallon 7, J. Smith 8.—On Sunday, July 10th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), for morning service, in 53 mins.: J. Williams 1, H. Knight (conductor) 2, T. Roden 3, G. Tudor 4, C. Beech 5, H. A. Farlow 6, T. Smith 7, E. F. Mitchell 8, W. H. Lawley 9, R. Thompson 10. Rung also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Farlow (mother of the 6th ringer) on the 84th anniversary of her birthday.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, 800 Superlative Surprise Major, by: F. Borrett 1, H. Piercy 2, R. Whiting 3, J. Tann 4, C. Baker 5, J. Boughton 6, A. Smith 7, C. Roope 8.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.—On Sunday morning, July 3rd, at All Saints' Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: F. Pope 1, H. Head 2, G. Smith 3, Miss E. M. Goodship (Reading) 4, J. Smith 5, F. Head 6, E. M. Mitchell (Milton-next-Gravesend), conductor, 7, C. Pope 8.

MANCHESTER.—At St. James', Birch, on Sunday, July 3rd, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Ryder 1, W. E. Ryder 2, J. Idle 3, E. Burroughes 4, A. Frost 5, F. Stoneley 6, R. Davies (conductor) 7, E. Burroughes, Junr., 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Manchester.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 48 mins.: E. J. Newell 1, Miss A. M. Durrant 2, E. W. Day 3, J. Hare 4, G. Wolfe 5, G. H. Cross (composer and conductor) 6, L. Fidler 7, G. T. Croft 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except ringers of 2nd and 6th.

STANTON-ON-HINEHEATH, SALOP.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for morning service, several touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles. For evening service, 900 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 240 Plain Bob), in 30 mins.: S. France (longest in two methods) 1, W. Clay 2, A. White (longest in two methods on a bob bell) 3, W. Lycett 4, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 5, R. Turner (longest touch) 6.

ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, YORKSHIRE.—For evening service, on Sunday, June 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): M. Cooper 1, Miss M. Parnaby 2, G. F. Alexander 3, J. E. Bird 4, A. Coates (conductor) 5, J. W. Wilkinson 6, Miss B. Wellburn 7, A. Deas 8. After service, a quarter-peal in the same method: M. Cooper 1, A. Coates 2, Miss A. K. Wilkinson 3, Miss D. Bulman 4, J. E. Bird 5, J. W. Wilkinson 6, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 7, A. Deas 8. Messrs. Bird and Deas, for whom this ringing was arranged, hail from Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and A. Coates from Whitby.

BRAINTREE.—For evensong, on Sunday, June 26th, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Lindridge 1, W. J. Sadler 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, P. Ely 6, C. H. Howard (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1,260 STEDMAN TRIPLES.										1,295 GRANDSIRE CATERS.					602 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.				720 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR.			
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7316254	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	S	43265879	9	in and out at 2	—	S	357246	4	23456	35642	1		
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5273416	—	—	—	—	—	S	—	—	—	—	32465	8	in 3	—	—	465327	2	23456	35642	1		
1582473	S	—	—	S	—	S	—	—	—	—	53264978	8	in and out at 2	—	—	274536	2	23456	35642	1		
4532719	—	—	—	S	—	—	—	—	—	—	45362	9	in 3S	—	—	652374	1	23456	35642	1		
4536712	—	S	S	S	—	—	S	—	S	—	34562	9	in 3	—	—	526374	4	23456	35642	1		
2136745	—	—	—	S	S	—	S	—	—	—	23465879	9	in and out at 2	—	—	265374	4	23456	35642	1		
2541763	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42365	8	in 3	—	—	742536	2	23456	35642	1		
2531746	—	—	—	—	S	—	—	S	—	—	34265	8	in 3	—	—	367254	2	23456	35642	1		
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OUTINGS.

ACROSS THE HILL COUNTRY.

The annual outing of the St. Mary's Society, Penwortham, which was inaugurated in 1921 on the occasion of the bicentenary of the bells, was held on June 11th, when a visit was paid to Settle, Burton-in-Lonsdale, and Kirkby-Lonsdale.

At Settle the visitors were fortunate enough to find a peal of eight, none too common an occurrence in some of the outlying parts of the hill country, which separates Lancashire and Yorkshire, and, in company with one of the local ringers, soon had the bells going to Grandsons Triples and Bob Major.

Owing to the ambitious route set out, however, a long stay could not be made, and, no matter how charming a place might be or how delightful the bells, there always existed a pleasurable anticipation of the next stopping-place. So, taking once more the open road, the party travelled across the exceedingly fine country between Settle and Ingleton, stopping for a few moments to examine and debate upon the causes of the 'ebbing and flowing well.' Owing to the dryness of the weather, however, the well was not seen to much advantage, a fact which called forth a certain amount of cynical chaff amongst the party.

Natural phenomena were soon forgotten when the company reached Burton-in-Lonsdale, for they then commenced important business, and reduced the splendid meal set out for them to a stage to which only the remark 'This is all' was applicable.

After dinner they wandered to the church, which, as the venue of the society's first outing, will always be of special interest, and, raising the bells, pulled off a touch of Bob Minor, in which the junior members took part, handling the bells in a highly creditable manner, in view of the strange conditions. Touches of Treble Bob were then indulged in, and the party moved on towards Kirkby-Lonsdale. Here ringing took place both before and after tea, and, though no 720 was scored, the ringers had reason to be satisfied with their performance.

The homeward journey passed as pleasantly as the rest of the day, and the party reached the starting-point, well pleased with the outing, and wishing it occurred more frequently.

The thanks of the band are extended to all local ringers and clergy, and they hope to meet again in the near future those ringers whose acquaintance they had the pleasure of making.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7p, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—At Earl-Shilton, on Friday, July 15th, induction of Vicar and dedication of new ring of 8 bells. Service at 6.30 p.m. A band has been arranged to ring the opening rounds and first touch, after which all ringers welcome. Bells will be available the next day, Saturday, 16th, to all ringers from 4 till 7 p.m.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the above will be held at East Bridgford, on Saturday, July 16. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—Thos. H. Kirkby.

SALOP GUILD.—Half-yearly meeting at Coalbrookdale, Saturday, July 16th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock in Trinity Hall, 1/6 per head. Members and other ringing friends are cordially invited. Please send a card to the Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmunds, Shrewsbury, or W. Saunders, Institution House, Coalbrookdale.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Howden on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) will be available from noon. Service in S. Peter's at 4 p.m., with a short address by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Waring. Tea at 5 p.m. at Mrs. Wilds' (close to church)—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ribchester on July 16th. Goosnargh bells will also be available from 3 to 4.30. Further particulars by circular.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Gt Wymondley on Saturday, July 16th. St. Ippolyt's bells will be available. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. R. Bacon, District Sec., West Hill, Hitchin.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bozeat on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, District Sec., 6, Addington Road, Irthlingboro'.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The Annual General meeting of the Guild will be held at Rugby on July 16th. The towers of St. Andrew's, Rugby (8), Dunchurch (6), and Newbold-on-Avon (6) will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Short service in St. Andrew's Church at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the Rev. J. B. Hewitt, M.A., Vicar of Newbold-on-Avon. Meat tea at 2/3 per head at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The next meeting will be held at Binsted on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea and meeting. The bells at Bentley and Frensham will also be available.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hill Crest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. All ringers welcome. A good attendance requested.—John Halsall, Branch Sec., 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above Branch will be held at Dyrham on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Soberton on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—E. J. Harding, District Sec., 76, Carnarvon Rd., Portsmouth.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A mid-week meeting will be held at All Hallows, Tottenham, on Tuesday, July 19th. Bells available from 8 to 10 p.m. All welcome. Hadley bells will be dedicated on Thursday, July 21st, by the Bishop of Willesden.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 21st; Southwark Cathedral, 19th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, 26th; and St. Andrew, Holborn, 28th (higher methods); all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Puddletown, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (also Bere Regis) from 2.30. Guild Service 4.30, followed by tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wellington, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available—Parish Church (8), 3.30 to 8 p.m.; Rockwell Green (6), 3 to 5 p.m. Service in Parish Church at 6 o'clock. Meeting in the belfry previous to the service. No tea arranged.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Areley Kings, on Saturday, July 23rd. Service in Church at 4 o'clock. Will those who intend being present, please notify me by the Wednesday previous?—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, Dist. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapstone District.—The Annual district meeting will be held at Ringstead, on July 23rd. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea let me know by Tuesday, July 19th.—J. Nickerson, Dist. Sec., Halford Street, Thrapstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, 23rd July; also, the committee will hold the Half-Yearly meeting in conjunction. A good attendance is requested.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Wootton, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—H. L. Harlow, Dist. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Summer meeting will be held at Whitley Bay, on Saturday, July 23. The towers of Christ Church, North Shields (10), and St. Paul's, Whitley Bay (8), will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Committee meeting at 4.45 p.m. Tea at the Grosvenor Café at 6 p.m., followed by Business meeting. All those requiring tea should inform me not later than the 19th inst. Members 1/6. Non-members 3/- per head.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec., 80, Fern Dene Road, Gateshead.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be Hythe, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Ringing friends will be welcome at this meeting.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

CARISBROOKE CHURCH BELLS.—The Recast ring of eight will be dedicated on Wednesday, 27th July, at 6.30 p.m., by the Right Rev. Bishop Macarthur, D.D.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish, on Saturday, July 30th, as the 23rd is not suitable to the authorities. Bells ready 3.30, meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Arrangements are being made for a motor charabanc to leave Tonbridge Station at 2.15. All members wishing for tea must notify the Secretary not later than Tuesday, 19th inst. Half travelling expenses up to 2/- each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Road.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival at Stokesay Castle, Craven Arms, Saturday, July 23rd. Service, 12; lunch, 1; business meeting, 2. Ringers wishing to attend lunch must notify Rev. G. W. Turner, Madley Vicarage, Hereford, on or before July 16th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 23rd (D.V.). Service at Cathedral at 11 a.m., preacher Rev. Canon Coleridge. Immediately after service the war memorial to our fallen ringers will be unveiled in the Cloisters by the Right Rev. E. Domitt-Shaw (Archdeacon of Oxford). The business meeting will then be held in the Chapter House. Dinner in Christ Church Dining Hall at 1.30, tickets 2/6 each (3/- for non-members); application for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must be made to General Sec. Arrangements for ringing will be notified later.—Richard T. Hibbert, General Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The postponed Annual meeting will be held at Walthamstow on Saturday, July 23rd. Short service at St. Mary's Church at 3 p.m. Tea (1/3 to members) at 4 p.m. at the Church House, to be followed by annual meeting. St. Mary's (10 bells), St. Saviour's (8 bells) and other towers in the neighbourhood will be open from 2 p.m. Those intending to be present at tea must notify the Hon. Sec. not later than Monday, July 18th, as a guarantee for number has to be given.—H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec., The Temple, Witham, Essex.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will (D.V.) be held at Chester Cathedral on Saturday, July 23rd. Service at 3 o'clock; preacher, The Dean.

In addition to the city belfries, those of Christleton, Eccleston and Aldford will be open all day. Other particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon Sec., New Mills.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: 7.30 p.m., St. Clement Danes, July 25th. Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement's 1st and 3rd, Bishopsgate 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting will be held at Rothwell, on July 30th. Business meeting at 7 o'clock in the Belfry.—M. Moorhouse, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne on Saturday, July 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—For the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk.—A joint meeting of the Norwich and Ipswich Branches will be held at Lowestoft on August Bank Holiday, Aug. 1st. By kind permission of the Rector the ring of 8 bells at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, will be available. Dinner will be served at the Crown Hotel, High Street, at 1 p.m. Tickets 3/6 per head. Committee meeting at 12 o'clock noon. The general business meeting will be held at St. Margaret's Institute, Alexandra Road, at 2.15 p.m. Members intending being present at dinner must notify the same to the Gen Sec. not later than Thursday, July 28th.—Edward Evans, Branch Sec., Ipswich; Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Branch Sec., Norwich, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hadley on August Bank Holiday, Monday, August 1st. The bells (now a peal of eight) will be available from 2 p.m. Tea will be arranged at about 6 o'clock in the Church House, at a charge of 1/- per head, but arrangements will only be made for those who advise me by July 27th. All members and friends are cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood St., E.17.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—An All-day meeting will be held on Monday, August 1st, commencing at Walton-on-Thames, at 10 o'clock, Hershaw 11.30, Esher 1.30, East Molesey 3. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea by kind permission (if fine), on the Vicarage Lawn. Will all those intending to be present at tea kindly notify me not later Wednesday, July 27th? All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Lewisham District is transferred to Farningham, on Saturday, August 6th. Particulars later.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dist. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Next meeting at Seend on August 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock, tea at 5. All wishing to attend tea let me know as early as possible.—H. F. Brown, 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

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THE MUDDLE OF NAMES.

The haphazard manner in which methods are named has been equalled in the past only by the remarkable confusion that has grown up in the use of terms relating to the science. Identical terms have been and still are used in ringing to indicate quite different things, as, for instance, 'lead' and 'course,' which each have two or three meanings dependent upon the connection in which they appear. Ringers, by long association with the terms, become, of course, familiar with what is intended by their use, but this loose kind of terminology is a stumbling-block to beginners.

So, too, with the names of methods. Our predecessors just dropped upon the first thing that pleased their fancy, without any regard to its applicability or even its suitability. Some named their favourite methods after flowers, like Tulip, Primrose and Woodbine; others chose topographical names, and all of them gave them a loose classification under 'Bob' or 'Pleasure,' or 'Delight' or 'Surprise,' which later authorities have had to revise, albeit there are still many ringers who do not know what actually constitutes these classes of methods.

The Central Council has done much to bring matters down to something like consistency by laying down definitions, while, at their last meeting, they went a step further in deciding that any methods in their Minor Collection for which names are not claimed within the next six months shall be forthwith given a name. It is high time that this was done, and it is a pity that they cannot do what the peals analysis really requires—sift the names of the old methods so that some of them should not be left with two or three titles.

The eight-bell peal rung the other day and named Lancashire Surprise opens up the question further. The ringers themselves questioned the appropriateness of the name, as there was existent a Minor method called Lancashire Surprise, of which the Major was not the extension. Now it is pointed out there is another Lancashire Surprise Major existing, composed many years ago by Mr. Arthur Craven, but, so far as we are aware, never rung. This method had been entirely overlooked by the Oswaldtwistle Company when they named the new method after their own county, and it is not unlikely they may elect to forego the name and choose another. But the incident serves to emphasise the fact, as the Rev. A. T. Beeston points out in another column, that there is need for a Central Authority from whom it should be possible to ascertain whether any proposed name has already been appropriated. There can be only one body to act as the authority in such a matter, and that is the Central Council.

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cil. The information as to the Minor methods will be in the hands of the Librarian, and the record of Major names ought to be in the same keeping. The thing could be done if those interested will find time to compile the records, unless it could be decided that only those modern methods should be named of which peals have been rung. Then the existing Records Committee's researches would, perhaps, answer the double purpose.

TEN BELL PEAL.

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On Tuesday, July 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*JOHN GARRETT Treble	ALFRED H. WATSON 5
HAROLD MAYHEW 2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 6
EDWARD JENKINS 3	HARRY HALL 7
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On Saturday, July 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*WALTER MILLER Treble	*WALTER RUFFLES 5
ALFRED H. WATSON... .. 2	*WILLIAM G. BROWN... .. 6
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JOHN W. DAVIES... .. 3	HENRY W. WILDE 7
JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLAR.

Arranged for Mr. A. E. Peglar, of Bangor.

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**KNEBWORTH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, July 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of SS. MARY AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.	
ERNEST W. DAY Treble	*LEONARD FIDLER 5
MISS A. MAY DURRANT 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
HERBERT E. DAY 3	JOHN HARE... .. 7
BARNARD PATMORE 4	GEORGE T. CROFT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time.

WARFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.	
THOMAS SMITH Treble	PERCY E. JONES 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 2	CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
JOHN RANCE... .. 4	JOHN H. CROPLEY Tenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Smith and Cropley. The band tender their best thanks to them for their kind hospitality after the peal.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.	
FRED SMITH Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY 5
CHARLES PRESTON 2	*THOMAS AUSTIN... .. 6
ARTHUR CLAY 3	FREDERICK PAGE 7
*ERNEST LONDON 4	CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the singer of the treble. This is the first peal of Major on the bells which were hung in 1832. First peal in the method as conductor and rung at the first attempt.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.	
ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JOHN W. DAVIES... .. 5
JOHN HAYES 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
FRANK FOX 3	ARTHUR NEWELL... .. 7
EDWARD HARRISON 4	HENRY W. WILDE Tenor

Composed by T. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

PULHAM.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.	
FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	ERNEST WHITING 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	JAMES BROUGHTON 6
WILLIAM ROSE 3	JAMES BRITS 7
ALPHEDUS BERRY 4	ERNEST POPPY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

**ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, July 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12 cwt.	
*REDVERS ELKINGTON... .. Treble	LOUIS E. ALLEN 5
HARRY BROUGHTON 2	THOMAS H. VALLENCE 6
JOHN OLDHAM 3	†R. HENRY BARTRAM 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

**BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.
NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, July 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. David,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. in F sharp.	
*J. LANGFORD JONES Treble	WILLIAM CRANE, JUN. 5
JAMES H. MIDWINTER 2	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 6
*THOMAS JONES 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES 7
WILLIAM T. PEGLER 4	JOHN COLE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. HUGHES.

* First peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.	
*MISS F. A. CANNAN Treble	THOMAS GARLEY... .. 4
†MISS D. M. ATKINS 2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON 5
WALTER T. WILSON... .. 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS Tenor

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung in celebration of the festival of the Patron Saint of the Church.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob, Worcester Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.	
*H. G. BENSON Treble	GEORGE BLAXLEY 4
E. MAURICE ATKINS 2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON 5
WALTER T. WILSON... .. 3	CHARLES W. BIRD Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal on tower bells.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 6, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Worcester, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.	
E. MAURICE ATKINS... .. Treble	WALTER T. WILSON 4
*H. G. BENSON 2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON 5
MISS CECIL HEPBURN 3	FREDERICK SAWFOOT Tenor

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal on 'inside' bell.

DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER MILLER... .. Treble	WALTER ROUFFLES 4
REGINALD ABBOTT 2	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 5
ERNEST CURTIS 3	HARRY HALL Tenor

Conducted by H. HALL.

First peal in seven methods on the bells. First peal in seven methods as conductor. This and the peals at Framlingham and Worlingworth were rung as a farewell to E. Jenkins, who has left the district for Stretton, Cheshire.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Bob, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... Treble	FREDERICK WADE 4
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 2	GEORGE LEE 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Arranged and rung especially to oblige Mr. A. E. Austin, of Cambridge, who was staying in the district, and was elected an hon. life member of the Association previous to starting the peal.

POTTON, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

HERBERT MORTIMER ... Treble	REGINALD P. GARDNER ... 4
CHARLES MORTIMER 2	WILLIAM INSKIP 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW... .. 3	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 14, 1921, in One Hour and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT 32, LESLIE PARK ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob.

*MRS. R. BROUGH 1-2	JOHN SPARROW 3-4
REGINALD BROUGH 5-6	

Conducted by R. BROUGH.

Umpire: W. GROVES.

* First attempt for a peal.

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

On Thursday, July 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES 7-8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3-4	ALBERT E. NORMAN 9-10
ALBERT WALKER... .. 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by the late C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. WALKER.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MORRIS, Leicester. Conducted by the Performer.
Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

FEERING, ESSEX.
THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6
ANDREW SHOFFLEBOTHAM... 3-4	ALBERT CATTERWELL... .. 7-8

Composed by REV. H. EARL BULWER. Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

First peal on handbells by A. Catterwell.

A CUMBERLAND TRIP.

Pleasant recollections will remain with all those who, on Saturday, July 9th, took part in an outing undertaken by the St. Mary's ringers, Egremont. The party, numbering 25, included the ringers, wives and friends, and their trip was by motor charabanc. At Keswick, the first stop, the ringers were met by two of their own band, who had walked, by way of the fells, a distance of 27 miles, starting off at 2 a.m., and had promised to join the remainder at 9 a.m. They arrived at 8.55 a.m.—certainly a good performance. Soon the bells of the fine old church of Crosthwaite, were going to the tune of Bob Major, and a 576 was brought round in capital style. As time would not permit further ringing, the bells were lowered in peal, and the ringers joined the rest of the company, who had been shopping, etc. A start was then made for Penrith, which was reached at noon, after passing through some lovely scenery. Dinner was awaiting the visitors, and full justice was done to it. This over, they wended their way to St. Andrew's Church, where hangs in the tower a splendid ring of eight (tenor 20 cwt.), the 'go' being excellent. Kent Major was successfully brought round, everyone being bathed in perspiration at the finish, as the day was scorching. It is to be regretted that change ringing is not practised here, the local captain telling the visitors that no interest seems to be taken in it. The Egremont men tried to induce him to get a band together and become members of the Cumberland Association, which has recently been established.

Permission had been obtained from Lord Lonsdale for the party to view his spacious grounds at Lowther Castle. Here they were met by the head gardener, who piloted them through. It was the 'tit bit' of the day, everyone being almost spellbound at the most lovely sights. Visitors to this district should not miss this treat. After tea, the return journey was commenced. A stop was made at Keswick, where some took advantage of a motor trip up the lake. Egremont was eventually reached at 11 p.m. The weather was perfect throughout. The best thanks of the party are due to the incumbents for the use of the bells, to the local captains for having everything in readiness, to Lord Lonsdale for his kindness, and to the worthy secretary, Mr. W. Norman, for making the necessary arrangements with his usual thoroughness. The outing was one of the most enjoyable this band has undertaken.

DORCHESTER RINGERS AT BOURNEMOUTH.

St. Peter's bell ringers, Dorchester, who, with their wives and friends, made up a party of 44, had an enjoyable outing to the 'Evergreen Valley.' Included in the party were the Rev. G. C. Niven (Rector of St. Peter's and Master of the bell ringers) and Mrs. Niven, Messrs. W. J. Bengier (deputy Master), R. N. Dawes (hon. secretary), W. J. Simons (correspondent), and G. T. White (divisional conductor). Two charabancs had been chartered, and in perfect summer weather the drive was delightfully pleasant. Bournemouth was reached at 10.30, and there was a general dispersal of the party to sample the numerous attractions whereby this popular watering-place caters so admirably for visitors. The ringers made their way to St. Peter's Church, and rang touches, and in this they were assisted by the Rev. C. A. Phillips, a former curate of Dorchester St. Peter's and a keen campanologist. On the homeward journey a halt was made at Wimborne, and here the ringers had a few touches on the Minster bells, while the other members of the party were greatly interested in an inspection of the historic edifice, over which they were courteously conducted by the vergier. 'Home, sweet home,' was reached at ten o'clock, everyone well pleased with the outing.

AMONG BEDFORDSHIRE TOWERS.

LEYTONSTONE COMPANY'S BUSY DAY.

The annual excursion of St. John's Society, Leytonstone, took place on Saturday, June 18th, and a very successful day it proved to be. Meeting outside St. John's Church at 5.30 a.m., the band were supplemented by Messrs. T. Faulkner and A. Hardy from Barking, and E. Wightman from Woodford. They travelled by charabanc to Bedford, where Mr. C. W. Clarke, who had arranged for a busy day, was awaiting them. After breakfast the road was again taken for Bromham, where hangs the heaviest peal of six in the county (tenor 23wt.). A 720 London Surprise was rung in good style, followed by 720 York Surprise and a touch of Treble Bob. The next place was Turvey, the only eight bell tower in the day's programme, and here on the very handy, well-hung ring, 448 Superlative Surprise was brought round in good style. Next came touches of Grandsire and Treble Bob, in which some of the local men were pleased to take part.

At Harrold, the next place of call, a handy ring of six was found, which were set going to the tune of Ipswich Surprise, a good 720 being the result. Touches of Durham and Kent were rung, and then a move was made to the Parish Institute, where Host Norton had a splendid dinner of old English fare waiting for the party. After the exertions of the morning this was greatly appreciated.

At Sharnbrook, the visitors found a poor peal of six, which would be greatly improved by being passed through the melting-pot. However, the 'go' was good, and 720 Lincoln Surprise and 720 Cambridge were rung, and the usual short touch of Treble Bob, to give everybody a pull at each place. Bletsoe, with another nice ring of six, was next reached, and at the third attempt 720 Beverley Surprise was got home; also 720 Cambridge. Then to Milton Ernest, which was the last tower for the day. Here 720 Durham Surprise was rung, Mr. W. Stapleton, of Bedford, calling it, and a touch of Kent Treble Bob finishing up the ringing.

It was intended to ring at Clapham, and so ring on the lightest and heaviest peals of six in the county, Clapham tenor only weighing 5cwt., but time would not allow of this, for which apologies are extended to the band there who turned up to meet the excursionists. The weather throughout was very cold, but fine, and the party arrived home about 11 o'clock, quite satisfied with having spent another perfect day.

To all the local men who welcomed them they tender their best thanks; to the clergy at the various places they are very grateful for so readily granting permission to ring; and last, but not least, to their old friend, Mr. C. W. Clarke, who made all arrangements, and acted as pilot through the day, the cordial thanks of all the visitors are accorded.

The 720's were rung as follow:—

BROMHAM.—At St. Owen's Church, 720 London Surprise: T. Faulkner 1, G. Dawson 2, W. Theobald 3, C. W. Clarke 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, J. Moule 6. 720 York Surprise: G. Hayden 1, G. L. Joyce 2, A. Prior 3, E. Smith 4, E. Wightman (conductor) 5, A. Hardy 6; and a touch of Treble Bob.

TURVEY.—At All Saints' Church, 448 Superlative Surprise: W. Theobald 1, W. Miller 2, T. Faulkner (conductor) 3, A. Prior 4, J. Moule 5, C. Clarke 6, E. Wightman 7, A. Hardy 8.

HARROLD.—At St. Peter's Church, 720 Ipswich Surprise: W. Riches 1, H. P. Avey 2, T. Faulkner 3, E. Smith 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, W. Theobald 6; 240 Durham Surprise, 144 Kent Treble Bob.

SHARNBROOK.—At St. Peter's Church, 720 Lincoln Surprise: H. P. Avey 1, W. Theobald 2, A. Prior 3, G. Dawson 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, J. Moule 6. 720 Cambridge Surprise: E. Wightman 1, T. Faulkner 2, C. Clarke (conductor) 3, E. Smith 4, G. Hayden 5, A. Hardy 6.

BLETSOE.—At St. Mary's Church, 720 Beverley Surprise: W. Riches 1, G. L. Joyce 2, W. Theobald 3, E. Smith 4, A. Prior (conductor) 5, J. Moule 6. 720 Cambridge Surprise: H. P. Avey 1, G. Hayden 2, W. Theobald 3, T. Faulkner 4, G. Dawson (conductor) 5, A. Hardy 6; and a course of London.

MILTON ERNEST.—At All Saints' Church, 720 Durham Surprise: H. P. Avey 1, A. Prior 2, G. L. Joyce 3, W. Miller 4, W. Stapleton (conductor) 5, E. Wightman 6; and a touch of Kent Treble Bob.

VISIT BY NEWCASTLE GUILD TO CRAMLINGTON.

On Saturday, June 25th, the members of the Cathedral Guild Newcastle-on-Tyne, to the number of seven, accompanied by Mr. Stephen W. Stratford, of Whitley Bay, paid a visit to Cramlington by the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Simm. Ringing was the first order of the day, but owing to illness near the church, only short touches could be rung, which was not so much regretted, as the weather was extremely hot. A sumptuous tea at the residence of the host, and some handbell ringing and further refreshment of an American medicinal nature, followed by another visit to the belfry for further short touches, terminated a most enjoyable outing, for which the members tender most sincere thanks to their old and valued friends, Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Simm.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Sober-ton, on Saturday last, when upwards of 20 members were present from Alverstoke, Curdridge, Fareham, Lee-on-Solent, Portsea, Portsmouth, Swanmore, Wickham, and visitors from Upham and North Stoneham. Prior to the tower bell ringing, the Rector and his wife were entertained to some handbell ringing on the lawn by the Rev. E. Bunkes James and others. After thanking the ringers for this, he said he was sorry he could not attend the tea, as he had a previous engagement to fulfil. Ringing on the church bells began shortly after 3 p.m. and at 5 o'clock the party adjourned to the White Lion Hotel, where a sumptuous tea was served.

The business meeting was then held.—A vote was taken on the place for the next quarterly meeting, and Curdridge was decided on, the date being October 1st next.

After tea, Mr. G. Williams (Master) cycled from Winchester, after attending the service for the dedication of the two trebles at the Cathedral, and further ringing took place. Grandsire and Steadman Triples, Bob and Treble Bob Major were rung, as well as 'rounds' for the probationers.

The Rector is hopeful that something will be done to the bells in the way of rehanging, which is badly needed.

A TRIP ACROSS SUSSEX.

For their annual outing on July 6th, the Southover, Lewes, Guild had a trip across Sussex by motor charabanc. Including friends, the party numbered about 30, and leaving the county town at 1.15 p.m., the first halt was made at Charley Parish Church, where some short touches were brought round on the six bells. The next stopping-place was at Coleman's Hatch, a new ecclesiastical parish formed out of the southern part of Hartfield in the year 1912. The Church of the Holy Trinity was built in 1913, and possesses a lovely-toned peal of eight bells from the Croydon Foundry. Here a stop of an hour was made, and the ringers made full use of their opportunity, including a 504 Grandsire Triples. The church is a brick building with all stone facing, and both outside and inside bear testimony to the devoted care bestowed upon it. The lighting is by petrol-gas, made in a 'works adjoining' the church, a very up-to-date fact in this comparatively little known corner of Sussex. The Vicar (the Rev. H. C. B. Foyster) said a few words of kindly welcome, and expressed the hope that the party would have an enjoyable time. Mr. J. T. Glandfield (a vice-president of the Guild) thanked the reverend gentleman for his welcome, complimented him on his lovely church and bells, and hoped, on behalf of the Guild, that they might be permitted to pay him another visit at no far distant date. The party then proceeded via Hartfield to Withyham, where they sat down to a substantial meat tea at the Dorset Arms, the chair being taken by Mr. J. T. Glandfield. After a short rest a move was made homeward, passing through Crowborough and Five Ash Down to Uckfield. Here some more good ringing was accomplished, the party being joined by Messrs. J. A. Hart and W. Burrell, of the Uckfield band. This was the final stopping-place, and Lewes was safely reached after one of the most successful outings in the records of the Guild.

SUFFOLK RINGERS AMONG NORFOLK TOWERS.

The Thornham Magna, Suffolk, ringers had a fifty miles' tour by motor in Norfolk for their outing. The first ringing was done on the peal of six at Garboldisham. Touches of Oxford and Woodbine Minor were rung, and then the party visited Quidenham, where they met Mr. F. R. Copeman, of Bunwell, who joined them in ringing Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major. Going on to Kenninghall, the party sat down to a good dinner, provided by Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham. Afterwards, at the Parish Church, where there is a peal of eight bells, touches were rung of Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich, with Mr. J. Cunningham taking part. Mr. Cunningham was thanked for his excellent catering and hearty welcome, and then the excursionists went on to Banham, where, on a peal of six, touches of Oxford and Cambridge Surprise Minor were brought round. The next stop was at New Buckenham, with its peal of six, and touches of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Minor were rung, after which tea was enjoyed. Tibenham, with a fine peal of six bells, was the next attraction, and here touches of Cambridge and London Surprise Minor were tapped off. Winfarthing came next in the itinerary, and more touches of Oxford and Cambridge Surprise were brought round. Diss was visited, but too late for ringing, but the party met some of the Diss ringers at the Sun Hotel, where Host J. Souter presides. The homeward journey was then resumed, and Thornham Magna reached, after a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish to thank the various clergy for the use of the bells at the respective churches.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.—On Wednesday, June 15th, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 720 Bob Minor: *W. Cooke 1, †W. N. Park 2, G. W. Park 3, W. Phillips 4, F. Cooke 5, *T. Clark (conductor) 6. * First 720. † First 720 on an inside bell. * First 720 as conductor.

CROFTON SURPRISE.

REV. E. B. JAMES' REMARKABLE PEAL.

Dear Sir,—I am obliged to you and to the Rev. E. B. James for the peal of Crofton Surprise Major, which is really a remarkable peal, considering the fact that there are only twenty true plain courses of the method.

An analysis shows that parts of 48 courses are used in the composition, the peal being made possible by the fixed call at B in every course, without which peals, tenors together, would, I believe, be non-existing.

I have long held the opinion that methods which have more false course-ends than those in which the bells in 5-6 are reversed were not worth considering, but Crofton Surprise proves the contrary.

It may be of interest to the Rev. E. B. James and the Exercise generally, to examine and criticise the following method which is one of many that I have discovered in the past twenty-five years. It is in many respects a similar method to Crofton Surprise, and I think most will agree that it is quite equal to the latter.

Except for six changes in front and behind, in each lead, the bells are always in proper coursing order; the tenors are parted for 80 changes only in each course. The proof is different from Crofton Surprise, and there are only four false course ends, viz.:-

- 65432
- 53624
- 32465
- 43265

There are twenty-five true plain courses, and the peal extent, tenors together, is 5,600 changes, as in Cambridge Surprise; in fact, any peal of Cambridge will be true in this method.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2 1 4 3 5 6 8 7
1 2 3 4 6 5 7 8
2 1 4 3 6 7 5 8

2 4 1 3 7 6 8 5
4 2 3 1 6 7 5 8
2 4 1 3 6 5 7 8
4 2 3 1 5 6 8 7

2 4 3 5 1 6 7 8
4 2 5 3 6 1 8 7
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2 4 8 6 5 3 7 1
2 8 4 6 3 5 1 7

8 2 6 4 3 1 5 7
2 8 4 6 1 3 7 5
2 4 8 6 3 1 5 7
4 2 6 8 1 3 7 5

2 4 6 1 8 3 5 7
4 2 1 6 3 8 7 5
2 4 6 1 3 7 8 5
4 2 1 6 7 3 5 8

4 1 2 6 3 7 8 5
1 4 6 2 3 8 7 5
4 1 2 6 8 3 5 7
1 4 6 2 8 3 7 5

1 4 2 6 3 8 5 7

The method is unnamed, so any band who cares to practise it, will have the privilege of giving it any name they may choose.—Yours faithfully,
GEORGE BAKER.
Brighton.

LEARNING TO LEAD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A writer in your issue of July 1st advises ringers, when leading, to turn conspicuously round and look at the tenor. I teach the opposite. Young ringers should learn from the first to lead correctly by ear, otherwise they will find it very difficult to strike Major really well. Ringers should be taught to depend on themselves and not too much on what others are doing. Never should a young man be taught to hunt merely by following his course bell. If possible it is far better to begin a band on Plain Bob Minor rather than Grandsire Triples.—Yours,
J. A. TROLLOPE.

NAMED METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—A lead of each of five Treble Bob, Nos. 25 to 29; of seven Fourth's-place Delight, Nos. 29 to 35; and of three Third's-place Delight, Nos. 40 to 42, Minor Methods, was published in the 'Bell News' of June 6th, 1914, by the then Analysis Committee, when submitting their report on 'Points for Peals.' All of them were discovered by Mr. E. H. Lewis, after the Council's Collection was published, and are 'regular.' Besides No. 29, numbers 25 and 26 Treble Bob, have been rung and named 'Trowell' and 'Overten'; numbers 34 and 35 Fourth's-place Delight, 'Poynton' and 'Grove'; and number 40, Third's-place Delight, 'Bogadore.'

Some recognised form of procedure in naming methods seems to be necessary. As an instance of this, the fact may be pointed out that a Surprise Major Method, quite distinct from that in which a peal was published in your last issue as 'Lancashire,' appeared in the 'Bellringer,' of January 5th, 1907, under the same name. Could there not be a central authority to whom notice could be given of the intention to give a certain name to a certain method, who should be able to say if the name were already appropriated?—Yours truly,
A. T. BEESTON.
New Mills.

Mr. William Willson also writes calling attention to the previous allocation of the name of Lancashire Surprise to the method published in the first number of 'The Bellringer.' This method is by Mr. Arthur Craven:—

LANCASHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
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A double method and clean proof scale; all Bob Major peals (with tenors together) will do for it, 4th's place bob, Bristol system, and Bob Major lead-ends.

BURSLEM DELIGHT.

On June 28th, a pleasant evening was spent in Burslem tower, when ringers from Bucknall and Norton paid a visit to the local band, and most of the time was devoted to ringing Burslem Delight. This method is No. 23 of the 4th Place Delight methods, published on page 19 of the Central Council Collection, and the first 720 of which is believed to have been rung on May 29th by the Bucknall band, who named it. The Burslem ringers consider their tower has been paid a great compliment to have this method named after it. Before the evening was over the first 720 in the method on the bells was rung by: W. P. Deane 1, W. Wheeldon, jun., 2, W. Wheeldon, sen. (conductor) 3, T. Hilditch 4, T. Hurd 5, W. Bourne 6.

THE KING AT SOUTHEND.

At Prittlewell, Essex, on Thursday, July 14th, on the occasion of the visit of his Majesty the King to the borough, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 Changes) was rung in 47 mins.: W. Bacon 1, G. E. Wilson 2, C. P. Chalk 3, W. Bedwell 4, W. Dudley 5, H. T. Wilson 6, W. H. Judd (conductor) 7, H. Kebby, senr., 8. It had been arranged to attempt a peal of Double Norwich, but, meeting short, the above had to be substituted.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

MR. F. DENCH AND THE MYSTERIES OF THE METHOD.

Sir,—It is very unfortunate that I should have put a peal of Cambridge together false, after I had discovered the possibility of producing a 5024 in the method; also of it being extended to over 12,000 changes. No doubt it was an oversight, as there was plenty of material to work on, and on looking through my proofs it shows itself quite clearly.

I sincerely apologise to the talented band who rang the peal, and very much regret the occurrence.

While I am writing I would advise some of our younger composers to try and fathom some of the mysteries of Cambridge Major; they would find it far more interesting than stringing courses of Bob Major together that have been got years ago. I still believe there is scope for research in the method, and my labours have been rewarded with several peals on different plans. If not all true the foundation is true, which is a contribution to the advancement of the art.—
Yours, etc.,
F. DENCH.

5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By F. DENCH.

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The last 9 courses repeated.

NEW PEAL OF BELLS DEDICATED AT DISEWORTH.

COMPLETION OF A 20-YEAR-OLD SCHEME

On Sunday morning, July 3rd, the Vicar of Diseworth, Leicestershire, Dr. Palmer, dedicated the new ring of six bells which have been placed in the tower by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. For very many years the four old bells which hung in the tower had been in a dilapidated and unsafe condition, and although a new 5th bell had been purchased in 1902, it was not possible to hang it, owing to the unsafe condition of the old timber framework. This new bell was, therefore, placed on the ground floor of the church, where it, perforce, had to remain until sufficient funds were forthcoming to make it possible to hang all the bells in a new framework. After a space of nearly 20 years it has now been found possible to carry out the work, and as the old bells contained such grave defects in the matter of tone and tune, it was decided to recast the peal into a musical and pleasing ring, and to add a new smaller bell to complete the peal of six. The effect of the new peal is beautiful, and the sweetness and purity of tone which is the outcome of the true-harmonic system of tuning, introduced by Messrs. Taylor, is most marked, especially when compared with the discordant tones which were formerly produced by the old bells.

The tenor bell of the new peal weighs rather more than the old tenor, viz., 10 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb., note G. The fittings and framework are, of course, all of that substantial quality and perfect workmanship, for which the Loughborough foundry is so well known, and the bells are in perfect going order.

At the evening service, the bells were skilfully rung by the Kegworth Parish Church ringers, under the able leadership of Mr. Sutton, and the tower will no doubt form a great attraction for six bell ringers all over the county.

A SHRUNKEN TENOR.

On Saturday, July 9th, at Breadsall, Derbyshire, an attempt was made for a seven method peal of Minor, which was lost after ringing 720 Cambridge Surprise and 480 Woodbine. Owing to the hot weather, it was decided not to attempt the peal again on that day: C. J. Baker 1, T. H. Kirkby 2, W. H. James 3, A. Coppock 4, J. E. George 5, E. O. Gobey (conductor) 8. It was the first 720 of Cambridge by all. The band found that the tenor had lost several cwt. since the previous Saturday, when it was 17 cwt. They found that about 14 cwt. is much nearer the weight.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. William Lomas, of Sheffield, writes that the Ilkeston Variation of Treble Bob is really the composition of William Hudson, of Sheffield. 'Hudson's New Light' on Treble Bob Major, with figures of the course and of a peal, were given in our issue of March 18th last, in connection with the discussion on Worcester Treble Bob.

The first peal in Ireland was rung on July 27th, 1872. This was Grandsire Triples at Christ Church Cathedral, Waterford, where, conducted by James Pettit, a distinguished company rang Holt's Original. The names of the ringers are worth recalling: W. Cootor 1, J. Pettit 2, J. R. Haworth 3, G. A. Muskett 4, C. Lee 5, M. A. Wood 6, A. Hayward 7, W. Greenleaf 8.

Mr. R. J. Wilkies, of Bristol, who has for so long been dangerously ill, is now able to sit out of doors for a short time each day.

The Croydon Bell Foundry is always an attraction to ringers, and a party of members of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild visited it on Wednesday and spent a most interesting time.

THE OWNERSHIP OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—If Mr. York Bramble had heard what I said at the Central Council, instead of the necessarily condensed newspaper report, his letter would not have been written. I answered his objections before they were made. I said that just as in such things as physics you call a law by the name of its discoverer, so you may call a method like Stedman by the name of its discoverer. What I was combating was the idea, held widely by the old school of composers, that the man who first put certain figures together had created something which was his personal property. I gave an instance which I will repeat. I wrote an article explaining the construction of Superlative, and I showed that it was based on a certain round block. This is it—

12345678
21438587
12463578
21645387

26145837

Five times repeated.

It appeared that an old friend of mine had published this as a method, and he was very indignant with me because I had used it without acknowledging that it was his. I quite think that many people would believe that he was right.

Mr. Bramble evidently does not believe what I said about London Royal. I can only repeat that it is quite a simple thing to extend a method from eight to ten, twelve or any other number, provided you understand the laws of construction of the Major. It is the understanding of these laws that takes the trouble, and that is worth doing. Trying to copy, by experimenting with figures, leads you nowhere. You can keep at it for years and be no better off. One other point. The 'closest ever produced' is no good. Either you have an extension or you have not; the 'closest' may be very similar, but after all is not the same. One infallible test is this: If your extension to ten is correct, you have also extension to twelve, fourteen or any other number.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

GREAT YARMOUTH BELLS.

THE TENOR REHUNG.

There is a very strong idea amongst a great many people who have never been there, that on arriving at Yarmouth the air is full of the smell of bladders and the streets of whelk and oyster stalls; but this is not the case. Sometimes the smell of a roasting 'Yarmouth' bloater reaches you, but what of it? Where can a person enjoy himself more than at Yarmouth, with its many cheap excursions by river, road, rail and air? And to the ringer the good old peal of twelve and its genial conductor, Mr. D. Hayward, are a great attraction.

On arriving there on July 1st, I was surprised at not hearing the clock chime the hour. It was soon explained to me by Mr. Hayward. The tenor had got down on one side, which caused the bell to go badly. Mr. Arthur Webber, one of the local ringers and an engineer, undertook to do a small repair of this kind, but when the bolts were taken out the headstock was found to be in rotten condition. Although he does not pretend to be a bell hanger, Mr. Webber tackled the job of rehanging, which he has done to the entire satisfaction of the ringers. The bell is now hung on an iron stock and ball bearings.

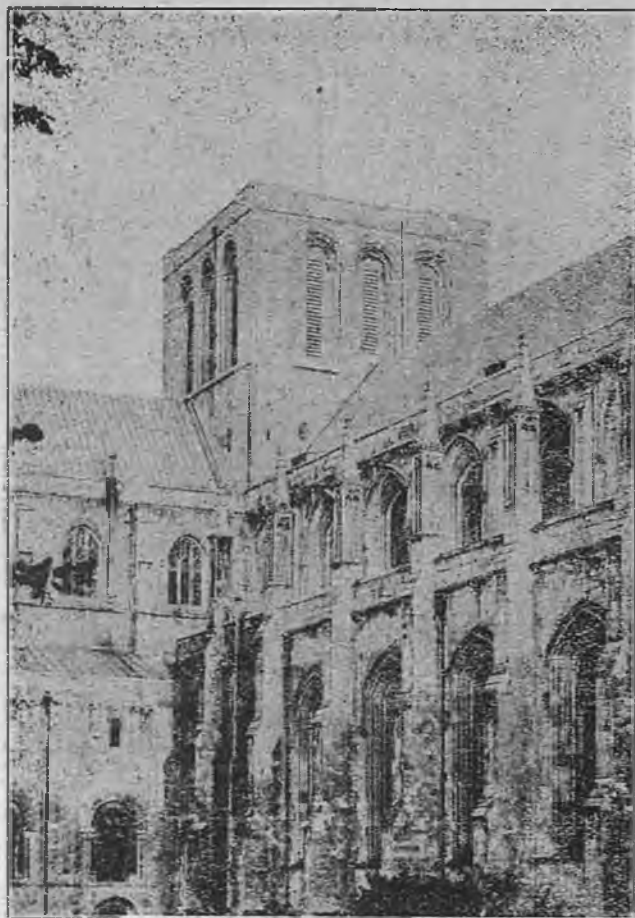
On Tuesday evening, the 12th, the work was completed, and the bells rung. Touches of Bob Major on the back eight, Grandsire Triples and Caters, rounds and changes on the twelve, were rung by the local ringers, and Mr. F. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, Mr. Hayward conducting. All congratulated Mr. Webber on making such an excellent job. The ringers were afterwards entertained at the Club House by the conductor and Mr. Webber.

F. P.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

THE FIRST PEAL OF TWELVE IN THE DIOCESE.

The two treble bells which are being added to the existing peal of ten at Winchester Cathedral as a memorial to the members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild who fell in the war, were dedicated by the Bishop on Saturday afternoon as they stood in the choir, before being hoisted to their places in the tower above. The bells, which are the product of the Croydon Foundry, will, when in position, complete the first peal of twelve in the diocese, and,



WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL BELL TOWER.

Photo. F. E. Dawe.

while serving as a perpetual reminder of those gallant souls from among the ranks of ringers in the See of Winchester who made the supreme sacrifice for King and country, should prove a great acquisition in forwarding the art in an area which, possessing many enthusiastic ringers, has too long been under compulsory restraint in twelve-bell ringing.

This is not the first gift which the Winchester Guild has made to the mother church of the diocese, dedicated to the Holy Trinity and St. Swithin, for in 1892 they gave one of the bells—the present 2nd—to augment the previous eight to a peal of ten. The ring appears to have originated in a heavy peal of six cast by Richard Phelps, of the Whitechapel Foundry, in 1734. To these, Thomas Lester, his successor, added two trebles in 1742, thus making a peal

of eight. At different times the treble, fourth and sixth were recast by Robert and James Wells, of the Aldbourne foundry. In 1891 the tenor, weighing 32 cwt., was cracked and was recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who in the following year added two trebles.

The old bells are inscribed:—

Treble: ME CIVES WINTONIENSES VT LAVDES DOMINI CELEBREM DEO ET ECCLESIAE S. SWITHUNI DEDERUNT A.D. 1892 (The citizens of Winchester gave me to God and the Cathedral of St. Swithin that I might sound the praises of the Lord.) MEARS & STAINBANK, FOUNDERS, LONDON.

2nd: AD TE DOMINE LEVABO VOCEM MEAM ME S. SWITHUNO DEDIT PVLATORVM IN DIOCESI WINTON GILDA A.D. 1892. (To Thee, O Lord, will I lift up my voice. The Winchester Diocesan Guild of Ringers gave me to St. Swithin's.) MEARS & STAINBANK, FOUNDERS, LONDON.

3rd: R. WELLS, ALDBOURNE, FECIT, MDCCLXXII.

4th: THEODORE ECCLESTONE, ESQ., 1742. T.L.

5th: MEARS & STAINBANK, FOUNDERS, LONDON. QUINTA DEI RESONO QUAS QUONDAM TERTIA LAUDES CONFLATA CIOCCXXXIV FRACTA, RECOCTAQ CIOCCIOIII. (As fifth I now sound those praises which I formerly did as 3rd. Cast 1734, cracked and recast 1903.)

6th: JAMES WELLS, ALDBOURNE, WILTS. FECIT 1804.

7th: R. PHELPS, LONDINI. FECIT 1734.

8th: JAMES WELLS, ALDBOURNE, WILTS. FECIT 1814.

9th: R. PHELPS, LONDINI. FECIT 1737.

Tenor: MEARS & STAINBANK. LONDINI FECERUNT HORAS AVOLANTES NUMERO MORTUOS PLANGO VIVOS AD PRECES VOVO A.D. 1891. (The fleeting hours I number, I toll for the dead, I call the living to prayers.)

The connection between Theodore Ecclestone and Winchester Cathedral is obscure. Writing upon the subject in 'The Ringing World' in 1912, Mr. J. R. Jerram, of Salisbury, an eminent authority on the subject of bell history, said the appearance of the name on the fourth is somewhat of a mystery. Theodore Ecclestone lived at Crowfield Hall in the parish of Coddendam, Suffolk, and his name appears on several of the peal of eight there, which were cast by Thomas Lester in the same year as the fourth at Winchester. He was also the donor of the peal of ten at Stonham Asphall, Suffolk, the ninth of which bears the following inscription: 'In this tower hung 5 bells, the tenor weighing 10 hun. 2 qrs. 0 lb. In the year 1742 they were taken down and with ye addition of 3 tons 10 hun. of mettle were recast into ten att ye expence of Theodore Ecclestone, Esq., of Crowfield Hall, aged 27 years. He gave also a new frame att ye same time 1742. Thos. Lester made us all.' From this it appears that the two trebles of the original eight at Winchester, the peal of ten for Stonham Asphall and the peal of eight for Coddendam were all in the foundry at Whitechapel at the same time.

Was the inscription on the 4th at Winchester a mistake, or did Thomas Lester send in error one of the bells intended for another tower?

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ESTABLISHED 1844.



**THE CROYDON
BELL FOUNDRY
1921.**

(Continued from page 433.)

The two new bells from the Croydon Foundry are inscribed as follows:—

Treble: SOCIIS, QUI MORTI SE PRO SUIS, MCMXIV-VIII. (Weight 5 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.)

Second: HAS AMDO MEMOR VOVET GILDA MCMXXI. (Weight 6 cwt.)

On the middle of each bell is the Winchester Guild Badge.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at St. John's, Devizes, on July 4th, and was well attended by ringers from the following towers: Bradford-on-Avon, Beechingstoke, Westbury, Warminster, Bishop's Canning, Melksham, Holt, Chippenham, Swindon, Bromham, Trowbridge, Southbroom (St. John's and St. Mary's) and Devizes. Thirty-two sat down to tea, which was followed by the business meeting. The places of the next three meetings were arranged as follows: Seend, August 6th; Edington and Bratton, Sept. 3rd; and Bradford-on-Avon, October 1st.—Mr. F. Lambeth, of Chippenham, was elected a life ringing member of the Guild.

A good deal of discussion took place as to the advisability of sending out printed postcard notices owing to the increased postage. It was decided to advertise all the meetings in 'The Ringing World,' and to ask each tower to take in one or more copies.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the St. John's and St. Mary's bells, also for conducting the usual Guild service, was accorded. This concluded the business, and the ringers then resorted to the different towers, and spent an enjoyable evening.

GATHERING AT KINGTON MAGNA.

In spite of the present difficulties of travelling a good number of ringers assembled at Kington Magna on the Feast of St. Barnabas, when the Diocesan Guild paid its first official visit to Kington. After various parties of ringers had handled the bells, the Guild service was held at 5 p.m. The Rector, who is hon. general secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, officiated, and gave a brief address; the Vicar of Bourton read the lesson. The hymns, Psalms and Canticles, led by a full orchestra, were very heartily sung, the solid mass of male voices imparting a fine rich tone. The choir gave an impressive rendering of the anthem, 'Thine, O Lord, is the greatness.' In the passage rising to a telling climax with the words, 'the victory and majesty,' a grand effect was obtained by a graduated increase in the volume of instrumental accompaniment to the vocal crescendo: first the organ and violins, then the cornets added, then in the last phrase a sonorous roll on the side drum.

After the concluding voluntary, a six-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung, and a move was made to the school, where a party of about fifty sat down to a tea provided by the Rector and churchwardens. The tables had been neatly laid and decorated by girls in the choir, others of whom had been busily engaged in preparing the eatables. The visitors were fortunate in having with them on the occasion Mrs. Edwards, the patron of the living, who shared with Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. W. J. Halletts and the Misses E. M. Read and E. J. Harman, the manipulation of the teapots.

The Branch Secretary, Rev. C. A. Phillips, conducted the official business, made an appreciative reference to the service just held, and had to cycle off fifteen miles to catch the last train at Yeovil.

The Rev. F. R. Scholfield expressed the thanks of the visitors for the hospitality provided, and paid a compliment to the cake from the Kington bakery.—Mr. W. E. Herridge subsequently replied on behalf of the churchwardens.

Hopes were expressed on both sides that the visit of the Guild would be repeated. During the course of the proceedings, handbell selections were played by four choristers—Ivy Hannam, Gwen Hayter, Florence and Linda Raymond—and were received by the audience with enthusiastic applause.

A new record in the church music of Kington calls for mention. At the service there was an army officer as organist, and a naval petty officer as blower!

BRIDGEND. — Llandaff Association.—At St. Iltyd's Church, on Saturday, June 18th, 4,496 changes of Bob Major, in 2 hrs. 50 mins.: E. Stitch 1, J. W. Jones 2, R. Gregory 3, S. Dawe 4, R. Evans 5, C. H. Perry 6, F. Chamberlain 7, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 8. This was an unsuccessful attempt for a peal. Through a shift course the bells ran round five courses from home. Great credit is due to the ringer of the third, who had only previously rung a plain course in the method. It was also the conductor's first attempt to call a peal of Major.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual summer festival was held at Turvey, on Saturday, July 9th, and proved one of the most successful and enjoyable ever held. In spite of the intense heat, which was 85 in the shade, members and friends were present from Bedford, Bromham, Harrold, Roxton, Elstow, Husbome Crawley, Woburn, Cranfield, Dunstable, Northampton, Finedon, Kettering, Wellingborough, Olney, Yardley Gobion, Everton, and the local tower. A welcome visitor was Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon. The bells, a handy ring of eight, were raised at 2.30, and were kept busy until 4.30, when a short service was held, at which a very interesting address was given by the Rector (the Rev. Guy Birch). Tea was afterwards held at the King's Arms, and about 50 sat down.

As usual on this occasion no business meeting was held, but seven new members were elected, including the Rector as an hon. member.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for his kindness in arranging the service; also to the local men for the arrangements they had made.—Mr. Allen suitably replied. Handbells were then brought into use by some of the members, while others made their way back to the tower until 8.30. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major. Included in the ringing was 448 Cambridge Surprise Major, by: M. Lane 1, A. E. Sharman 2, D. Harris 3, Miss E. Steel 4, E. J. Hobbs 5, H. L. Harlow 6, W. Rogers 7, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 8.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

A successful meeting of the Central District was held at Banstead on Saturday, July 9th. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and with intervals for a short service and tea, with business meeting, continued until 9 p.m., the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise. At the service, the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Hopkinson) extended a hearty welcome to the association, and gave an instructive address on the fellowship which is, or should be, engendered among all church workers.

The meeting, after tea, was presided over by the Master (Mr. J. D. Drewett), and 24 new members were elected, including the Vicar and Capt. F. E. D. Acland (churchwarden).

The Secretary reported that he had received an invitation from the Vicar of Christ Church, Epsom, to hold a meeting at his church on August 27th, when he would like to provide tea for the members.—This was cordially received, and the secretary was instructed to accept the kind offer and make the necessary arrangements.

It was resolved to hold the October meeting at Mortlake, if possible.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his address at the service, and to Mr. F. G. Woodiss for making all arrangements for ringing and tea, was proposed by Mr. O. H. Reading, and carried with acclamation.—Capt. Acland responded, on behalf of the Vicar, and Mr. Woodiss on behalf of those who had contributed, to what was a most enjoyable meeting.

GOSFORTH RINGER'S WEDDING.

At All Saints', Gosforth, Northumberland, on June 20th, the wedding took place of Mr. Adam Deas and Miss Ethel Brown.

Mr. Deas is a very enthusiastic member of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and a peal in honour of the event was attempted in the evening at All Saints' Church, but was unfortunately lost owing to a change course. The band met a week later to again attempt the peal, but were precluded owing to the death of a member of the congregation. Nothing daunted, they made an attempt the following week, but after two and a half hours' excellent ringing the clapper of the 8th flew out. However, on the fourth meeting success was achieved in ringing a fine composition of 5,004 of Stedman Caters, as recorded in another column. The composition, by the late Henry Johnson, is in 69 courses, and has a 7689 and 6789 alternately.

The ringers wish Mr. and Mrs. Deas as few jars in their married life as there were in the peal, and hope it may be many years before they arrive at 'That's all.'

BARNSELY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The July meeting was held at Darton on Saturday, July 9th. Members arrived early, and the bells, although not running well, were kept going merrily in a variety of methods, including Grandsire Doubles and Treble Bob Minor. At a business meeting the Rev. R. E. Sheaf kindly took the chair, and gave a hearty welcome to the association, on behalf of the Vicar, churchwardens and local company. This was gladly received by the meeting, and the hope was expressed that a closer union with everybody connected with the church would be developed by associated ringers. Three new members were elected, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for use of the bells was carried unanimously.—Monk Bretton was selected for the August meeting.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

As we have had no claim from any older ringer, we conclude that Mr. Edwin Horrex, who regularly takes his place twice on a Sunday in the tower of St. Paul's Cathedral, takes the honour of being the oldest regular Sunday Service ringer in the kingdom. He is in his 84th year, and has been a member of the band since the bells were installed some 42 years ago.

The tropical weather and the holiday season has had its effect upon the length of the touches rung for Sunday Services, as well as upon peal ringing, as our Service Ringers' page this week testifies.

In the eighteenth course of the quarter-peal of Stedman Triples given on this page last week an S at 10 was omitted.

The 504 Grandsire Triples, published on June 3rd, was pointed out as false in the following issue. This in reply to a correspondent who has just found out that the touch contained repetition.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, July 17th, for morning service, 336 Grandsire Triples, R. Hazelhurst 1, C. Powell 2, R. Bradley 3, H. Ludkin 4, J. Sherratt 5, J. Wilkinson 6, A. Smith 7, H. V. Lowndes 8.

NORWICH.—At St. Peter Mancroft, on Sunday, July 17th, 300 Stedman Caters, for evening service: Miss F. W. Bill 1, Miss A. M. Durrant 2, Miss G. George 3, D. T. Potter 4, C. E. Borrett 5, F. J. Howchin 6, G. Mayers 7, F. R. Copeman 8, G. H. Cross (conductor) 9, J. E. Burton 10.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyr, on Sunday, July 17th, for morning and evening services, touches of Grandsire and Bob Major were rung by members of the Ely Diocesan Association; and Mr. FitzJohn, of Thetford, for the great congress of the 15th centenary celebration of Saint Jerome and the Martyrs, which was held for the first time in Cambridge. There was also ringing on the preceding day.

LONG EATON.—On Sunday, July 17th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: Miss L. Geeson 1, E. C. Chasty 2, W. R. Drage 3, H. Green 4, T. Hutchinson 5, C. Geary (conductor) 6. First 720 as conductor.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.—At St. Laurence's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, July 17th, 1,120 Superlative Surprise Major: J. Ambler 1, T. M. Kitchen 2, J. C. Booth 3, S. Ward 4, W. Barton (conductor) 5, F. W. Thorpe 6, E. Procter 7, H. Ward 8.

WINDSOR.—An extra 'flourish' was given upon the bells of the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist on Sunday week by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, as a mark of 'farewell' to the Rev. E. M. Blackie, M.A. (vice-president of the local branch), now Canon of Lincoln, who gave his parting address to a crowded congregation after eight years of office. Grandsire Triples was rung for morning and evening services, in which Messrs. W. W. Cross, G. T. Bedford, P. E. Jones, H. J. Hunt, and C. H. Vowler took part. A quarter-peal (1,260) was

performed under tropical conditions of heat and sunshine, in 48 mins. at arentide: J. W. Crofts 1, E. S. Farr 2, T. S. Smith (steepkeeper) 3, W. H. Fussell 4, A. J. Harman 5, Charles Farr 6, W. Henley (conductor) 7, H. J. Cropley 8. The Vicar afterwards visited the belfry, and personally thanked the ringers for their valuable help and co-operation during his charge of the parish. Incidentally, the recent cleaning and improvements of the belfry here should form an object lesson to the Archdeacon in his future visitations.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, July 17th, 1,320 Treble Bob Royal: J. W. Driver (conductor) 1, W. H. Wood 2, B. Belcher 3, A. Cutmore 4, W. S. Smith 5, J. E. Davis 6, G. C. Hes 7, F. Skevington 8, A. Harding 9, H. A. Folkard 10. It's 19 years since H. A. Folkard rang his last quarter-peal of Treble Ten.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, July 17th, for morning service, 720 Double Court, 336 of Oxford Treble Bob, 216 Kent Treble Bob, by: E. S. Bailey, N. R. Bailey (conductor), E. Bailey, A. E. Austin, A. J. Naunton, F. W. Naunton, A. J. L. Naunton. First 720 Double Court by A. E. Austin and E. S. Bailey. For evening service, 720 Worcester Treble Bob: W. R. Bailey, E. Lincoln, E. Bailey, A. E. Austin, A. J. L. Naunton, F. W. Naunton (conductor). First 720 Worcester by N. R. Bailey, E. Lincoln and A. E. Austin.

STONEV STRATFORD.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, July 17th, for evening service, 720 Islington Treble Bob Minor: A. Clarke 1, H. C. Edwards 2, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, W. Bonham 4, T. C. Tomkins 5, E. Yates 6.

LIVERPOOL.—At St. James' Church, West Derby, for morning service, on Sunday, July 17th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Hancock (first in the method) 1, D. Parry 2, A. Taylor 3, W. H. Hargraves (conductor) 4, H. Hancock 5, Jas. Johnson 6. This is the first 720 of Treble Bob rung on the bells by a purely local company.

PETERBOROUGH.—For morning service, at St. John's Church, 548 Stedman Triples: Phyllis Hare 1, T. Vaughan 2, S. Wright 3, I. Dainty 4, W. Cross 5, F. Cooke 6, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 7, K. Gamble 8.

HIGHGATE, LONDON.—Royal Cumberland Youths.—For evening service, at St. Anne's Church, on July 17th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): E. Chapman 1, Miss K. Smith 2, E. Bonfield 3, A. Gasson 4, E. Young 5, E. Pryor 6, W. Upton 7, F. Smith (conductor) 8. Arranged to enable Mr. Upton, of Newport, I. of W., to ring his first quarter-peal of Major.

BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.—North Wales Association.—On Sunday, July 10th, at the Church of St. David, for Welsh service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. L. Jones 1, J. E. Midwinter 2, T. Jones 3, W. T. Pegler 4, A. E. Pegler 5, W. Crane 6, A. J. Hughes (conductor) 7, J. Ward 8.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Sunday, July 10th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: C. Moody 1, T. Bolton 2, S. Brown 3, J. Herbert 4, C. E. Collins 5, W. Langdon 6, E. Cassel (conductor) 7, H. Whanslaw 8. The band belong to Putney.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 70, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Puddletown, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (also Bere Regis) from 2.30. Guild Service 4.30, followed by tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wellington, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available—Parish Church (8), 3.30 to 8 p.m.; Rockwell Green (6), 3 to 5 p.m. Service in Parish Church at 6 o'clock. Meeting in the belfry previous to the service. No tea arranged.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Areley Kings, on Saturday, July 23rd. Service in Church at 4 o'clock.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, Dist. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapstone District.—The Annual district meeting will be held at Ringstead, on July 23rd. Usual arrangements.—J. Nickerson, Dist. Sec., Halford Street, Thrapstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, 23rd July; also, the committee will hold the Half-Yearly meeting in conjunction. A good attendance is requested.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Wootton, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—H. L. Harlow, Dist. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Summer meeting will be held at Whitley Bay, on Saturday, July 23. The towers of Christ Church, North Shields (10), and St. Paul's, Whitley Bay (8), will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Committee meeting at 4.45 p.m. Tea at the Grosvenor Café at 6 p.m., followed by Business meeting. Members 1/6. Non-members 3/- per head.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec., 80, Fern Dene Road, Gateshead.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be Hythe, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Ringing friends will be welcome at his meeting.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Arrangements are being made for a motor charabanc to leave Tonbridge Station at 2.15. Half travelling expenses up to 2/- each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Road.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival at Stokesay Castle, Craven Arms, Saturday, July 23rd. Service, 12; lunch, 1; business meeting, 2.—Rev. G. W. Turner, Madley Vicarage, Hereford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 23rd (p.v.). Service at Cathedral at 11 a.m., preacher Rev. Canon Coleridge. Immediately after service the war memorial to our fallen ringers will be unveiled in the Cloisters by the Right Rev. E. Domitt-Shaw (Archdeacon of Oxford). The business meeting will then be held in the Chapter House. Dinner in Christ Church Dining Hall at 1.30, tickets 2/6 each (3/- for non-members); application for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must be made to General Sec. Arrangements for ringing will be notified later.—Richard T. Hibbert, General Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The postponed Annual meeting will be held at Walthamstow on Saturday, July 23rd. Short service at St. Mary's Church at 3 p.m. Tea (1/3 to members) at 4 p.m. at the Church House, to be followed by annual meeting. St. Mary's (10 bells), St. Saviour's (8 bells) and other towers in the neighbourhood will be open from 2 p.m.—H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec., The Temple, Witham, Essex.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will (p.v.) be held at Chester Cathedral on Saturday, July 23rd. Service at 3 o'clock; preacher, The Dean. In addition to the city belfries, those of Christleton, Eccleston and Aldford will be open all day. Other particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the above will be held at East Bridgford, on Saturday, July 23. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—Thos. H. Kirkby.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: 7.30 p.m., St. Clement Danes, July 25th. Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement's 1st and 3rd, Bishopsgate 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, 26th; and St. Andrew, Holborn, 28th (higher methods); all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

CARISBROOKE CHURCH BELLS.—The Recast ring of eight will be dedicated on Wednesday, 27th July, at 6.30 p.m., by the Right Rev. Bishop Macarthur, D.D.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish, on Saturday, July 30th, as the 23rd is not suitable to the authorities. Bells ready 3.30, meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting will be held at Rothwell, on July 30th. Business meeting at 7 o'clock in the Belfry.—M. Moorhouse, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne on Saturday, July 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 30th, at the Church of St. Michael, Mottram-in-Longdendale. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7.—C. Bower, Hon. Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Bentley, July 30th. Bells from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea at 4.30, at 1s. 6d. per head, to those who notify Mr. P. Elton, 59, Bentley Road, Doncaster, before July 26th. Arksey (8) and Doncaster St. George's bells available from 7 to 9 p.m. A good attendance is desired. Until further notice the bells at St. George's, Doncaster, will be available for combined practice every Thursday at 7 p.m.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A meeting will be held at Huntsham (8) on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 2.30; service at 4.45; tea at nominal charge of 6d. Numbers for tea must be sent by Tuesday, July 26th, to Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Slimbridge on Saturday, July 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—For the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk.—A joint meeting of the Norwich and Ipswich Branches will be held at Lowestoft on August Bank Holiday, Aug. 1st. By kind permission of the Rector the ring of 8 bells at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, will be available. Dinner will be served at the Crown Hotel, High Street, at 1 p.m. Tickets 3/6 per head. Committee meeting at 12 o'clock noon. The general business meeting will be held at St. Margaret's Institute, Alexandra Road, at 2.15 p.m. Members intending being present at dinner must notify the same to the Gen. Sec. not later than Thursday, July 28th.—Edward Evans, Branch Sec., Ipswich; Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Branch Sec., Norwich, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Sudbury on Monday, August 1st. The bells of All Saints', St. Peter's and St. Gregory's will be available for ringing during the day. Meet at All Saints' first at 11 a.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day, business following.—A. Symonds, Hon. Sec., Lavenham.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Monday, August 1st (Bank Holiday). Bells available: St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), Woodston (6) for part of the day. Service at St. John's at 3.30. Tea 1s. 6d., and meeting in St. Mary's Schools 4.15. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hadley on August Bank

Holiday, Monday, August 1st. The bells (now a peal of eight) will be available from 2 p.m. Tea will be arranged at about 6 o'clock in the Church House, at a charge of 1/- per head, but arrangements will only be made for those who advise me by July 27th. All members and friends are cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood St., E.17.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—An All-day meeting will be held on Monday, August 1st, commencing at Walton-on-Thames, at 10 o'clock, Hershaw 11.30, Esher 1.30, East Molesey 3. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea by kind permission (if fine), on the Vicarage Lawn. Will all those intending to be present at tea kindly notify me not later Wednesday, July 27th? All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, August 6th, at Farningham. Bells at 3 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. F. Snaith (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea at the Lion Hotel and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea must notify me by Tuesday, August 2nd, the latest. Half fares up to 2s. paid.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Meeting at Crawley, Aug. 6th. Tower open at 2. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5 (by kind invitation of the Rector). Those desiring tea should notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, Aug. 2nd.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, by the kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. F. Marriott) on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Those requiring tea must let me know by Aug. 1st.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Next meeting at Seend on August 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock, tea at 5. All wishing to attend tea let me know as early as possible.—H. F. Brown, 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the district will be held at Ightham on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Half travelling expenses up to 2/- will be paid. For further particulars see next week.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting will be held at Monk Bretton on Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided at a reasonable price to those applying before August 10th. Bus route from Barnsley and Cudworth to Monk Bretton every half-hour.—C. D. Potter, Secretary, 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

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WEDDING OF ANOTHER LADY RINGER.

In our two last issues we have recorded the weddings of two expert lady ringers, both of whom had their homes at Portishead. It is a pleasing duty to record the marriage of yet another lady ringer, the event taking place on July 16th in the Parish Church of St. John at Redhill. The bride was Miss Edith Jones, and the bridegroom Mr. James Walker. The Rev. Herbert Spencer officiated at the ceremony. Miss Jones was one of the band who made the first attempt, which proved unsuccessful, for the ladies' peal at Twyford, Berks, on Easter Monday, 1914; and she is well known in the belfries of the Middlesex County Association around Ealing, at which place she was engaged for some years.

It was at her home in Devizes, Wilts, that she mastered the first stages of change ringing, and she has rung peals at Bishop's Cannings and at Hillingdon. She rings Stedman Caters with confidence, and is a member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and the Middlesex County Association.

A YORKSHIRE OUTING.

The Headingley St. Michael's ringers held their annual outing on Saturday, July 16th, the venue being Gargrave-in-Craven and Kildwick. A start was made by motor at 1.30 p.m. from St. Michael's Church, the party comprising Messrs. H. Williams, H. Lindsay, W. Wood, R. Thomas, G. W. Slack, J. Bennett, G. Robinson, J. R. Kemp and P. J. Johnson, who were glad indeed to be able once more to include the veteran, Mr. J. Whitaker. A two-hours' run through some of the finest scenery in Wharfedale brought the excursionists to Gargrave, where a warm welcome was extended to them by Messrs. McKell, Birtwistle and Langstroth, of the local band. A move was made for the tower of St. Andrew's Church, where the peal of eight (tenor 16 cwt.) were soon set going to Double Norwich and Stedman. The day was too hot to do much ringing, and after about an hour at the ropes the party left for Kildwick. On arrival at Kildwick a bountiful tea awaited the visitors at the White Lion Hotel. During the meal the party happily escaped a violent thunderstorm.

A visit was afterwards made to the neighbouring Church of St. Andrew, where a beautiful peal of eight by the Loughborough Foundry were made good use of for about an hour and a half, the delightfully cool belfry being much appreciated on such a tropical day. The church at Kildwick is a fine old 15th century building, and was formerly attended for many years by Charlotte Bronte, when she was resident in the neighbourhood. During the homeward journey, the stout man of the party caused a tyre to give way under the strain, but eventually all reached home safely, after a pleasant outing, the glorious scenery and the hearty welcome at Gargrave and Kildwick leaving many pleasant recollections. This opportunity is taken of thanking the respective clergy for kindly granting the use of their bells, and the local ringers for their kind arrangements. Much regret was felt that Mr. S. Maude, of Pudsey, and Mr. J. Cotterell were unable to accept an invitation to join the party, and it was hoped that on some future occasion their company would add to the enjoyment.

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A FIELD FOR NEW COMPOSERS.

The advice given to young composers last week by Mr. Fred Dench, to try and fathom some of the mysteries of Cambridge Surprise Major, touches a question which has many times been commented upon, but which still will bear emphasis. Mr. Dench tells us that unravelling Cambridge will be found far more interesting than stringing together courses of Bob Major, and those who have made the attempt to delve in some of the deeper mysteries of peal construction will agree with him. The art of composition does not end, as some people seem to imagine, in putting together sufficient course-ends of a method to make the required number of changes. Touches and peals often reach us which, on the face of them, are false and the faults of which can sometimes even be seen without working out any figures, showing that the authors have made no attempt at proof. It is true that everyone has to make a beginning, but we would emphasise the need for all, who are really anxious to become the authors of peals, to make themselves first acquainted with the foundations of the subject upon which they desire to work.

In the simpler methods, and indeed, in some of the more complex, any new production is extremely difficult to obtain; but investigation in methods which have been well worked by others, should give the really enthusiastic composer a keener zest to explore for himself the less known paths of more complicated methods. There are bound to be some failures, but in this, as in every walk of life, it is the man who profits by his failures who will one day reach success. Despite the work that has already been done, there are still fields in which men can work, and in which success will bring them campanological fame equally with some of the masters who have gone before them. Cambridge Surprise Major, among the older methods, is one which, as Mr. Dench very rightly says, offers an alluring task for those who really desire to investigate ground which has not been so extensively explored as some which offered greater chances of success with smaller effort.

It must not be supposed that the task is a simple one. Great minds in the Exercise have devoted much time to the work, but that is no reason why new effort should not be made to evolve something new in a method which is not only interesting to ring, but fascinating in the baffling problem which its composition presents. As with Cambridge, so with other Surprise methods. More investigation by composers would lead to the creation of wider interest in some of the good methods which are seldom, if ever, practised, and one result would almost certainly be the ringing of a far greater variety of the higher methods on eight bells. In these enlightened days ringers ought

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not to be satisfied, as the majority of them seem to be, with ringing only the methods which the past generation achieved, and composers, in the same way, ought to strive for something more than their predecessors attained, instead of being content to dig among the accumulated figures of more or less worked out methods, hoping to find some trifle which others have overlooked.

TEN BELL PEAL.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb.

JOHN BEAMS... .. 2	ALFRED H. WINCH 6
JOHN HOWES 2	AMOS CLARK... .. 7
GEORGE MARRINER 3	JOHN H. WHITE 8
HERBERT J. SKELI 4	CECIL V. EPPERSON 9
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD 5	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by ALFRED H. WINCH.

This was the first peal of Royal on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM E. BASON 2	ARTHUR W. BALDWIN... .. 5
CHARLES S. TUXHILL... .. 2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN... .. 6
GEORGE COOKE 3	JOHN A. GODFREY 7
CHARLES WYBROW 4	ROBERT W. COOKE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. E. BASON.

Rung on the occasion of Wells Regatta. The band wish to thank the Rev. G. H. N. Ingle for the use of the bells. It is 18 years since the last peal was rung on these bells. The composition contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6, and was rung for the first time.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. Treble	THOMAS JELL 5
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM SPICE 6
STANLY B. DOBBIE 3	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 7
FREDERICK RICHARDSON 4	WILLIAM J. WALKER Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.

First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JESSE BEAMS 2	ALFRED H. WINCH 5
JOHN BEAMS... .. 2	CHARLES F. READ 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	FREDERICK LAUER 7
EDWARD T. GROVE 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. WINCH.

Rung with bells deeply muffled for Sir Gervas P. Glyn, lay Rector of the Parish, who was laid to rest in Ewell Churchyard on above date.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on July 20th the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Rupert Plummer to Miss Kennith Biggs, two quarter-peals of Stedman Triples, in 47 and 46 minutes respectively: L. A. Goodenough 1, C. Rollings 2, T. Blackburn 3, H. Walker 4, B. Wilson 5, A. E. Sharman 6, A. King 7, W. Payne 8. One conducted by L. A. Goodenough and one by A. King.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH FARMER	Treble	GEORGE H. DAYNES	5
BERT CHALLEN	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
WILLIAM HILLMAN	3	ALFRED W GROVES	7
HENRY STALHAM	4	EDMUND H. LINDUP	Tenor

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
Mr. G. Daynes was elected a life member of the Association,
previous to starting for the peal.

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 15 lb. in F.

JOHN H. B. HESSE	Treble	*SGT. GEO. GILBERT, R.E.	5
EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN.	2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	3	CHARLES HAZELDEN	7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*C. RANDLE	Treble	F. H. DEXTER	5
S. COX	2	J. E. CLARKE	6
A. H. BELL	3	J. L. WILLIAMS	7
W. H. HUMBERSTONE	4	*J. CARTER	Tenor

Conducted by J. E. CLARKE.
| First peal as conductor. * First peal.

SIX BELL PEAL.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores called in ten different ways. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ERNEST FIRBANK	Treble	ALFRED TARBON, JUN.	4
*EDWIN D. BAKER	2	WILLIAM LEGGETT	5
*ALBERT RAINBIRD	3	*HERBERT J. PENSON	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RAINBIRD.
First peal as conductor. * First peal. First peal on the bells, the
oldest of which dates back to 1664.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 13, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT ST. MICHAEL'S, JOSEPH'S ROAD,

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

Mrs. C. HAZELDEN	1-2	CHARLES HAZELDEN	5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	3-4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Witness: MRS. MELVILLE.
First peal away from 7-8 by Mrs. Hazelden.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 18 in G.

WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	1-2	CHARLES HAZELDEN	5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3-4	GEORGE W. STEERE	7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING & MISS W. M. HOWICK.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT 11, QUEEN ANNE TERRACE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

ERNEST G. HIBBENS	1-2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON	5-6
H. G. BENSON	3-4	*MISS V. SHORTER	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
* First peal in hand. Miss Shorter is the first lady to ring a p
'in hand' for the Association.

CLAPHAM.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT 63A, OLD TOWN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLARS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS	1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS	5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3-4	WILLIAM HEWITT	7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Witness: MRS. PULLING.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Four and a half Minutes,
IN KING'S COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.)	1-2	R. O. STREET (St. John's)	5-6
H. G. BENSON (King's)	3-4	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens')	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, July 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Eight and a half Minutes,
IN ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

R. O. STREET (St. John's)	1-2	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.)	5-6
W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens')	3-4	*H. G. BENSON (King's)	7-8

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

BRAINTREE RINGERS' OUTING.

The St. Michael's Guild of Ringers, Braintree, had their annual outing on Saturday, July 9th. Starting at 8.30 a.m., they journeyed by motor-car to Southend-on-Sea, calling on their way at Great Bad-dow. The ancient parish church, with its famous Jacobean pulpit and sounding board, was inspected. No ringing was attempted, the bells not being in good order. Proceeding to Rettendon, the party were met by Mr. Jay, senr., and touches of Kent and Oxford were brought round on the musical rung of six. The next tower visited was Rayleigh, where the ringers had a tough job, but a short touch of Grandsire Triples was brought round. They were gratified to hear that these bells are shortly to be rehung in a new frame, and funds are being raised to carry out the much-needed restoration. The last tower visited was Prittlewell. Here were Messrs. Judd, Dudley, Wil-son (2) and A. B. Wiffen in the church to meet the visitors. Some excellent touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Nor-wich Major were brought round on the back eight of this excellent ring of ten. The Guild lunched and had tea at Aaron's Restaurant, and enjoyed themselves on the pier and other places of amusement for the rest of the day, arriving home at 9.15 p.m. The Guild wish to thank the incumbents for the use of their bells, and the local ringers for all necessary arrangements.

WESTMINSTER RINGERS IN BUCKS.

THE DIARY OF A GLORIOUS WEEK-END.

Row, brothers, row, the stream runs fast,
The rapids are near and the daylight's past.

The Guild of ringers from St. Stephen's Church, Rochester Row, London, visited the county of Bucks for their annual holiday for 1921, on Saturday, July 9th, arriving at Slough at 8.15 a.m. The party numbered fifteen, including the World's bell founder and the microbe photographer, and they breakfasted at Lidstone's Restaurant in High Street, where a sound foundation was laid for the busy day to follow. The programme is here given, to which a few notes have been added by their counsellor, guide and friend, who pointed out local places of historical interest. Needless to say, the round could not have been carried through without the motor-car, and two of these were bespoken with drivers who knew the country.

Slough, 9 to 10 a.m.—The visitors were received by Messrs. Smith, Leader and Fussell, and each one was decorated with roses in his buttonhole. Local industries were pointed out, such as Embrocation (Elliman's), Roses (Turner), Tabloid food (Horlick's), Motor Cars (Slough Trading Company), etc. The engines were started punctually for the first lap, and the monument to the memory of the poet Gray, at Stoke Church, was viewed.

Farnham Royal, 10 to 11 a.m.—Received at the tower by Mr. J. J. Parker, and saw the resting-place of a Buck's ringer, who rang for 51 years on the birthday of the late Queen Victoria; also the tomb of Henry Dodd, who began life in this parish at the plough tail, and amassed a fortune as the London dustman. He restored the church tower. Hot as the weather was, no one patronised the village pump, with its long handle and open house, unrestricted by pussyfoot regulations.

Burnham, 11 to 12.—Met here by Mr. G. Alder, and disturbed a wedding party who had tied the nuptial knot, and were signing the register in the vestry. Made the acquaintance of the Six Bells Inn at strictly twelve o'clock, to find a police-sergeant, lately stationed at Rochester Row, as mine host. Obtained a good view of the mighty Cippenham Dump (600 acres in extent), known in the House of Commons as the White Elephant.

Beaconsfield, 12 to 2 p.m.—On this route, Burnham Beeches was seen in all its summer glory, and men who ring in London for 'Ye Lord Mayor' had the privilege of driving through 'Lord Mayor's Drive,' 20 miles out of town. Hot luncheon at the Saracen's Head was duly appreciated, the figure ends of the courses being Newton and Oxborrow. A 'Peck' of trouble was caused by an inquiry as to why was the Ox burrowing in Bucks? Because he did not wish to go to 'Wiltshire' was the answer.

Messrs. R. Buckland and C. C. Mayne met the company, who saw the resting-places of Waller (poet) and Burke (orator), who made Westminster ring with his wonderful speeches. The local war memorial, of uncommonly beautiful design, was of interest. Standing at the corner of a cross-road, it consists of a tall shaft upon stepped base, with a carved and pierced lantern at the top. It is all in stone, and has electric lights in the head, which are switched on at lighting-up time.

Hughenden, 3 to 4.—This section was made via Penn Church, through the Penn country. Perhaps some day a team from England will go over to Pennsylvania and show our great forefathers in the U.S. how we still ring bells in the old country. It would be a case of 'US' to 'U.S.', so why speak of Anglo-American unity? The party called at a farmhouse which was named 'Terriers'—perhaps Lord Haldane took this name to heart when he destroyed the old Volunteer forces? Here Mrs. Evans and her daughters made up for the absence of one of the 'Johns.'

Hughenden found Messrs. Evans, Janes and Stratford awaiting the party beside the tower. Beaconsfield's tomb and the Manor House, he once occupied, were pointed out, as well as the dying trout in the almost dried up river that should be flowing through the park meadows, now brown and parched.

High Wycombe, 5 to 6 p.m.—Received here by Messrs. R. Coles and F. Boreham, and reinforced by the arrival of the Master of the Oxford Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), the general secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert), and Mr. J. B. Williamson. Touches of Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve-In upon a good ring of bells was a refreshing change to the Major touches in the four standard Surprise Methods hitherto attempted. It may be added that there was no lack of 'Fabian Triples' during the day. Perhaps one of our composers will do honour to an old hand by naming a new method 'Fabian Surprise.'

Tea at 6 o'clock at the White Hart Inn found twenty 'in,' and it was quite a happy time, the Cambridge M.A. acting P.A. at the head of the table. Temperatures were greatly increased by sipping hot tea (at about 84 degrees in the shade). The cooling followed in the courtyard, when double-banded Cinques got going—somewhat shortened by the guide's orders to 'get on, please.'

Marlow, 8 p.m.—This was the final stage, and the visitors were met by Messrs. Green and Coster. Here the well-known graceful suspension bridge, the weir and locks, and the distant woods, will always afford an attraction, and more so to ringers, for the church and the 'Two Brewers' are divided by St. Peter's Street that ends at the riverside, with a landing-place for boating parties. The rafters of this ancient inn have sheltered in its long history many a team of ringers who came by stage coach or river barge. Seldom a year passes nowadays without several such visits. A draught of its fine local brewing (Wethered's) from a deep, cool cellar may be obtained, and may cause envy to those who only read of these things.

The toast of the evening was 'Rochester Row, may they never be recast,' at which the guide exclaimed, 'R.R., please,' to Passmore, and then the handbells resounded. Thanks to the careful arrangements of Host Truss the wibble of the double team of eights were billeted for the night beneath the shadow of the old church spire, chattering like a brood of young jackdaws, and in quite as unintelligible language to most people, except change ringers. Night came (or was it morning?) like a welcome guest to end a happy day of sunshine and Surprise.

Sunday, July 10th.—Ringers may sing with the poet who wrote—

Of all the days that's in the week

I dearly love but one day,

And that's the day that comes between

The Saturday and Monday,

for is not that the day when the true ringer puts forth his best for the service of the church after years of patient learning and practice in his art? On this Sunday, Marlow people were regaled with unusual Surprise flourishes for the customary services at the church. During the day, Father Thames, an old Westminster friend, took the society upon his broad bosom amidst the beautiful up-river scenery of Berk and Bucks that contrast so much with the stately buildings lower down its course. The holiday ended at Ealing by dispersal, each to his respective home, after having been initiated into the mysteries of an 'Ancient Order of Golding' during the train journey up. It is questionable whether the Rochester rowers would have survived the boating had not Rowbottom been at the helm. It was hoped to have joined in the public reception, proposed at Beaconsfield, to honour the Premier of Australia during his visit on Saturday, but the cares of Empire necessitated the Premier's gathering at Choquers Court, Bucks. Mr. W. M. Hughes, be it known, was formerly of St. Stephen's Schools, and learnt to ring before going abroad, so that our fellow strings 'down under' should forge ahead and let us have news of a peal or two when he comes home.

The secretary of the society desires to thank, on behalf of the R.R., all who contributed to their welfare on this outing, especially the clergy and the good old steeplekeepers at the towers named.

W. H. F.

GIFTS TO A DEPTFORD TOWER.

RECORDS UNVEILED AT ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH.

On Wednesday evening, July 13th, an interesting ceremony took place in the tower of St. Nicholas', Deptford, when the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Pitman) unveiled two records, performances by the local band. One was a board, given by Mr. C. R. Pope, of Staplehurst, Kent, and recording the muffled peal of Grand sire Triples (Holt's Original), rung as a last token of respect to the late Mr. G. W. Ford, churchwarden at St. Nicholas' for 14 years, and who was interred in Brockley Cemetery on the afternoon previous to the peal. It was also Mr. Pope's first peal, and he gave the board as an appreciation of the fact.

The other record was a drawing by Mr. T. Purkiss, a chorister of the church, recording the peal of Oxford Bob Triples (Dr. Carpenter's One-part), the first in the method by all the band, except the conductor. The framing of this splendid work was the gift of Mr. A. Hodge, an honorary member of the society.

The Vicar (who was accompanied by Mrs. Pitman, and his warden, Mr. G. R. Keays) said it gave him very great pleasure to unveil these two very beautiful records, because they marked much perseverance and advance in the art of change ringing by the society, also because he thought bell ringers, as well as the choir, were co-ministers in the work of God and the Church. It also gave him great pleasure to notice the regular attendance of the ringers at Divine service, not only those who belonged to the choir, but the society generally, who sat in different parts of the church. The Vicar then unveiled the boards, and a short prayer, followed by the Lord's Prayer and the Blessing, was said.

The captain (Mr. Churchwarden G. H. Daynes) expressed thanks and gratitude on behalf of the society, as well as himself, not only to the Vicar, who always seemed pleased to do anything for ringers, but to those whose gifts they much appreciated. He also thanked Mrs. Pitman, who had honoured them by her presence. He sincerely hoped the society would still work together in harmony, so that at no distant date still higher methods might be achieved and records placed in the tower.

A TRIP THROUGH SUSSEX. EASTBOURNE RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, July 9th, an expectant body of ringers assembled within the precincts of St. Saviour's Church, Eastbourne, on the occasion of the annual outing. Traveling by motor charabanc, the party of eighteen were soon being pleasantly whirled along to the first place of call—Mayfield. Here they found Mr. Miles with everything in readiness for enjoyment. The bells, a mixture of 'some are and some ain't,' as someone has quaintly put it, were raised and set going to a merry touch of Stedman Triples. This had not proceeded very far before a disturbing noise was heard among the bells, and upon investigation it was found that the clapper of the seventh had snapped off at the lower bolt hole. Nothing remained but to lower the bells, and to thank the Mayfield friends for the trouble they had taken on the visitors' behalf, and to express deep regret at the unlooked-for mischance of a broken clapper. After a double-handed plain course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells, the party proceeded on their way to Tunbridge Wells, which was reached at 11.45 a.m., St. Peter's being the trusting place. Here in attendance was Mr. Latler, who had kindly prepared for the visitors. The Vicar extended a hearty welcome in the belfry, where subsequently old friends in Messrs. S. M. Green and F. White, joined in the ringing. Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob were tapped off in good style. Luncheon was taken at Carpenter's Restaurant, and, the inner-man being sufficiently refreshed, the party proceeded to Withyham, where the bells were set going to the tune of Stedman and Double Norwich. They then travelled by way of Erigde and Crowborough to Southover, Lewes, for tea at the house of Anne of Cleves, a building dating back to the 15th century. The upper portions of this old structure is in a very dilapidated condition at present, but it is understood that the hand of the restorer is about to take the matter up with a view to renovation. Stedman Caters and Triples were rung on Southover bells, with an old friend, in the person of Mr. Bob Dawe, and this closed the day's proceedings, in so far as ringing was concerned. A visit to Southover is not complete without a visit to 'Ye Olde Kinge's' Head, where a hearty welcome is always extended to ringers by the genial hostess, Mrs. Goldsmith. After about 90 miles' run, the party reached Eastbourne at 9.50 p.m. The journey, through some of the loveliest scenery in Kent and Sussex, was thoroughly enjoyed, and with the exception of the clapper incident at Mayfield, the outing was most successful from every point of view. The Rev. Lawrence Hands (curate) and Col. A. A. Oakden (churchwarden), of St. Saviour's, accompanied the party, whose best thanks are due to those at the various towers visited for having all in readiness, and to the incumbents for placing the bells at the visitors' disposal, which contributed in greatest measure to the pleasure of the trip. The ringers forming the party included Messrs. Akehurst, Baber, Faulkner, A. Gower, E. Gower, B. Hobbs, G. House, Marchant, Pankhurst, Penfold, J. Sharp, senr., J. Sharp, junr., W. D. Smith, Stokes and W. H. Ware (verger).

110 MILES THROUGH SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, July 9th, the members of St. Margaret's Society, Leiston, held their annual outing. West Suffolk was chosen for the route this year, when more fresh towers were added to the list. Leaving Leiston at 6.50, in Mr. W. Powell's charabanc, Stowmarket was the first call, and was reached via Ipswich. Here Superlative and Suffolk Surprise and Stedman Triples were rung. Proceeding to Bury St. Edmunds, St. Mary's was visited before dinner, and Cambridge, Double Norwich and Stedman Triples rung. These bells are a grand peal, with a tenor 27 cwt. After dinner, to which, needless to say, full justice was done, the tower of St. James' Cathedral was the centre of attraction. Here Treble Ten and Stedman Caters were rung on the magnificent peal of ten, with a tenor 30 cwt. Leaving Bury, the party made for what is considered the best peal of eight in the county, viz., Lavenham, which was reached in good time. This grand peal, with Miles Gray's masterpiece tenor, were set going to Bristol, London and Stedman Triples, two of the local company taking part. A look round the church, of which Lavenham people are very proud, brought the time for departure, and in due course Hadleigh was reached. Here another fine peal was found, and Cambridge, Superlative and Stedman tapped off. Several of the local people were interested in the family of ringers, and a touch of Stedman Triples was rung with all the brothers Bailey taking part. Woodbridge should have been the last call, but time would not admit of stopping here, and home was reached at midnight, after a journey of 110 miles. The members of the society wish, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the incumbents of the various towers for the use of the bells, and all those who helped to make the outing successful.

LEE, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Margaret, on July 20th (St. Margaret's Day), before service and dedication of war memorial, 720 Grandsire Doubles (6 120's different callings): J. Hodges 1, W. G. Pinnigar (conductor) 2, A. Hoile 3, C. Moulton 4, H. Brasher 5, J. Daftus 6, G. Payne 7, H. Heisterman 8 (7, 6, 8 behind).

GRIMSBY RINGERS AT SURFLEET.

A LONG DAY'S OUTING IN LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Thursday, July 7th, the combined societies of St. James' and St. Andrew's, Grimsby, with their wives and friends, to the number of 30, journeyed by motor charabanc to South Lincolnshire for the annual outing. A start was made at 7.30 a.m., Louth being reached an hour later. From here the fine scenery of the Wolds and the undulating country made this part of the drive full of interest, and was much admired. The first stop was made at Horncastle at 9.45, several of the local ringers being at hand to receive the party. Soon the fine ring of six of the Parish Church were going to Stedman Doubles, Treble and Plain Bob Minor, and then, at 10.30, the drive was continued at Boston, where an excellent dinner was in readiness, and fully appreciated. Afterwards, the Parish Church was visited. Ringing here not being on the schedule, little time was lost before a start was made for Kirton, 4 miles on. Here the ringers were met by Mr. Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet, and without delay the fine-toned ring of eight were going to Double Norwich Major, followed by Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Up once more, the party soon covered the last eight miles to Surfleet, the headquarters for the day, and were received by the Rev. H. Law James, who extended a very hearty welcome, while ringing friends from Peterborough, including Miss Phyllis Hare, Mr. Tebbut, Mr. Waldou and Mr. Jutsón, came specially to be with the party. Mr. James took the visitors in hand, first explaining many interesting details in the history and architecture of the old church. The beautiful light ring of ten bells in the belfry were then raised in peal, and the chief ringing of the day now began. Grandsire and Stedman Caters were brought round, some of the party getting their first ringing on ten bells. In due time tea, kindly provided by Mr. Rupert Richardson, was thoroughly enjoyed. Afterwards there was a further visit to the tower, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were brought round, the ladies meanwhile visiting the Vicarage gardens. The start for home was made at 7.30, after hearty cheers for those friends who had done so much to make the outing a big success. The last call of the trip was Sibsey, and once more, at the ropes, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were duly brought round. The party were cordially greeted by the Vicar, who stayed during the ringing, and afterwards explained much interesting matter concerning his bells, some of which are of pre-Reformation date. With a journey still before them of nearly 50 miles, the party began the final stage at 9.30 p.m., Grimsby being reached at 12.45 a.m., bringing to a close a happy and memorable outing. The party take this opportunity of thanking the various incumbents for the use of their bells, Mr. R. Richardson for the arrangements for tea, and to all who contributed to make the day a thoroughly enjoyable one.

SALOP SIX-BELL TOWERS.

On Saturday, July 2nd, six members of the St. Chad's Society paid a visit to the Church of St. John, at Ruyton-Eleven-Towers, and rang 720 changes, consisting of 360 Grandsire Doubles and 360 Plain Bob: J. E. Lilley 1, R. Pole 2, S. Snelson 3, D. J. Boucher 4, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 5, T. Renolds 6; also 240 Canterbury Pleasure. It was intended to start for a peal, but after inspecting the bells, screwing up the frame and splicing ropes, the above was the result. The ringers were congratulated by the Rector (the Rev. W. D. Craven) on the excellent striking. He was surprised the visitors were able to ring the bells in the condition they were in. It afterwards transpired that the Rector was himself an old ringer, and he hopes to get the bells put right at a future date. They were made a peal of six by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in the year 1858, and some of them date back to 1592.

On the return journey the ringers called at the Church of All Saints, Baschurch, where permission to ring was readily obtained from the Rev. Druce, but the tower was found to contain only four bells, although there are pits for six. The bells have been recently rebung by Taylor and Co., the Rector hoping to get two trebles shortly. Some Bob Singles were rung, and the 'go' of the bells was found to be excellent. Afterwards a touch of Grandsire on handbells was rung to the delight of the locals.

At Leaton, Salop, on Saturday, June 26th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Doubles (five and a half 120's of Grandsire, four of Plain Bob and one of Canterbury Pleasure) was rung by: H. Baggley 1, J. E. Lilley 2, S. Snelson 3, R. Pole 4, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 5.

LANCASHIRE SURPRISE.

Too late for insertion in our last issue, we received from the Rev. H. Law James the following communication:—

The method published this week, and called Lancashire Surprise, should not be so called, because that implies that it is the same method as Lancashire Surprise Minor, which it is not. The composition is my peal of London called in Gloucester in 1896.

NEW BELLS AT EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

A FINE PEAL OF EIGHT.

Earl Shilton Parish Church now has the proud possession of a melodious ring of eight bells. Up to some months ago there hung in the tower five old bells in a dilapidated timber framework, and the fittings, etc., of these bells were quite worn out and unfit to carry the bells with safety. It was decided to send the bells to the famous foundry of Messrs. Taylor and Co., at Loughborough to be refitted and relung, and three new bells added to complete the octave. It was then found, however, that these old bells contained such grave defects, and were so far out of tune and discordant in their harmonic tones, that the only satisfactory course to take would be to recast the whole into a musical and pleasing peal. This work has now been carried out, and the three new bells added, the result being a sweet and pure-toned ring of bells. The effect of this perfectly tuned peal is simply marvellous, when compared with that of the old peal.

The tenor of the peal now weighs nearly 12 cwt., which is $1\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. heavier than the old bell, and the total weight of the eight bells with their fittings is over six tons. The fittings are of modern design, and contain all those improvements which have been effected by Messrs. Taylor in recent years, including patent ball bearings. The framework, which carries the bells, is very strong and massive in construction, being of cast iron on stout steel foundation girders, designed so that the strain placed on the tower by the swinging of the bells is reduced to an absolute minimum. The eight bells bear the following inscription:—

Treble.—To the memory of Marion Bradbury by her husband, A. E. Bradbury, Earl Shilton, 1921.

2nd.—Harry Orton, C.C., D.C., P.C. Gave me, 1921.

3rd.—I ring to Glory of God and in the honour of the thousand Shilton men who joined the colours and upheld Britain's honour in the great war, 1914—1918.

4th.—The children cry Hosannah in the Highest. Cast 1875. Recast 1921.

5th.—Tho. Bernard and Tho. Wileman, churchwardens. Tho. Clay made me 1711. Recast 1921.

6th.—Come, Holy ones, hasten to worship the Lord. Cast 1875. Recast 1921.

7th.—Newcombe, of Leicester, made me 1606. Recast 1921.

Tenor.—Cast 1875. Recast 1921. J. Slade Maughan, Vicar. Edwin Harry Gilbert, Abraham Abbot, Churchwardens. Earl Shilton, 1921.

The dedication of the new ring of bells and the institution of the Rev. H. V. Williams as Vicar took place on Friday, July 15th, by the Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Peterborough. The ceremony of dedication was first performed, and the bells then rang out for a few minutes, in sounds, the ringers being the Shilton band.

CHURCH BELLS A SYMBOL.

The Bishop of Peterborough, who dedicated the bells and instituted the new Vicar, preached from the words: 'Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice.' For centuries, his Lordship said, there had been a company of people at Earl Shilton who had heard the voice and responded to the call, who had worshipped Christ and sought to extend His kingdom. The very name 'Earl Shilton' recalled a familiar figure of English history, and took them back to some of the great men of Leicestershire like Earl Simon, John o' Gaunt, and others. In this Britain of ours for over 1,600 years people had heard the voice and tried to respond to the call. Christ was counting on men and women to-day to echo their voice to the world, to sound His call, and draw men into His kingdom. Church bells were a kind of symbol and sacrament of that fact. They pealed forth from the tower so that all men heard the sacrament of the corporate voice of the fellowship they represented. They were a very ancient piece of accompaniment to church worship. Like some other parts of their English churches many were a thousand years old. He once went to see the remains of a famous abbey at Sunderland, where a mighty figure of their church history, the Venerable Bede, lived and worshipped. In 680 the church bells were used for that abbey and called people to worship. Another famous abbey, not far from where he now lived, dated back to the 10th century, and there was a record of a peal of bells, which the old chroniclers stated was as harmonious as any to be found in England.

THE COMRADESHIP OF RINGING.

Bell ringing had always been a peculiar delight of the English people. There was no such thing as change ringing known on the Continent. Change ringing was peculiar to the English people and the English Church alone. Why was it English people developed a sense of change ringing? It was due to that common instinct of sport which made men like to do something together—to pull together and to plan and scheme. It was essentially a comradeship to ring out the voice which called men and women of the district to the worship of God. His Lordship added that it was the first time in his experience that he had taken part in a service in which was combined the dedication of bells, the dedication of a new priest, and the dedication of the people to their work in the advancement of fellowship of the Kingdom of God. If it was for the bells to echo the voice sounded in

Galilee long centuries ago, through which the most sinful came as if by irresistible attraction—if it was the function of the bells to echo that voice and call men to His presence, then it was peculiarly so of the priest and pastor of the parish, not to call attention to his own personality or to what he preached or how he worked; not to be the centre of attraction, but to call men and women to the only centre of attraction, the Saviour, the friend, the Master, and the Christ, whose work, curiously enough and naturally enough would be intimately linked with the bells. Their new priest would minister to them with the voice of sympathy. The priest of the parish was not merely the official priest. He was what he ought to be, and could be, their most faithful and intimate friend. He asked people to dedicate themselves afresh to Christ.

After the service, M.C.A. representatives from Burton-on-Trent, Barwell, Croft, Hinckley, Leicester, Kirkby Mallory, Peckleton, Sharnford, Sapeote, Stoney Stanton, Wigston, took part in ringing, and the bell foundry were represented by Mr. J. Oldham. The work has been most ably carried out by Messrs. Taylor to the satisfaction of all. The methods rung at the opening were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich Major. The bells were open for ringing on Saturday, the 16th, when members and friends, in addition to those present on Friday, attended from Derby, Kirkby Muxloe, Stoke Golding, and Burbage. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Treble Bob Major.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. E. Lane, the bell-hanger, who can now boast of hanging a peal of eight bells in his native place, which is something to be proud of. The members of the M.C.A. wish to convey, through 'The Ringing World,' their best thanks to the Shilton ringers for their kind invitation to help in opening of the bells, and also to extend their best thanks to the Vicar for giving permission for ringing on Saturday.

Mr. Harry Briggs, of Stoney Stanton, who took part in the ringing, is the one survivor of a band of ringers who opened the peal of five bells at Earl Shilton 46 years ago. Seventy-one years of age, he has been a ringer at Stoney Stanton Church for 55 years.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING.

The third quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Howden, on Saturday, July 16th, and was attended by about 50 members, representing towers at York, Selby, Hull, Goole, Beverley, Market Weighton, Thorne and Hatfield. Despite the hot weather, the visitors availed themselves of the privilege of ringing the bells to various methods throughout the afternoon. The noble Collegiate Church, dedicated to St. Peter, possesses a fine lofty lantern tower, which is observed by travellers for many miles around, and is lighted by tall and handsome windows, of the purest Perpendicular character. In the ringing chamber was noted a beautiful tablet, to the memory of three ringers who had made the great sacrifice in the war, which was dedicated on Easter Monday last.

A short service was held at 4 p.m. in the church, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Waring), who gave the ringers a very hearty welcome on their first visit during his vicariate. He said that ringers were co-workers with the clergy, and were doing real work for the Church. He also pointed out how bells entered into the common life of the people, by ringing on occasions of joy and sorrow, and also by calling them to the house of prayer. He concluded by asking God's blessing on the work of the association.

A sumptuous tea was afterwards partaken of, to which full justice was done. The business meeting followed, and was held in the Parish Room, presided over by the Vicar, in the absence of the vice-president (Mr. A. E. West), who was unfortunately unable to be present. Eight new members were elected, viz., D. Rimes and S. J. Dawson, St. Mary's, Hull; H. Wiles, All Saints', Hull; H. Crowe and E. Marshall, Hatfield; A. Talbot, Hemingborough; G. Braithwaite and F. Braithwaite, St. Mary's, Beverley.

Two places for the next meeting were put forward—Pocklington and North Cave, and the latter place was decided upon by 15 votes to 7.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his instructive address at the service, and the thanks of the meeting were also given to the local ringers for their very excellent arrangements.—This concluded the business, and the ringers adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

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AT SQUIRE PROCTOR'S TOWER. SAFFRON WALDEN RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Monday, July 18th, the Saffron Walden Society had a motor charabanc excursion, the primary object of which was to visit the world-famed Bennington ringers. In our party we were pleased to have the company of Mr. H. J. Tucker, of Bishop's Stortford. A call was made at Barkway, where there is a pretty ring of eight, the bells being in perfect order, as they have only recently been increased to the octave; and Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were heard to advantage. Then on through leafy lanes and winding roads, through Buntingford, and several other places, to the goal of Bennington; the former home of the Surprises and the grand old Squire Proctor and his illustrious men. Here we had the great pleasure and honour of meeting three of the survivors of that talented band, viz., Messrs. John Kitchener, Leonard Chapman and Samuel Page, whose combined ages, we learned, was 220 years; and in some of the ringings these veterans took part.

The bells were soon sounding out the methods in which, in years gone by, they had made history, viz., Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London, it being jokingly remarked that if the ringing failed it certainly could not be the fault of the bells, as they were not strangers to any difficult methods!

We were sorry to find that the Rector was unwell and could not be present, but the Rev. C. S. Chapman kindly met us with a hearty welcome, and conducted us to the public hall, where a splendid dinner awaited us, at which he himself presided, and even assisted to secure our comfort. We are also greatly indebted to him for a bountiful tea and to the ladies who so pleasantly looked after our needs. My expressions of our thanks were accorded to all who had troubled to make the visit to Bennington so enjoyable. It was with feelings almost of regret that we were compelled to obey the call of time to continue our journey on to Braughing, another spot hallowed by many associations.

Here, also, ringing was enjoyed, despite the 90 in the shade outside, and perhaps we may hazard an opinion that inside it might represent the temperature in the sunshine.

Next, Bishop's Stortford provided us with an opportunity for Stedman Caters, which we were pleased to avail ourselves of, this being our final effort for the day. We desire to heartily thank the incumbents who so readily gave permission with good wishes for our success, and the several ringers who met us and had everything ready for our enjoyment; and hope to have a return visit from any who may have an opportunity of coming to Saffron Walden, when we will endeavour

to provide for them, as far as is in our powers, the same enjoyment and satisfaction which we appreciate so highly from their hands.
J. F. P.

BRIDGEND RINGERS' TRIP.

On Wednesday, July 13th, the ringers of Bridgend, Glam., together with their wives and a few friends, visited Chepstow and Monmouth for their annual outing. 'Go' was called at 8 a.m., and after a nice run, the White Lion, Chepstow, was reached at 11.40, and, here, later on, the party sat down to dinner. The next item was a move to the belfry, where they found everything ready, and some of the local men waiting. Unfortunately the party did not get much good ringing here. They found that the ropes run round anti-clockwise, and there is also a very long draught, so different to their own tower. Perhaps it would also be well to put some of the blame on the weather, and a little on the White Lion; but there is no doubt Bridgend bells are a lovely eight, and for 'go' rank among the best in the county. While ringing was in progress, the ladies of the party found plenty to interest them in and around the church, and no doubt they would have made a close inspection of the shops in the town had it not happened to be early closing day. Leaving Chepstow soon after three o'clock, the excursionists had a splendid ride to the old town of Monmouth, through the lovely scenery of the Wye Valley. After having a look round the grand old church, tea was partaken of at the Dorothy Cafe. Here again the course ends rolled up in fine style. A visit was then paid to the tower, where again everything was found in readiness, but as a thermometer near the church was now standing at 87 degrees in the shade, short touches of Stedman and Grandsire were the order. It was originally intended to spend the remainder of the day in Cardiff, but for various reasons this part of the programme was abandoned, and the evening spent in the old town. The return journey was made through Raglan and Usk. This was a four hours' ride, so that it was in the early hours of the 14th when the party arrived once more at Bridgend, everyone having had a most enjoyable day. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicars of both Chepstow and Monmouth for the use of the bells; also the local ringers for having everything ready, especially Mr. T. H. Jones, of Monmouth, who spent so much time with them.
C. H. P.

EASTBOURNE.—Sussex County Association. — At St. Saviour's Church, on May 5th (Ascension Day), for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. D. Smith 1 G. H. Howse 2, G. Penfold 3, A. C. Pankhurst 4, G. W. Stokes 5, E. Bray 6, E. Gower (conductor) 7, J. H. Sharp 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Oxford, where the Diocesan Guild held its annual festival on Saturday last and dedicated the war memorial to its fallen members, possesses many rings of bells, there being famous peals at some of the colleges. They do not, however, all 'go' as well as ringers would like them to, nor are they often available, for in term time, of course, the ringing of the bells would be too great a distraction for the students.

It is somewhat strange that the tower of Christ Church, associated with Oxford Cathedral, is an unconsecrated building, but so it is. As most ringers know there are here twelve bells, with a tenor of approximately 33 cwt. The foundation of the peal was six ancient bells brought from Osney Abbey, and named respectively 'Hautclere,' 'Clement,' 'Austin,' 'John,' 'Mary' and 'Gabriel.' The present ninth and tenth are probably the old fourth and fifth of this ancient ring.

Just as the Winchester Guild are augmenting their Cathedral peal to twelve by the gift of two trebles, so the Cathedral at Oxford had its twelve made up from the old ten by the gift of two trebles by the Diocesan Guild. This was in 1897 in honour of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria.

The other bells date back to ancient days, and peals were rung on them nearly two hundred years ago. Hearne, in his diary, mentions a visit to Oxford of a party of London ringers who walked all the way from London, and arrived at Oxford on Whit-Sunday, 1733. On the Wednesday following they attempted a peal at Christ Church, but after ringing for over two hours the gudgeons of the tenor broke!

This same band made two attempts for peals at New College on the following days. On the Thursday they rang three-quarters of an hour, when a broken rope put an end to their efforts, while a similar fate befel the attempt the next day, after two hours. Imagine walking all the way from London to Oxford for this!

The same historian records a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Caters rung by Oxford men at Christ Church on New Year's Day, 1754, and this must be one of the very earliest criticisms of a peal. Hearne says: 'The Oxford ringers made many mistakes, so that 'twas expected they must have given over several times. I did not hear them till they had been at it about three-quarters of an hour, but afterwards I heard them quite out till they had done, and I observed fifty-two faults in the ringing, nine of which were considerable ones. However, take it altogether, 'twas excellent ringing, and they may glory of it. The most considerable fault was occasioned by Dr. Gregory, Regius Professor of Modern History, and Student of Christ Church, who broke in upon the ringers to their great disturbance.'

The bells were removed from the central tower of the Cathedral to the tower near the Dining Hall, in 1872.

There is to be a bell ringing contest at Ecclesfield Parish Church, Yorks (the Minster of the Moors), on Bank Holiday. Fourteen teams have entered, and the first prize is valued at £12. Other prizes valued at £8, £5 and £3, and cash prizes of 50s. and 25s. are also offered! The contest is announced to begin at 8 a.m., and during the day there are to be exhibitions of handbell ringing in the Gatty Memorial Hall.

The test will be 720 changes for each company, and Messrs. Joseph Broadley and Thos. Lambert will be the judges. Ecclesfield is an ideal place to spend a day.

In reply to 'Research,' the weight of the tenor of the lightest peal of twelve in Great Britain is 15½ cwt., this being at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Kent. The lightest tenor of twelve in a church tower rests, we believe, between Cheltenham and Christ Church, West Bromwich, which are each between 22½ and 22¾ cwt.

To William Shipway, born at Bath in 1760, the Exercise owes a great deal, and he will ever remain as one of the pioneers of the art of ringing, and be remembered for all time by his 'Art of Ringing,' published in 1816.

July 29th is the anniversary of his first arrival in London, he finding his way to the Metropolis in the year 1785. He gives as his 'principal motive' for going to London, that 'although Bath had a respectable and able band of ringers, yet the Art did not improve so rapidly as he wished.' In the Metropolis he first joined the Junior Society of Cumberlands.

One of the earliest peals of Grandsire Major was rung on July 30th, 1792, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Aston. It was also, probably, the longest in the method at that time, viz., 7552, but it was surpassed about eighteen months later by an 8,000 at St. John's, Deritend, Birmingham.

Mr. Joseph Milner and Mr. Charles H. Leman are requested to send their addresses to Mr. J. D. Matthews, 130, Clonmore Street, S.W.18.

OXFORD GUILD FESTIVAL.

BY ONE WHO WAS PRESENT.

The Festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in the fortieth year of its existence will surely be long remembered. The weather was fine, and, though warm enough, was made enjoyable by a strong breeze. The place of meeting was Oxford, the centre of this great Diocese, and, therefore, the Guild was well represented. Bishop Shaw, an honorary and honoured member of the Guild, acted for the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church in giving a welcome to the Guild to use the Cathedral for the service, the Chapter House for the business meeting, and the dining hall for the luncheon. The number present could not have been far short of 200.



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, OXFORD.

Where the Diocesan Guild's War Memorial was Unveiled.

But the special feature of this festival was the unveiling and dedicating of the Guild memorial tablet on the walls of the Cathedral cloisters, which followed the festival service at 11 a.m. The sermon was preached by one whom every ringer delights to honour, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Hon. Canon of Christ Church, President of the Central Council, and one of the founders of the Diocesan Guild.

He took his text from 1 Maccabees ix. 10, 'God forbid that I should do this thing and flee away from them: if our time be come let us die manfully for our brethren, and let us not stain our honour,' upon which he based a fine exhortation on the duty and glory of living out our faith.

The singing was entirely congregational, and it was a joy to hear and to share in, especially, perhaps, the last hymn, Arkwright's 'The Supreme Sacrifice.' Then came the procession to the cloisters, where Bishop Shaw unveiled and dedicated the memorial tablet. It is executed in a very fine piece of Portland stone, which bears the simple but forceful inscription: 'Remember the men of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers who fought and fell in the great war, 1914-1918.'

At the foot is carved a laurel wreath, and at the top a church bell on its stock, with ropes and sallies representing, surely, not only the badge of their particular service to the Church of God, but

the great crossbeam of wood
Representeth the Holy Rood
Upon which like a bell our hopes are hung,
... and the Rope with its twisted cordage three,
Denoteth the Scriptural, Trinity
Of Morals and Symbols and History.'

And as the Bishop proceeded with the ceremony, the book wherein are illuminated the names of the fallen was presented open by the Guild secretary.

After the Blessing, the Last Post was sounded by buglers from Cowley Barracks, the old walls yielding themselves readily to the clear strong notes.

And so we passed on to our business meeting and our social meal, after which all the bells in Oxford—so it seemed—were set ringing.

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Bramble is not alone in being unable to believe Mr. Trollope's statements with regard to 'London.' Had he been content to say that he had produced London Royal in thirty minutes I could have been content, but when he goes on to say that he also produced London Maximus that is quite another matter, for I know quite well, and am prepared to prove, that it is impossible to obtain a lead of London on twelve bells.

Consequently I am forced to believe that there is something wrong with Mr. Trollope's system.

I am quite in agreement with Mr. Trollope that 'the closest ever produced' is no use. That is the reason that I kept on until I had produced the real thing, and I am quite prepared to give a clear and satisfactory proof that the figures that I have given are 'London Surprise Royal.'—Yours truly,
E. BANKES JAMES.
Seaford Park, Fareham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

INSCRIPTION FOR THE MEMORIAL BELL.

The postponed festival of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was held at Stokesay on Saturday, July 23rd. After some touches on the peal of six, Divine service was held, when the Guild's special form was used for the first time. The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (Rector of Hopesay) conducted the service, and also preached an excellent sermon on Rom. xii. 10, 'In honour preferring one another.' He worked out the truth that the characteristics that were necessary to make a good Christian were exactly those that were necessary to make a good bell ringer, namely: 1, Unselfishness—forgetting self and obeying the conductor; 2, Ambition—not being satisfied with present attainments; 3, Perseverance.

Fifty-four sat down to an excellent luncheon in the Old Castle Hall (built before the year 1284), under the presidency of the Master (Mr. J. G. Buchanan). The usual toasts were honoured.

Then followed the business meeting, at which were present twelve more members, bringing the total membership present up to 65. The meeting lasted two hours, and was most satisfactory.

After the election of officers it was agreed that the annual festival in 1922 be held at Hereford on Whit-Monday, June 5th.

The following inscription was approved for the tenor of All Saints', Hereford, which is to be recast in memory of fallen ringers:—

'To the Glory of God, and in memory of ringers of the Diocese who fell in the great war, 1914-1918, this bell was recast by the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers.—Geoffrey W. Turner, hon. sec.'

RINGER'S DEATH IN AUSTRALIA.

MR. MATTHEW ELLSMORE DIES AT SYDNEY.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Matthew Ellsmore, at Sydney, Australia, on May 31st. He left England at the beginning of the year, and took with him the addresses of many ringing friends in Australia. Soon after his arrival there, however, he was seized with pneumonia, and passed away. Mr. E. J. Harding, of Portsmouth, received letters from him dispatched from various ports on the way out, and Mr. Ellsmore was anxiously looking forward to having some ringing, although 71 years of age. He rang his last peal of Bob Major at West Meon on September 18th, 1920, in 3 hours 5 minutes. His last pull in England was at St. Mary's, Portsea, on January 24th, when he rang touches in the Standard methods, and a touch of Double Norwich, which was the first in the borough by a local hand—a record of which he was very proud. Mr. Ellsmore was of a very happy disposition, and endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. He was ever ready to impart his knowledge of ringing to any who desired to learn, and was especially happy to relate his experiences in ringing towers with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. His ringing friends will be very sorry to hear of his decease.

A WORTHY PERFORMANCE.

The excellent performance of Mr. H. J. Poole, in calling, as his first peal as conductor, a peal of Cambridge Surprise from a working bell, when only 18 years of age, induces Mr. Arthur Edwards, of Boreham, to say that he called a one-part peal of Grandsire Triples (Penning's) at the same age, and three months later Holt's Original, which he conducted again on his 19th birthday. Readers will agree with Mr. Edwards that the calling of one-part peals of Triples is about as big a tax upon a conductor as anything in the calling line can be. Mr. Edwards has made something of a hobby of one-part peals, for with the exception of six-part peal of Oxford Bob—for a special occasion, composed and rung by men of the horticultural profession—all the peals of Triples he has conducted have been one-part peals, including Carter's one-part peal of Stedman, and a one-part peal of Union Triples. Holt's Original has been called from each bell round the tower, and from an inside pair of handbells. Such a record is a very worthy one.

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ROYAL EXCHANGE, 1921.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

CARISBROOKE, 1921.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

METHOD CONSTRUCTION. THE EXTENSION OF DOUBLE NORWICH. By GEORGE BAKER.

Anyone who knows anything of method construction will quickly recognise that the following leads are the correct extensions of Double Norwich to ten and twelve bells.

The construction of the methods given in Shipway as Double Norwich Royal and Maximus can claim about as much relationship to the Major method as chalk can to cheese.

ROYAL.	MAXIMUS.
1234567890	1234567890ET
2143658709	2143658709TE
2413567890	2413567890ET
4231658709	4231658709TE
2436157890	2436157890ET
4263518709	4263518709TE
2436581790	2436581790ET
4263857109	4263857109TE
2436587019	2436587019ET
4263850791	4263850791TE
4628305971	4628305971TE
6482039517	6482039517TE
4628309157	4628309157TE
6482031975	6482031975TE
4628013957	4628013957TE
6482103975	6482103975TE
4681203957	4681203957TE
6418023975	6418023975TE
6148203957	6148203957TE
1684029375	1684029375TE
1860492735	1860492735TE

18604r2e3957

An examination will prove that every shunt of the Major is reproduced in the Royal, plus a similar shunt for the two extra bells, and again in the Maximus every shunt of the Major and Royal is reproduced, plus an extra shunt for the additional bells. Here we have a concrete example of extension from 8 to 12 bells, but we must by no means think we have round blocks in each instance that will give us methods. The Major and Maximus are perfect methods, but a method of Royal with the lead-head of 1860492735 is an impossibility, we have here simply a three-part touch, which anyone can prove by transposition. I have very little doubt that some of our composers are clever enough to obtain peals of Royal from these three leads, but Double Norwich Royal as a method does not and never did exist.

From the above we can deduce the axiom that all the shunts in a Major method must be reproduced in extending to Royal and Maximus, plus similar shunts if necessary for the additional bells. Another important truth not to be lost sight of is the fact that every method on even numbers of bells must have equal numbers of odd and even changes.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting was held at Binsted on Saturday, July 18th, ringers being present from Aldershot, Bentley, Binsted, Blackmoor, Godalming, Guildford (two towers), Shere, Seale and Farnham, and visitors from Farnborough and Swindon. Service was held in the church at 5 p.m., conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. G. Thompson), who gave an excellent address. A capital tea was partaken of in the Institute, the Vicar presiding, after which a short business meeting was held, Mr. W. R. Melville being in the chair, the Vicar being unable to stay.—The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and organist.—Several touches of Minor and Doubles were brought round during the afternoon and evening. The bells at Froyle and Bentley were also rung during the evening.

FEN DITTON OUTING.

St. Mary's Society, Fen Ditton, held their annual outing on June 30th, when 26 ringers and friends spent an enjoyable time. They first visited Chesterton, where 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by: J. Martin 1, T. Ward 2, L. Mallion 3, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 4, A. Palmer 5, H. Newman 6. Proceeding to Strettham, 120 each of new Doubles, St. Simon's, Stedman, and Grandsire were brought round. At Wilburton, 720 Oxford Bob was rung: J. Martin 1, T. Ward 2, H. Newman 3, L. Mallion 4, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 5, H. Wishbeach 6. Next, at Haddenham, short touches of Kent and Plain Bob were rung. The final tower visited was Sutton, where 720 Plain Bob was brought round by: J. Nichols 1, T. Ward 2, H. Newman 3, A. Turner 4, A. Palmer 5, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 6.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. GAINSBOROUGH AND LINCOLN DISTRICTS.

A combined meeting of the Gainsborough and Lincoln Districts was held at Stow on Saturday week, a good number of ringers and friends being present from Gainsborough, Misterton, Scothorne, Lincoln and Bigby, in addition to the local company.

The bells, and also those of Willingham Church, were available during the day, and kept going in the standard methods. Service was held at 4 p.m., at which the Rev. J. Barber (Rector of Stow) officiated. The lesson was read by Mr. F. F. Linley (President of the Northern Branch), and a very instructive and helpful address was delivered by the Rev. H. T. Parry (Rector of Bigby).

An excellent tea was provided in the Schoolroom, and was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. Linley presided, supported by the two clergy mentioned.—Apologies for absence were announced from Canon Hicks, Rev. A. B. Peirce, Messingham, and Mr. G. Chester, Lincoln.

Mrs. J. Barber (Stow) and Mr. E. Dawber (Gainsborough) were duly elected honorary members.

After the routine of business had been disposed of, the Chairman gave a resume of the financial position of the Northern Branch, as compared with pre-war days, and followed with a very interesting account of Stow Church, referring also to the different occasions upon which church bells were rung in the past.

Votes of thanks to the incumbents and churchwardens of Stow and Willingham for the use of the bells, the Rev. H. T. Parry for his very helpful address, Miss Bowen for presiding at the organ, the lady members of the local company, and all others who had helped toward making the meeting such a success, and to the chairman for his most interesting paper, were unanimously passed and duly responded to.

This brought the business meeting to a close, after which the members adjourned to the two towers for further ringing.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD. MEETING AT COALBROOKDALE.

The half-yearly meeting of the Salop Archidiaconal Guild was held at Holy Trinity, Coalbrookdale, on Saturday week. Forty-seven members and friends attended, and the following towers were represented: St. Chad's and St. Mary's, Shrewsbury; Ellesmere, Cardington, Cound, Malinslee, Highfield. The Rev. F. Tennison, hon. secretary (St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury), the Rev. Preb. C. B. Crowe (Vicar), and Messrs. Herbert Hughes and Frederick Johnson (churchwardens), of Coalbrookdale, were also present. Ringing commenced immediately after the marriage of Mr. Ivan Adamson (eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Adamson, of Wallasey Park, near Liverpool), and Miss Marjorie Doughty (second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Doughty, of Coalbrookdale). The crowd of people in the church and the immediate neighbourhood, together with the firing of fog signals and the bells, all went to prove the very high esteem in which both parties are held. Ringing went on at intervals during the afternoon, short touches being the order of the day. Four ladies took part in the ringing, viz., Mrs. K. C. Buss and the Misses Phyllis and Muriel Harley, of Cardington; also Miss Beatrice Bennett, Coalbrookdale.

Forty-two members and friends sat down to tea at Trinity Hall, after which the business meeting took place, the Vicar being in the chair. He and his wardens referred to the real pleasure it was to welcome the visitors to Coalbrookdale, and they also spoke most highly of their own local ringers.

It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at the Clive, where there is a peal of six (tenor 25 cwt.). The next quarterly meeting, as arranged at the annual meeting, will be at Ellesmere.

The Hon. Secretary, in moving a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the kindly way they had received the gathering, referred to the Vicar's recent appointment as prebendary, and said this was a great honour to the Rev. C. B. Crowe and Coalbrookdale.—The Vicar, in replying, said the honour was not of his own seeking. He told the company that he had spent his happiest days during the past 23 years moving amongst his own parishioners.

The meeting over, a return was made to the tower by some, while others took advantage of the beautiful surroundings, and indulged in boating on the River Severn. The bells were kept going till nearly nine o'clock to the tune of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

A BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

On Tuesday, July 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at the Church of St. James, Southbrook, Devizes, as a compliment to Mr. H. Brownlee West, the Master of the tower, who attained his 78th birthday on that day, and who has been acting as tower master for the past 13 years. Mr. West, since his retirement from the hon. secretaryship of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, has been made a vice-president. The quarter-peal was rung in 42 mins. by: S. Sutton 1, S. Hillier (conductor) 2, W. Swift 3, G. W. England 4, C. D. Heginbotham 5, F. Tiley 6.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

Two figures got transposed in the 504 Grandsire Triples on this page last week. The third course end should have been 243576, not 243567, as printed.

THREE YEARS' LABOUR ON A METHOD COLLECTION.

On Sunday morning, July 17th, a very interesting little incident took place in the belfry of the Parish Church of Norton-le-Moors, Staffs, when Mr. J. E. Wheelton presented to the tower a large Campanological Method Book, in case, which he has himself written out, containing 117 methods, consisting of Plain Methods, Treble Bob, Third and Fourth Place Delights and Surprised Methods. Mr. Wheelton has been engaged on this book in his spare time for the last three years, and has presented it to commemorate his 21st year as leader of Norton belfry, where, during that period, he has spent so many happy hours in the fascinating art of campanology.

During that period he has served under four Rectors, with whom he has always worked very harmoniously, and has been very fortunate in having a good body of young men in the belfry, who have taken up the art of change ringing with assiduity.

The Rector (the Rev. J. G. Hamlet, B.A.), in accepting the gift on behalf of the church, said it gave him very great pleasure to receive such a useful book, for it would be present in the belfry for future generations to refer to when engaged in either plain or complicated methods, there being methods in the book to suit either the novice or the expert. The time spent on this book by Mr. Wheelton must have been enormous, and he complimented him upon the neatness of execution. He had no doubt of the exactitude of the work. He thanked Mr. Wheelton for his great energy, faithfulness and sincerity as leader of Norton belfry for the last 21 years, and hoped he would be spared for many years to serve them as he had done in the past.

Mr. W. C. Lawrence, on behalf of the ringers, said how grateful they all were for this useful addition to the campanological literature of the belfry and said they would always look upon it with pride, for there had always been friendly relations between the leader and ringers of Norton belfry. He sincerely hoped Mr. Wheelton would be able to be with them for a long time yet to come.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SHOREHAM.—Sussex County Association.—On Sunday, July 24th for morning service, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: F. W. Cripps 1, H. Stalham 2, R. Noakes 3, E. Marsh 4, F. Bennett 5, B. Challen 6, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 7, F. Gregory 8.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, July 24th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 700 Grandsire Triples: W. Pierce 1, J. Larter 2, F. O. Lambert (conductor) 3, C. F. Sayer (Beccles) 4, E. R. Goate 5, J. Howard 6, C. Moss 7, J. Jolly 8.

WILLESDEN GREEN.—Middlesex.—On Sunday, July 24th, at St. Mary's Church, by the St. Mary's Guild, a quarter-peal (1,264 changes) of Bob Major, in 45 mins., taken from G. H. Cross's 5,056: A. French 1, H. Kilby 2, W. Mathews 3, G. Kilby 4, A. Tennant 5, F. Crook 6.

R. Kilby (first quarter-peal in the method) 7, C. Ebberson (conductor) 8.

RUCKINGE, KENT.—On Sunday, July 24th, being the Sunday nearest to St. Mary Magdalene's Day, the patronal festival of the church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Henry Mills (Ruckinge) 1, Sid Hopper (Ashford) 2, Fred Good, conductor (Charing) 3, Percy Page (Ashford) 4, Harry Parkes (Mersham) 5. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles by all except the conductor; also believed to be the first on the bells.

EALING.—On Sunday, July 24th, for morning service, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. F. N. Juke 1, E. J. Watson 2, W. H. Stevens 3, E. Harris 4, H. Belcher 5, R. Mackrill 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer 8.

SHELLEY, YORKS.—On Sunday morning, July 17th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. Sykes (conductor) 1, H. Peace 2, G. Helliwell 3, F. Atkinson (Wragby) 4, H. Roberts 5, A. Hoyle 6.

KIRKBURTON, YORKS.—On Sunday evening, July 17th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor on the back six: J. Rollinson 1, H. Armitage 2, E. R. Armitage (conductor) 3, F. Atkinson (Wragby) 4, F. Townend 5, J. W. Pickering 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 16th, for evening service, at St. John's, Vassell Road, Kennington, S.E., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. W. Wild 1, W. Rushton 2, E. J. King 3, J. R. Gammon 4, R. G. Chapple 5, G. A. Card 6, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 7, A. Coward 8.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.—At the Parish Church, before morning service, on July 17th, 720 Bob Minor: W. Wingate 1, F. Mason 2, Capt. Shelton 3, A. Bates 4, E. Bates 5, T. Groombridge (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Wingate 1, J. Couchman 2, A. Bates (conductor) 3, E. Bates 4, F. Mason 5, Capt. Shelton 6.

ILMINSTER.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, July 16th, for matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: George Sibley (conductor) 1, Charles Gummer 2, Victor Crabb 3, Walter Coombes 4, Harry Bungay 5, Albert J. Grant 6, David G. Taylor 7, Harry Raisin 8. It was the 21st anniversary of the treble ringer's wedding day. The composition was one recently given on this page.

CROFTON, YORKS.—On Sunday afternoon, July 10th, after the unveiling and dedication of a beautiful granite obelisk as a war memorial to the fallen of the parish, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor by the Wragby ringers: F. Marsden 1, W. Green 2, J. Brewin 3, F. Atkinson 4, J. Hewitt 5, A. Adams (conductor) 6.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, July 10th, for evensong, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Beckett 1, Miss Willett 2, H. Miles 3, W. Harris 4, F. Clinkard 5, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 6.—On the 17th, for evensong, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Beckett 1, Miss Willett 2, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 3, G. Stone 4, F. Clinkard 5, H. Miles 6.—On the 24th, for evensong, 720 Oxford Single Bob: A. Barrett 1, Miss Willett 2, W. Harris 3, F. Beckett 4, F. Clinkard 5, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 6. Miss Willett, for whom the above 720's were arranged, was paying a visit to the city of Oxford from Cambridge, and these were her first 720's in all three methods.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1,260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

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462375 3
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735246 5
357246 4
253674 5
552674 4
275346 3
752346 4
467235 2
674235 4
S 256374 1
672543 3
S 536472 1
675324 3
S 346275 1
P.L. 324567

A. Chambers.

1,239 STEDMAN CATERS

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163254 4 5 16
164352 16
461253 5 16
463152 16
515264879 18 18 20 21 22
314562 16
312465 16
213564 5 16
214365 16
267.
231456
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214365 5 18 20 21 22

G. R. Fardon.

560 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

23456 1 6
34526 — S
42536 —
35246 —
52346 —
23456 — S

640 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

23456 1 4 5 6
32654 — —
26354 — —
63254 — —
52364 — —
54326 — —
23456 — —

J. Hunt.

720 TREBLE BOB MINOR.

23456
42356 1
34256 1
62345 2
36245 1
45236 3
24536 1
36524 3
45362 2
34562 1
62534 3
45623 2
36452 2
43652 1
52364 2
26435 2
42635 1
P.L. 23456 4

F. Blood.

A DORSET, DEVON AND SOMERSET TRIP.
AN EXCURSION IN THREE COUNTIES.

The motor charabanc is now the favourite means of touring the country, especially for a ringers' outing, and by this means the Wyke Regis (Weymouth) band made a circular trip of 140 miles for their annual outing on Saturday, July 16th. The party, numbering 28, including the Rector, curate and churchwardens, and adult members of the choir, made a splendid tour by the best car in the fleet of the Weymouth Motor Company. The venue was Exeter. The party left at 7 a.m., and journeying via Upwey and Martinstown, picked up the old Roman Road at Winterborne Abbas, the Via Iceniana (Icknield Street), from London to Exeter, through Bridport. The country was looking well, and despite the clouds hanging about some of the hills, most delightful stretches of country were for ever bursting into view, with glimpses of silver sea. The ease and comfort of the travelling on the Dorset heights helped to make the journey all the more pleasant. Chidecock Hill—a formidable obstacle to many vehicles of this nature—was successfully negotiated, and then we sped on through country of excellent beauty.

The first stop was made at Axminster. Here we made a dodge into glorious Devon, and rang a touch of Grandsire Triples on the fine old peal (tenor 21 cwt.). By a coincidence we met the ringers from Alphington (Exeter) on their way to Weymouth, and due to ring at Wyke Regis in the afternoon. Journeying on through lovely country, passing through Axminster Vale, a short stay was made at Honiton, and then on to Heavitree, which was reached in scheduled time, viz., 12 noon. A nice touch of Triples on one of the finest rings of eight in Devon (tenor 26 cwt.) was brought round, the ringers being delighted with the 'go' and tone of this lovely peal.

Afterwards we went into the city, where a substantial luncheon awaited us at the White Lion Hotel. Mr. Gardner, of St. David's tower, piloted us to the old Cathedral where we were also met by Mr. Davey (Master of the Cathedral band). Permission having been given by the Dean for us to view any part of the Cathedral, we were most fortunate in having as our guide, the Rev. H. E. Bishop, one of the greatest authorities on the building. The service being at 3, the ten bells were chimed, and those were listened to with great interest. Messrs. Davey and Gardner next piloted us to St. David's, and look part in a touch of Triples. The Vicar of St. David's was formerly Rector of Wyke Regis. Unfortunately the reverend gentleman was away, and thus missed seeing many of his old friends, but he left a kind message of welcome.

The car was waiting for us outside the church at 4 p.m., when we began our homeward journey, which was made via Ottery St. Mary. This church (said to be built to quarter-scale of the Cathedral) is one of the most handsome in Devon, and has a fine peal of eight bells. The party was met here by Mr. Godfrey and some of his ringers. The bells were raised in peal, and a well-struck touch of Triples was brought round. Incidentally, it may be remarked we did not experience the trouble with the sexton, as our Taunton 'brother strings' did a few weeks ago, while on their outing.

Chard was next visited (by dodging into that county of lovely churches, and especially noble towers, the pride of Somerset), and tea was partaken of at the Temperance Hotel. Opportunity was taken of thanking the hon. secretary for organising such a fine trip, and his services were eulogised by the Rector and other members of the party. Having rung on the somewhat heavy peal of eight, the journey was continued to Ilminster, which has a beautiful church and tower in the Decorated style, and a very fine peal of bells (tenor 22½ cwt.). This was the last ringing place, and, with old friends of the local band, some nice touches of Triples were brought round. The conducting throughout the day was principally in the hands of Mr. L. W. Wiffen. The last place visited was Crewkerne, where it was too late to ring, and after a look round and a refresher for the inner-man we started on our 30-mile journey home, in the moonlight, across the Downs, Wyke Regis being eventually reached just before the midnight chimes struck. Everybody had a most happy and enjoyable day that will long be remembered. It is worthy of mention that at midday the next day the full octave of bells was rung.

The ringers wish through 'The Ringing World,' to tender their grateful thanks to all the incumbents who so willingly granted the use of their bells, and to those ringers who gave such kind assistance, particularly Messrs. Davey and Gardner (Exeter), Laver (Heavitree), Godfrey (Ottery), Taylor and Crabb (Ilminster), and last but not least, the general secretary of the Devon Guild (the Rev. E. S. Powell).
C. H. J.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On Friday, June 3rd, in honour of H.M. the King's birthday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Williams 1, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 2, E. Starkey 3, E. Mullins 4, C. Starkey 5, S. Danby 6, E. Wood 7, H. Wood 8.—On Saturday, June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Williams 1, E. Mullins 2, E. Starkey 3, C. Starkey 4, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 5, S. Danby 6, E. Wood 7, H. Wood 8.

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—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.
—The next meeting will be held at Reddish, on Saturday, July 30th, as the 23rd is not suitable to the authorities. Bells ready 3.30, meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting will be held at Rothwell, on July 30th. Business meeting at 7 o'clock in the Belfry.—M. Moorhouse, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.
—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne on Saturday, July 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 30th, at the Church of St. Michael, Mottram-in-Longdendale. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7.—C. Bower, Hon. Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Bentley, July 30th. Bells from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea at 4.30, at 1s. 6d. per head, to those who notify Mr. P. Elton, 59, Bentley Road, Doncaster, before July 26th. Arksey (8) and Doncaster St. George's bells available from 7 to 9 p.m. A good attendance is desired. Until further notice the bells at St. George's, Doncaster, will be available for combined practice every Thursday at 7 p.m.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—North-East Branch. — A meeting will be held at Huntsham (8) on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 2.30; service at 4.45; tea at nominal charge of 6d.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Slimbridge on Saturday, July 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—For the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk. —A joint meeting of the Norwich and Ipswich Branches, will be held at Lowestoft on August Bank Holiday, Aug. 1st. By kind permission of the Rector the ring of 8 bells at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, will be available. Dinner will be served at the Crown Hotel, High Street, at 1 p.m. Tickets 3/6 per head. Committee meeting at 12 o'clock noon. The general business meeting will be held at St. Margaret's Institute, Alexandra Road, at 2.15 p.m.—Edward Evans, Branch Sec., Ipswich; Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Branch Sec., Norwich, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Sudbury on Monday, August 1st. The bells of All Saints', St. Peter's and St. Gregory's will be available for ringing during the day. Meet at All Saints' first at 11 a.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day, business following.—A. Symonds, Hon. Sec., Lavenham.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Monday, August 1st (Bank Holiday). Bells available: St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), Woodston (6) for part of the day. Service at St. John's at 3.30. Tea 1s. 6d., and meeting in St. Mary's Schools 4.15. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hadley on August Bank Holiday, Monday, August 1st. The bells (now a peal of eight) will be available from 2 p.m. Tea will be arranged at about 6 o'clock in the Church House, at a charge of 1/- per head. Barnet bells available for ringing from 2 to 4 p.m. and possibly after tea. All members and friends are cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The Annual summer meeting will be held at Ranmore, near Dorking, on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 1st, by the kind permission of Lord Ashcombe. The beautiful grounds of the Denbies will be thrown open to ringers and friends during the afternoon. Tea and refreshments may be obtained near the church. The bells will be available from 2 to 6 p.m.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—An All-day meeting will be held on Monday, August 1st, commencing at Walton-on-Thames, at 10 o'clock, Hersham 11.30, Esher 1.30, East Molesey 3. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea by kind permission (if fine), on the Vicarage Lawn. All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owismoor, Camberley.

ST. MARY'S, BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—This tower will be open as usual on Bank Holiday from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Trappitt, Steeplekeeper.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight Branch.—Next meeting All Saints', Freshwater, Monday, 1st Aug. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—W. Upton, Hon. Dist. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, August 6th, at Farningham. Bells at 3 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. F. Snaith (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea at the Lion Hotel and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea must notify me by Tuesday, August 2nd, the latest. Half fares up to 2s. paid.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on August 4th and 18th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th; Southwark Cathedral on the 16th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, and St. Andrew, Holborn, on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Hamer on Saturday, August 6th. Bells ready at 3; meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested; business important.—T. K. Driver, Middleton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Meeting at Crawley, Aug. 6th. Tower open at 2. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5 (by kind invitation of the Rector). Those desiring tea should notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, Aug. 2nd.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, by the kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. F. Marriott) on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Those requiring tea must let me know by Aug. 1st.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Next meeting at Seend on August 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock, tea at 5. All wishing to attend tea let me know as early as possible.—H. F. Brown, 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Fownhope on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (6), available 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea, Schoolroom 5.45, 1/- each to those notifying me not later than August 2nd.—C. Edwards, Gt. Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone on Saturday, August 6th, 8 bells. Tea may be obtained close to the Church.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays 7.30 p.m., St. Clement Danes, Aug. 8th and 22nd; Bishopsgate 29th; Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement's 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate 2nd and 4th. Summer outing, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Full particulars later.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The Half-yearly meeting will be held at Ightham on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available at 3.30. Short service at 4.45. Tea at the George and Dragon at 1/3 each. Wrotham bells available for ringing at 6 o'clock. A motor bus will leave the Cannon, High Street, Maidstone, at 2.30. Those intending going by bus and wanting tea must let the Secretary know not later than Monday, August 8th. Half fares paid up to 2/- at this meeting.—S. Hazelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower St., East Farleigh.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting will be held at Monk Bretton on Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided at a reasonable price to those applying before August 10th. Bus route from Barnsley and Cudworth to Monk Bretton every half-hour.—C. D. Potter, Secretary, 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, August 20th. The new ring of 10 will be available from 3 to 4, and after tea until 9. Further particulars next week.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dist. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Edwin Shepherd has removed to 56, Springfield Road, Exeter.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BROMLEY.—Kent County Association.—On Tuesday, July 5th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: P. J. Spice 1, G. Darling 2, *J. Ford 3, *J. Keep 4, B. Brett-Smith 5, G. Horsley 6, T. Groombridge, senr. (conductor), 7, E. Mounter 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman.

SHORNE, KENT.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Thursday evening, July 14th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, as a birthday compliment to Miss E. M. Goodship, Reading, 1,800 changes of Minor, in seven methods, being 240 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, 240 each of Kent and Oxford, and 120 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob: J. Avis 1, Miss M. Goodship 2, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 3, H. Argent 4, Col.-Sergt. J. Bennett, R.M., 5, J. Burles 6. Longest length of Minor by J. Goodship.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Thursday, July 14th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. W. Watts 1, W. G. Cook 2, F. W. Bond 3, H. C. Bond 4, F. J. Lewis 5, S. Hicks 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, J. Hayward 8. Arranged for W. Upton, from Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Saturday, July 16th, on the occasion of the annual flower show, the following touches were brought round: 656 Double Norwich, 576 Superlative, 504 Stedman, 288 Oxford, the following taking part: J. D. Buckingham, F. Chalk, E. W. Beckwith, J. Newman, F. Clayton, A. Shufflebotham, J. Sadler, W. Elliott, A. Catterwell and W. Keeble (conductor).

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Monday, July 18th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: E. W. Fannett (first quarter-peal) 1, A. G. Bennington 2, G. R. Simmonds 3, J. Law 4, R. J. Pannett 5, T. A. Easterby 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, R. A. Fosdike 8. Composed by G. H. Daynes.

EAST CROMPTON.—Lancashire Association. — On Tuesday, July 19th, at St. James' Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: Miss Rose Garside 1, G. R. Turner 2, C. Howarth 3, I. Schofield 4, J. R. Buckley 5, J. Butterworth (conductor) 6. First 72 in the method by ringers of the treble and 4th, who hail from St. Mark's, Glodwick.

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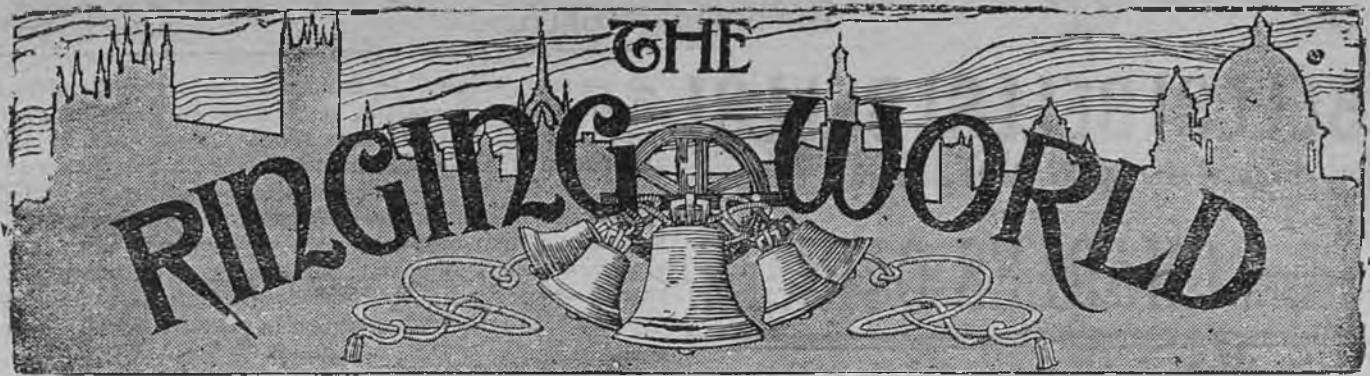
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In laying down the reins of office the retiring secretary can look back upon work well and truly done, for he has left the Association with not only an almost record membership, and a solid financial position—both of which seriously felt the effects caused by the war—but what is more there is in the ranks of the Association an harmonious feeling which makes more for success than any other factor. In the reconstruction since the war, and in the promotion of the excellent spirit that exists among the Essex towers, Mr. Eyre has had a large share; but there is another who has played an equally important part in the work, namely Mr. C. H. Howard, the Master, whose unanimous re-election again this year must be to him pleasing evidence of the confidence and regard of the members. Both Master and Secretary have for years worked indefatigably in the interests of the Association, and very few district meetings have been held when one or both were not present—and Essex is not altogether an easy county to traverse. It has entailed no inconsiderable sacrifice of time to cover the ground as it has been covered, and the Master and the retiring Hon. Secretary have earned the gratitude of the members.

The resignation of Mr. Eyre leaves, we believe, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, of the Kent County Association, the doyen among association secretaries, for he has been more than a quarter of a century in office. It seems to be increasingly difficult to find clergy with sufficient leisure to carry on the work of ringing association secretaries, and yet such appointments have their value. As these organisations are intimately associated with the Church, it always seems to us not only an advantage but almost essential that one or other of the executive offices should be held by a clergyman; because, whether we care to admit it or not, in certain matters he carries more weight than the average layman; and the association that has a clerical member who can act officially when occasion arises is therefore in a stronger position in dealing with ecclesiastical or parochial church authorities than any association which

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WILLIAM E. BASON 2	CLEMENT J. MORE 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	ERNEST F. POPPY 7
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Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, COSLANY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDK. J. HOWCHIN Treble	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 5
*GEORGE CLAXTON 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 6
ANTHONY PRICE 3	BEN S. THOMPSON 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	GEORGE MAYERS Tenor

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* First peal. † First peal of Minor. All the four towers in Lincoln were represented in this peal. N.R. Turner hails from Scothern, near Lincoln.

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* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 25, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by
ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE. Conducted by the Performer.
Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

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Umpire: THOMAS MANNERING, of Maidstone.

Tapped as a birthday compliment to the composer.

BRAINTREE.—On June 14th, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Dorothy Hammon, daughter of Mr. H. E. Hammon, a member of the local band and choir, to Mr. J. P. Guest, of Birmingham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. H. Howard 1, W. J. Sadler 2, A. Shufflebotham (conductor) 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Ely 6, G. Lindridge 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

BELLS OF ST. PAUL'S.

AN OMISSION FROM AN INTERESTING BOOK.

(CONTRIBUTED.)

A volume of more than ordinary interest from the pen of Canon Newbold, of St. Paul's, has been recently published, entitled 'Years that are Past.' This charming work, enlivened by fine illustrations and mirth-provoking jocosities, contains a voluminous description of certain parish churches and of the Cathedral to which the author has been called, including the brasses, tablets and other relics of interest. It gives, moreover, a record of the manifold duties of canons, vicars, and other incumbents, a perusal of which will serve effectually to dispel any illusion entertained by the laity that these functionaries enjoy a feather-bed job.

While the book in the elucidation of these items may be said to afford a liberal education, we may be pardoned a sense of disappointment that in the enumeration of the treasures within the walls of the Cathedral, no mention is made of the famous ring of bells in the north-west tower; while there is but casual allusion to the ringers assigned to perform for Sunday service, as well as for occasions of public rejoicing and grief. If the merits and attainments of these 'College Youths,' whose reputation extends to the fraternity throughout England, is but imperfectly recognised, this is due partly to the fact that they are not wont, like other artists, to pose in the limelight. A little more self-assertion would, we think, be helpful. In the composition of their anatomical amalgam, moreover there seems to be a lack of 'brass.' Though unmatched in the manipulation of their trumpet-shaped bells, they modestly refrain from blowing their own trumpets. By those initiated, however, it is appreciated that they are masters of an art so intricate as to be difficult of acquisition, except by the few who possess an inherited talent, or are endowed with that special organisation which responds to the vibration of bells. Thus it is that those unfamiliar with the achievements of these ringers are apt to class them obscurely among the smaller 'guns' of the chapter, though they have to admit that their voice, as propelled through the brazen throats of their harmonious instruments, commands a larger audience, and is transmitted over a wider area than the combined voices of all the 'canons' of the diocese. If, as geologists tell us, there are sermons in stones, may there not be likewise as a corollary 'appeals' from bells? However that may be, we must confess that, while entertaining the greatest respect for the clerical profession, we would rather listen to a metal bell than to a 'wooden' preacher.

If church officials could be persuaded to mount occasionally to their towers they might be made to understand that belfries, as part of the consecrated fabric, are entitled to receive reasonable care; and that bells, as well as souls, are worth saving. And should these dignitaries manifest a disposition to encourage in any way the Exercise, it might be well to delicately hint that their efforts would be more likely to prove efficient if not limited to 'absent treatment.'

The typographical slip in spelling the word 'peal' (p. 278) may be explained by the fact that the compositor had in mind the poetic account of certain desquamated beauties who had come to grief from exposure to the sun's rays while bathing in scant costume at the seashore. The verses are headed:—

THE BELLES ARE PEELING.

If these fragmentary jottings, conceived in no unfriendly spirit, should perchance meet the eye of the worthy canon, it is to be hoped that they will not be considered a casus belli.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

HINCKLEY DISTRICT MEETING.

A monthly meeting of the Hinckley District was to have been held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, July 23rd, but, failing to get the use of the tower bells, the meeting was held instead at Earl Shilton, where the new Vicar (Rev. H. V. Williams) was pleased to place the new ring at the members' disposal. A good number of ringers attended from Barwell, Croft Hinckley, Higham, Kirkby-Mallory, Nuneaton, Pickleton, Sapcote, Stoney Stanton, Thurlaston, Wigston. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Double to Kent Treble Bob Major.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vice-President (Mr. C. H. Webb). Two new members were elected, viz., Messrs. John D. Wright, of Thurlaston, and Hubert F. Wood, of Pickleton.—Two towers were nominated for the next place of meeting: Burbage and Kirkby-Mallory.—On being put to the vote the latter place was selected.

As this was the first meeting to be held at Earl Shilton since the death of the late Vicar (Rev. J. S. Maughan) sympathetic reference was made to the sad event, and the members stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect. Thanks were accorded to the Vicar for use of bells, and to the Earl Shilton ringers for having things in readiness.—Tunes and change ringing on handbells brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

Members are asked to note that future meetings will be advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

THE PRODUCTION OF NEW METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Amongst the devotees to every form of recreation may be found some whose interest is centred chiefly in the theory, and others who confine their attention to the practice of the particular pastime. Among ringers, those of the latter class form the majority, indeed, there is an opinion held by many of them that the theorists here are, for the most part, 'cranks'; and the reason for this is not far to seek. Unfortunately, some of our theorists not infrequently express their views in such a way that the average ringer either fails to grasp the practical significance of the statement, or (what is infinitely worse) entirely misinterprets it.

The consciousness of this fact, emphasised by the statements in Mr. Armiger Trollope's letter published on July 1st, prompted my former letter in defence of the position of authors of new methods; it was not, as Mr. Trollope suggests, because of an ambiguity in the report in 'The Ringing World' of his assertions at the Central Council meeting. The statements themselves were liable to be misinterpreted by some; but they are now being made a little more clear, thanks to the valuable medium of your columns. For example, Mr. Trollope now admits that (while there can be no 'ownership') there can be 'authorship' of methods. Bearing in mind that he has previously said that 'all methods have been worked out, and no one has the slightest chance of getting anything that has not been got before' (i.e., no one can possibly be the author of a method now), this is a most vital admission on his part. But a moment's reflection by Mr. Trollope, before making this statement at the Central Council meeting, would have resulted, doubtless, in his refraining from making it. After all, campanology is a comparatively modern art, and the number of theorists which each successive century has produced might almost be counted on one's fingers. It is obvious, therefore, that during the time represented by the sum of their ages all possible methods could not have been worked out! But even supposing there had been time, then is it not fallacious to assume that the method builders had strained every nerve in an endeavour to produce all possible methods, regardless of quality?

Would Mr. Trollope, in fact, care to accept a challenge to prove that anyone of the first three methods which might be placed in the hands of the Records Committee (C.C.) has been produced previously?

And this brings us to the second of the objects of my former letter—the question of 'extensions.' Mr. Trollope, in his latest letter, asserts that 'providing one understands the "laws of construction" of a method' (by which I take it that he means, if one grasps the essential features of the design of the method), 'it is quite a simple thing to extend the method from eight to ten, twelve or any other number.' May I point out, for the benefit of those members of the Exercise who are inclined to accept that dictum as it stands, that such a statement shows a lamentable ignorance of the properties of numbers, and that by the application of a little mathematical reasoning, it is not difficult to show that many Major methods are frequently incapable of extension, in the true sense, to the Royal version, and almost always to a prime number, such as 13! Yet Mr. Trollope says 'to any number.' There is far too much of the 'mysterious' atmosphere maintained around the theory of our Art and it is high time that the average practical ringer be allowed to realise that certain conventions having been adopted, the growth of a method is a perfectly natural and simple process.

Of course there are extensions and extensions; but we may discount any that—

- (a) Do not conform with the conventions of modern method-construction.
- (b) Have 'irregular' lead ends.
- (c) Depart, to any appreciable extent, from the original design.

Mr. Trollope talks glibly of the 'laws' of method-construction; but in the strict sense there are no laws. There are conventions which have been established, and which have been, in fact, summarised, for the most part, in the Central Council's 'Rules and Decisions'; but variety of design, which is the only thing that might be made subject to law, is almost infinite. Broadly speaking, the extensions of any method should introduce no new features; existing features may be repeated in the newly-situated working positions, or in the additional sections of the working, extra dodging places being inserted wherever the extended working demands them. An extension which conforms with these principles may be accepted (although possibly not perfect), as very 'close' to the original. The perfect extension (although Mr. Trollope would appear to be ready to accept the above) requires the fulfilment of one other condition.

It is a well-known convention (for reasons which cannot be discussed at this juncture) that Plain Bob lead ends (regular), and these only, shall be incorporated in the plain course of any even-bell method having a treble-hunt. Now, if the first lead ends of the Plain Bob method from Minimus (or Singles) to Maximus be compared, it will be noted that each time the method is extended the bells turn up in the same order at the beginning of the lead end change; in fact, the order of the last two bells only is altered in the extended lead

end. For example, in Major, the first lead end of the Plain Course is 3527486; and so in Royal we shall expect to find the lead end change commencing in the same way; in fact, only the position of 8 and 6 altered; and this is so, viz.:—352749608. Now it does not follow from this, that in all treble-hunt even-bell methods the first lead of the plain course of the Royal version must be 352749608. Any one of the Plain Bob Royal lead ends may turn up first. For example, the first lead end of Cambridge Royal corresponds to the second of Bob Royal—573920486. So far, Mr. Trollope will not disagree; but it is at this point that the question arises as to whether a method is only closely extended or perfectly extended. Let us refer again to Cambridge Surprise. The Royal version would be accepted in any case, because it fulfils all three conditions (a, b and c) set out above; but it fulfils one other condition, and may, therefore, be said to be perfect (although even without this it would have been accepted). It will be observed that the order of the bells at the first lead end corresponds to the order of the bells at the first lead end of Cambridge Major (commencing 573 in each case). When lead ends in an extension turn up in a parallel arrangement like this, they may be said to be 'Associated'; alternatively they may be termed 'Dissociated'; and extensions may often be found with Dissociated lead ends in the plain course; which, while being quite admissible, are not, obviously, perfect. So Mr. Trollope's argument as to there being no 'very close' extension falls to the ground. On the contrary, we may add to the three conditions quoted above; a fourth, viz.:—

- (d) The extension must have Associated lead ends; i.e., if it is not to be merely 'very close,' but 'perfect.'

Mr. Trollope speaks of experimenting with figures, but surely he will be prepared to credit anyone but the mere novice with more intelligence than to attempt method-construction simply by copying rows of figures?

Personal experience has shown that the construction and extension of methods can be carried out without committing one single figure to paper.

In the light of Mr. Trollope's former letter (published on July 1st), may we ask him to be kind enough to the Exercise generally, to disclose his version of London Royal (which must, apparently, be perfect) and also show us how to extend Bristol to a ten-bell method? (In the latter case, mathematics tells us that an extension to Maximus may be possible.)

In conclusion, I would like to suggest that in order to eliminate, for the future, any risk of overlapping in the naming of methods, or of rival claims to authorship, some such procedure as the following be adopted:—

The author of a (supposedly) new method should forward a copy of a lead, with bob (and single, if any), proof scale, and a peal; together with a proposed title and an alternative, to the secretary of the Records Committee (C.C.). This committee, noting carefully the date of reception, would examine the method, and if it possessed qualities recommending its publication, would check, from existing records, whether it had been previously published. Methods thus 'passed' would have copies sent to the C.C. Librarian for filing; and at given periods, e.g., quarterly, a list of methods 'discovered' during the quarter, together with the registered title and date of discovery, might be published, under the authority of the Central Council, in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours very truly,
A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

THE NAMING OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—On Thursday, September 11th, 1919, a peal of Minor was rung at St. Nicholas' Church, Worcester, which contained as one of the methods, the amalgam of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, given to the band by the Rev. E. B. James. Now, the band wished to indicate to the Points Committee that one of the series of 720's had been produced in a different way to the others, and that it was a way that had not been used in a peal before, so they exercised the privilege graciously granted to all such companies by a benevolent Methods Committee, and gave it a name, or designation or distinctive appellation, whereby it might be known among its fellows; and if all those who refer to it, especially the methods and points gentlemen, will take the trouble to look it up they will, I think, find that the band did not call it 'Worcester Treble Bob.' They had the temerity to call it a variation of Treble Bob, and did not do that which the Methods Committee gave all ringers the privilege of doing—rename methods which their grandfathers had named. Our ancestors may not have known the difference between a Delight and a Pleasure, but the names they gave their methods should have been allowed to remain undisturbed. The committee said that the band, who was first to ring one of the methods, could call it what they liked, and this they did, in many cases at least, fifty years before the committee were born. Perhaps in another fifty years, when this committee have gone to their rest, we shall have another committee who will again allow the ringing public to rename all the six-bell methods after they had for a decade or so been known by a couple or so delightful or surprising names.—I am, yours, in fear and trembling.

ONCE A BEGINNER (ON SIX BELLS).

EXETER RINGERS IN MID-DEVON.

The annual outing of the members of the St. Sidwell's (Exeter) Society of Ringers took place on Saturday, 16th July, when a trip was made to Buckfast Abbey, Totnes, Paignton, Torquay, Newton Abbot, and Chudleigh. The party, including the churchwardens (Messrs. E. Shepherd and Panter) left Exeter by charabanc just after one o'clock, the Rector (the Rev. F. Jones) giving them a hearty send-off. Buckfast Abbey was reached at half-past three, and, through the kindness of the Lord Abbot, the visitors were shown over the Abbey (which is under restoration) by one of the priests. Particular notice was taken of the excellent architecture and work done by the monks in building their new church and tower, which will not be completed for ten years. The flowerbeds in front of the Abbey are picturesque with the very fine blooms of geraniums. After an inspection of the bells the ringers rang the new peal of 12 (tenor 30 cwt.), and also a touch of Grandsire Caters on the back ten. Later the party drove through the charming valley to Totnes, and on their arrival went to the parish church, where the beautiful toned eight bells were rung. After tea a move was made for Exeter via Paignton and Torquay, when a good view of the Fleet in Torbay was obtained. The arrangements made by Mr. W. Richardson (hon. secretary) and Mr. W. Drake (hon. treasurer) were capital, and the trip was thoroughly enjoyed.

YATELEY RINGERS' NEW PRESIDENT.

The annual meeting of the Yateley band of ringers, Hants, was held at Hilfield, on Wednesday, July 20th. Miss B. Stilwell presided, and after the usual routine business the election of officers took place. In proposing Miss B. Stilwell president of the band, the foreman, Mr. S. Riddell, referred to the great loss the band had recently sustained through the death of Mr. Stilwell, who had been president for many years, and it was still hard to believe that he was gone. It was the wish of the whole band that Miss Stilwell should be asked to fill the position, and it was a great gratification to them that she consented. Miss Stilwell is shortly proceeding to Australia for at least a year, so Mr. H. Tice kindly agreed to act during her absence as vice-president. Ringers will wish her a pleasant time, and trust that she may be able to continue her change ringing 'down under,' where we are sure, a hearty welcome will await her in any tower she may visit.

Mr. S. Riddell was re-elected foreman, and also undertook to carry out the duties of treasurer during Miss Stilwell's absence. After the meeting the band were kindly entertained to supper. At present they are pondering upon how they are to get over the loss of one of the most regular ringers during the next twelve months, as good and regular ringers in country districts are not so easily trained.

BISHOP RYDER'S RINGERS AT KING'S NORTON.

The ringers of Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, had a most enjoyable outing on Saturday, July 9th, to King's Norton. The party numbered 15 ringers and friends, including the Rev. Canon G. Badger, M.A. (Vicar), and the Rev. A. D. Alton (curate), and they were very kindly met at King's Norton Church by Mr. C. Webb, the genial towerkeeper, and several of the local ringers. Some good ringing was done, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major for a short time before and after tea, and the promising young band from Bishop Ryder's rang some good rounds and call changes.

The tea was very kindly provided by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., on the Vicarage lawn, where about 20 sat down, including the Alderman and Mrs. Pritchett, and Mrs. Price, wife of the Rev. Canon H. Price, the Vicar. The day was a beautiful one, the scenery and gardens looking very nice, and everybody appeared to enjoy themselves. One face was very much missed, namely, that of Mr. W. H. Carrod, who recently passed to his long rest.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Alderman for so kindly providing and arranging such a bountiful tea, to Mrs. Pritchett and Mrs. Price for the pleasure of their presence, and to the Rev. Canon Hugh Price, M.A., for the use of his lawn and the bells. The young band at Bishop Ryder's are determined to master the intricacies of change ringing, and are making good progress under the Tower Master, Mr. James George.

THANKS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me, through the 'Ringing World,' to express my grateful thanks to the Rochester District secretary of the Kent County Association for getting up the subscription list on my behalf, and to all ringers and friends who subscribed, and to assure them that the sum of £12 3s. which I received came as a very pleasant surprise to me in the time of my incapacity. I greatly value their kindness, and thank one and all most sincerely.—Yours faithfully,

G. A. HAYES.

Eglinton Road, Swancombe, July 25th, 1921.

AN EXCURSION IN CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, July 16th, the St. Peter's company had their annual outing to Peover, situated in a most delightful part of Cheshire. Leaving Ashton-under-Lyne at 1.15 p.m., the party arrived at Knutsford, famous for its gaol, now put to better service in the training of candidates for the ministry of the Church. The visitors were met by their kind friend, Mr. S. Hough, who had things ready for the fair belles of 'Ashton Old Town.' The bells were raised in peal, and set going to the tune of Grandsire and Plain Bob, Mr. Hough, his son, and Mr. Webb joining with the ladies in touches. Many a student has for the first time learned to pull a bell and been initiated into the mysteries of change ringing in this tower. The Knutsford company are doing much spade work, from which the Exercise at large will ultimately reap the benefit. From the top of the church tower an extensive view of the whole of Cheshire is to be obtained. The Derbyshire hills to the east and the Welsh mountains to the south-west make up a wonderful picture. After leaving Knutsford the party passed many prematurely ripened cornfields and meadows that were thirsting for rain. After partaking of tea at Allostock, they made for Peover church, where there is a handy peal of six. This old twelfth-century building bears the marks of Time's ruthless work. The carved oak of the chancel, pulpit, etc., was much admired.

Arrangements for a pull on the bells had here been made. Mr. Hough and the party were pleased to meet the esteemed leader of the Peover company, Mr. Scragg. The bells are rung from the ground, floor, opening out to the churchyard, and whilst the bells were being rung by the belles, a very large crowd gathered to witness what was to most of them a unique spectacle, and dispelled from many a mind the idea that ringing was necessarily a hard and laborious matter, especially when they saw the young daughter of the captain of the company (Mr. W. Wolstencroft) deftly handling a rope. After signing the visitors' book and posing for the camera men, expressions of appreciation were accorded to Messrs. S. Hough, Webb and Scragg, and a start was made on the homeward journey, via Alderley, Wilmslow and Brumhall. At one point on the route, where two roads met, a voice remarked that Mottram was straight ahead. Never will that moonlight drive be forgotten. Perched high up on a hill, and silhouetted against the sky-line, was the ever-famous tower of St. Michael's, Mottram. The ringers longed for a pull, but the peaceful quietude of the place told them that all had 'gone to roost.' So they turned at full speed for Ashton via the deep cutting, which is a reminder of the sad days of the long, dreary cotton panic of the early sixties. Home was reached at 11.30 p.m., after a day never to be forgotten. Every ringer was at his and her post on the Sunday morning, and was glad to welcome Mr. William Jakeman, of U.S.A. (formerly the respected conductor of the Ashton St. Peter's company twenty years ago, and tutor of the present captain), who, with his wife, is on a visit to the homeland.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

The 16th annual outing of the Rochester Cathedral Society took place on Saturday, July 16th. The route taken was from Chatham via Maidstone, and Ashford to Mersham, this being the first halt for ringing. Short touches of Grandsire and Stedman were brought round on the bells, which, however, need the attention of the bell hanger. It is worthy of note that it was here the Kent Association was brought into being by the late Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, he being the founder and first hon. secretary, while Vicar of the parish. The next stop was Hythe, where, after a stroll by the sea, dinner was partaken of at the Temperance Hotel. It being decided not to ring at Hythe, the party made tracks by the seashore for Folkestone via Sandgate. After inspection of the beautiful decoration of the fine old church, the visitors were met by a good old friend, in Mr. J. Sharman, who joined them for a pull—short and sweet—of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob Major on the fine peal of eight worthy of the grand old church. Later, the party re-embarked for Canterbury, but there was half an hour's delay, caused by a missing member, who, however, was eventually restored to the flock. Canterbury was reached at 5.30. Here tea was a much welcome item, which the party had the pleasure of the company of the hon. secretary of the Kent Association (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore). Afterward on the fine peal of ten at the Cathedral, short touches of Stedman Caters and Grandsire Caters were brought round. Home was reached at 10 p.m., after a most enjoyable day's outing, and the thanks of the party are extended to Mr. Paine, of Mersham; Mr. Binfield, of Folkestone; and the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, of Canterbury, for their assistance, and to the Dean and clergy for granting permission to ring on their respective bells.

HURST, BERKS.—On Saturday, June 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: W. Boyles 1, G. Talbot 2, G. Bull 3, W. J. Brooks 4, H. Lovelock 5, J. White 6, B. Hawkins (conductor) 7, E. Brant 8. Rung after an attempt for a peal had been brought to a close through Mr. Nye, of Bagshot, being recalled by telegram owing to an outbreak of fire. Mr. White, of Hurst, kindly filled the vacancy.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT WALTHAMSTOW.

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS BY THE RETIRING HONORARY SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the Essex Association was held on July 25th at Walthamstow, having been unavoidably postponed from Whit-Monday, due to the reduction of train service, consequent upon the miners' strike. There was a good attendance of members from Suburban Essex, and also representatives from other parts of the county. Service was held at St. Mary's Church in the afternoon, the Vicar officiating, and the special ringers' form was used.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, the retiring hon. secretary and treasurer to the Association, delivered his valedictory address from the pulpit on resigning the office after 30 years' service. Preaching from the words, 'Wee is me if I preach not the Gospel, and if I do this willingly I have a reward,' he said the words he had taken for his text were cast upon the waist of the Great Paul bell in St. Paul's Cathedral. A church bell was in a very real sense a proclaimer of the Gospel: the glad news of a Saviour present in life and death. The office of the ringer of the bell gave him the privilege of leading others to laud and magnify the Name which was above every other name. The preacher said bells and bellringing had had a fascination for him from his earliest days, and his name would go down to posterity in the three Essex bellries at Coggeshall, Great Totham and the Cathedral at Chelmsford. As soon as the new bells were placed in the belfry at Great Totham Church it became his lot to become his own sexton, and during his tenure of the benefice he rang for the deaths and funerals of 400 parishioners, a record in the case of the holder of a benefice, which he ventured to say was unique. When Queen Victoria died at 6.30 in the evening of January 22nd, 1901, the news reached Totham at 7.45, and he was enabled to ring her knell, in a quiet and isolated belfry, far from the madding crowd, when many towns took no notice till the following day. He also rang the knell for the Duke of Clarence, King Edward, and four Bishops. In 1890 he became assistant secretary to the Essex Ringers' Association, and it fell to his lot to preach the Gospel in that particular way. The work was becoming too great for Canon Papillon, who, up to that time, had been practically its only executive officer. In 1901 the county was divided into four districts, and last year into five, each with its own Master and secretary. The gain to the association had been immense. Now it had recovered from the ravages of the war, and renewed its youth and vigour; its financial position was stable and strong. He had been for 30 years secretary and treasurer to the association, and he ventured to say that of the many associations of ringers, spread over the length and breadth of the land, there were few officials, if any, who had had a longer tenure. His services had been rendered willingly, and with a glad heart, and now he had his reward. All through the thirty years he had been treated with the greatest kindness, and he hoped that his labours had not been in vain. He had received loyal support and many treasured gifts from the members, and he said farewell with the earnest wish that the Essex Association might long live and extend its borders, and that the ringers would be blessed in the honourable work they were doing for Church, King and Country.

A YEAR OF UNPARALLELED PROGRESS.

Tea followed at the Church House, the Master of the Association, Mr. C. H. Howard (Braintree), presiding, and the business meeting succeeded the tea. The annual report and balance sheet, presented by the Master as follows, were unanimously adopted:—The 41st annual report of the Association's work is highly satisfactory. The membership totals 936, showing an increase of 108 on the year, after allowing for losses due to deaths and other causes. My ambition has always been to have a thousand members—which I think will be accomplished during the coming year. Our income of £32 11s. 8½d. has not been sufficient to meet our expenditure, £37 4s. 4d., showing a net loss on the year of £4 12s. 8d., accounted for principally by extra cost of printing and postage. The raising of subscriptions from 1s. to 1s. 6d. will, it is hoped, meet our current expenses, and in time enable us to replace the £20 transferred from Reserve Fund. During the year 57 peals were rung, against 28 in 1919. The methods ranged from Grandfire Doubles to Stedman Cinques. Included in this list is the extraordinary result accomplished by Mr. W. Eyre and his band in their week's tour in the county. They rang no less than eleven peals in Surprise Major methods in eight days. The heavy ring of six at Kelvedon has been rehung; the bells of All Saints' (10) and Holy Trinity (6), West Ham, have each been overhauled and put in good ringing order. The ancient ring of eight at Finchingfield, which from a chaugeringer's point of view, has been practically unringable for 30 years, is to be rehung and the bells quarter turned. It is hoped the work will be completed and the bells re-opened during the present year. I regret to report that we have lost by death several prominent supporters: Bishop Stevens, of Barking; Rev. Canon Andrewes, Vicar of Harlow; Canon Corbett, Rector of Wanstead; Canon Sanders, Rector of Woodford; the Rev. E. S. Glover, Vicar of Writtle; the Rev. D. N. Younge, Vicar of Boreham; and Mr. J. Dutton, of Chelmsford, Honorary Members; Messrs. W. Grimwade, A. J. Perkins, O. L. Twist, J. Taylor, G. T. Clayton, E.

Chaplin and W. Moore, all of whom took a lively interest in our work. Mr. W. Moore was an original member, and had been a regular attendant at meetings since the formation of the Association in 1879. While we regret that the Castle Heddingham company have severed their connection with us, we welcome the following new towers: Black Notley, Finchingfield, Wethersfield, Wormingford, and Great Chesterford. Tollesbury, Galleywood and Stanford-le-Hope have rejoined—making a total of 96 towers in union with the Association. The annual gathering at St. Peter's, Colchester, drew a large attendance. The Rev. Canon Triffitt Ward, Vicar, gave us a hearty welcome. The address, a very practical one, was given by Rev. J. Evans, Rector of St. Giles. The proposal to erect in the Cathedral a memorial to fallen ringing members was unanimously passed, and a committee was appointed to see the work carried out. The plans submitted have since been amended on the advice of the Cathedral Architect, with the result that we have a fitting memorial worthy to commemorate those of our members who made the supreme sacrifice for King and Country in the Great War. The position chosen over the door leading to the ringing chamber is eminently appropriate. District meetings have been held at Sawbridgeworth, Saffron Walden, Bishop's Stortford, Colchester, Wormingford, Tollesbury, Langham, Broomfield, Brentwood, Maldon, Rettendon, Springfield, Chigwell Row, Prittlewell, Hornchurch, West Ham, Stebbing, Finchingfield, Foxearth, and Halstead. Proceeding these meetings, there have been services at the churches in the parishes, and the attendances show that we realise the sacredness of our calling. These services have helped us to appreciate our position as Churchworkers. Our position as ringers is unchanged under the provisions of the Church Enabling Act. In the past, our relations with the clergy have been of an amicable character, and we trust that they will continue so in the future. This exception of ringers from the control of Parochial Church Councils shows that we are recognised by the National Assembly as voluntary church workers, and the importance of our position is on an equality with the choir. I should like to take this opportunity to urge upon all the necessity to take the 'Ringing World' each week, as this is the only medium in existence serving the interest of our noble art. The year's work may be summed up as a record of unparalleled progress, due in a very large measure to our district officers who have carried out their duties during the year in a most efficient and praiseworthy manner. On behalf of the Association I tender to them our grateful thanks for their untiring efforts, and congratulate them on the result attained.

MASTER SUGGESTS A CHANGE.

During the election of Master, Mr. Black temporarily took the chair. Mr. Lucas (Walthamstow) proposed the re-election of Mr. C. H. Howard as Master.—This was seconded in two places, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Howard, in accepting the office, said he mentioned at Colchester last year that he considered for some years it would be in the interest of the Association that a change should be made in the position of Master. He had held the office for 15 years, and it would be well for the Association to seriously consider the question of a change. As the meeting had unanimously re-elected him Master again he would continue for one year, and hoped the members would choose someone from among themselves in whom they would have confidence as Master. He felt there were younger men from whom a choice of Master could be made, and so bring new ideas to the work. He felt he was standing in the way of someone who would not allow his name to be put forward if he (Mr. Howard) was willing and anxious to hold the position. That was not the position, and he would gladly welcome the successor appointed by the Association, and promise him unlimited support (hear, hear). He thanked the members for re-electing him Master, which he looked upon as a renewal of confidence (applause). Mr. Howard went on to say that the members heard in the church that the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre had decided to resign the offices of hon. secretary and treasurer to the Association. He had held the offices for 30 years, and the Association were very grateful to him for all he had done. The Essex Association, formed in 1879, had only had three hon. secretaries since Mr. Seaman formed it: the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Canon Papillon, and the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre. The Association had risen from very small figures to the proud position it now occupied, and this was very largely due to the excellent work by Mr. Eyre during his long term of office. The members would convey warmest thanks to Mr. Eyre for all he had done, with best wishes for a happy retirement, and they hoped to see him at the meetings of the Association whenever it was possible for him to attend (applause).

THE NEW HON. SECRETARY.

Mr. J. A. Black (Woodford) proposed, and Mr. Coles (Walthamstow) seconded, that Mr. F. Pitstow, jun. (Saffron Walden), be elected hon. secretary and treasurer to the Association, and this was carried unanimously.—The Master said Mr. Pitstow was an excellent choice for the office, and it was due to the name of Pitstow, which had long been associated with ringing in Essex, that they should honour it by electing a member of the family as hon. secretary and treasurer.

The Peal Committee was re-elected, and Messrs. J. A. Black and T. Faulkner were re-elected auditors.

Mr. T. Faulkner moved, in accordance with notice, that in future the annual meetings of the Association be held at Chelmsford. He

said since the Association decided to hold their annual meetings at different centres in Essex, Chelmsford had become the Cathedral City of the county; there was a peal of 12 bells, and Chelmsford was the home of the ringers' association. Also Chelmsford was the geographical centre, and there were very convenient towers near for ringing. —Mr. Theobald (Leytonstone) seconded.—Mr. Lucas (Walthamstow) suggested that the meetings should be held alternately at Chelmsford and Bishop's Stortford, so as to serve the western side of Essex.—On a vote the meeting decided in favour of returning to Chelmsford for the annual meetings.—The Master stated that now the decision had been reached to go to Chelmsford each year for the annual meeting, he had no hesitation in saying that circumstances had changed since the Association decided to hold its annual meetings in each district in rotation. The meetings at Chelmsford were always very successful, and there could be no better place for ringers to meet in Essex. Chelmsford had become the pivot of Church life in the county. That meeting was rather small, due to the necessary adjournment from Whit-Monday, but it was worth noting that every tower in Essex had been advised of the resolution to return to Chelmsford for the annual meeting, and not one had intimated any objection to the proposal.

PEALS TAPPED ON HANDBELLS.

Mr. T. Faulkner raised the question of booking peals tapped on the handbells by Mr. Morris, of Dovercourt.—The Master reported that he had been asked to book only one of the many rung, and he had accepted payment of the fee, and asked the Association to consider what was to be done in future.

After discussion, the following resolution was passed: 'That seeing that peals tapped on handbells were not recognised by the Central Council, in future they will not be booked by the Essex Association.'—It was agreed that this resolution did not exclude the one which had been booked, and which was recorded as an interesting performance.

On the proposition of Mr. Faulkner, it was decided to make an entry on the minutes of the Association of the appreciation felt for Mr. Eyre's 30 years' services as hon. secretary.—The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed, and the Master seconded, thanks to the Vicar for the use of the room and for the church service.—Mr. Howard said, on going back to Chelmsford, the Association would be made doubly welcome, and it would be proved they were right in deciding to hold their annual meetings at Chelmsford.

At the close of the meeting, Mr. W. Pye made a collection for Mr. H. Tarble, of West Ham, who has been ill for some time, and the amount received was £3 2s. 10d.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

A NEW ONE-PART PEAL.

A new one-part peal of Grandsire Triples of merit has been composed by Mr. Louis Head, of Maidstone, the feature of which is that except that in the initial 'B' block, the 4th, 5th and 6th are never called 'before.' The peal contains 125 calls, and only two ordinary Grandsire Singles.

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A SUSSEX TRIP.

The Seaford Parish Church bell ringers held their annual outing on Wednesday, June 29th, when they motored to Cuckfield and Bolney. Mr. T. Fisher (people's warden) accompanied the party, as also did Mr. W. Oxley (sidesman). Touches were rung by the party on the bells at both the parish churches. Tea was partaken of at the White Hart Hotel, Cuckfield, and the return journey was made later in the evening, after an enjoyable time had been spent.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Suffolk is to have a new peal of eight by the provision of an octave with 17½ cwt. tenor at Elvedon. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have been entrusted with the work.

August 7th is the anniversary of the first silent peal of Stedman Triples rung at Drayton in 1899.

The anniversary of the first true peal of Grandsire Royal falls upon August 6th, and is another of the performances to which the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths can lay claim. It was a 5099 rung in 1815, and described in the society's peal book as 'Tittum Grandsire Royal.' It was excelled in length by a 6000 rung in the following October by St. Martin's Youths, Birmingham, who had in 1814 rung what afterwards turned out to be a false peal at the opening of the bells at Aston.

The restoration of the peal of eight at All Saints', Hereford, with the recasting of the tenor as a memorial to the fallen members of the Diocesan Guild, will shortly be completed by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank will also complete, within the next three or four weeks the peal of ten at St. Mary's, Stafford.

Mr. J. W. Jones, the energetic honorary secretary of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, is as enthusiastic a cricketer as he is a ringer. He has played the national game for his county, and is still a keen follower of the pastime. He has recently been visiting Manchester—primarily to watch the Test match, we shrewdly suspect, although he succeeded in putting in some ringing when the play was over. We believe we are right in saying that Mr. Jones has seen every Test match played in England for the past quarter of a century or more.

As illustrating the real live interest which the Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild takes in its affairs, the honorary secretary of the Dorchester Branch told the members at the district meeting the other day that Major Hughes D'Aeth last year travelled 2,000 miles in connection with the Guild.

The master carillonneur of Malines (M. Josef Denyn) paid his annual visit to Cattistock on Thursday of last week, when he delighted a large audience who had gathered in this little Dorset village, with a wonderful selection of carillon music. Unfortunately the eight bells in the tower which are hung for ringing are practically unringable, and there is no hand of ringers there.

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I remind Mr. Bankeg James that a negative is one of the hardest of things to prove, and when he says that he has proved that London will not extend to twelve bells it really means that the Maximus is impossible on the lines on which he is working. Which I quite believe. That he is mistaken I have the best of all reasons for saying, and I am prepared to give him extensions from eight up to sixteen bells, or more. Mr. James is an able and fair-minded man, and when he has seen them I know he will agree they are true extensions, though they may not be what he is trying for.

The great majority of methods have limited powers of expansion. Some will not extend at all; some will only extend on even numbers; some will only extend on odd numbers; some only on numbers that are multiples of four; some only on numbers in other progressions. But if a method will extend at all, there is no limit to its expansion within its proper progression. It is contrary to natural law for a method to extend from, say, eight to ten, and then abruptly stop, or to miss out twelve and reappear on fourteen. It is much more likely that Mr. James' extension is wrong somewhere, than that natural law should be broken.

Many methods will extend in a variety of ways; and because I have a true and correct extension of an eight-bell method it does not follow that there are not others just as good and perhaps better.

Before you can argue about these things you must settle what exactly it is you are going to extend, and what exactly you mean by extension. And you must have some test by which to prove whether your extension is correct. Such a test is by no means easy to lay down. Here are four, which, together, are quite infallible if you have knowledge enough to apply them.

1. The construction must be the same. This is the one vital test, but does not help us until we know what construction is.
2. The lead-ends must be the same.
3. The work of the bells must be the same and in the same order without any additions or alterations which are not implied in the original.
4. You must be able to lay down a formula in general terms by which, without any other aid, any competent person could write out the method on any number.

I would like to give this advice to persons who are interested in this matter of extension. Don't experiment with complex methods like London. Take a simple method like Kent, and try and see what does and what can happen there. When you have understood the natural laws which give the extension of Kent you will have no trouble in extending London.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE FESTIVAL AT OXFORD.

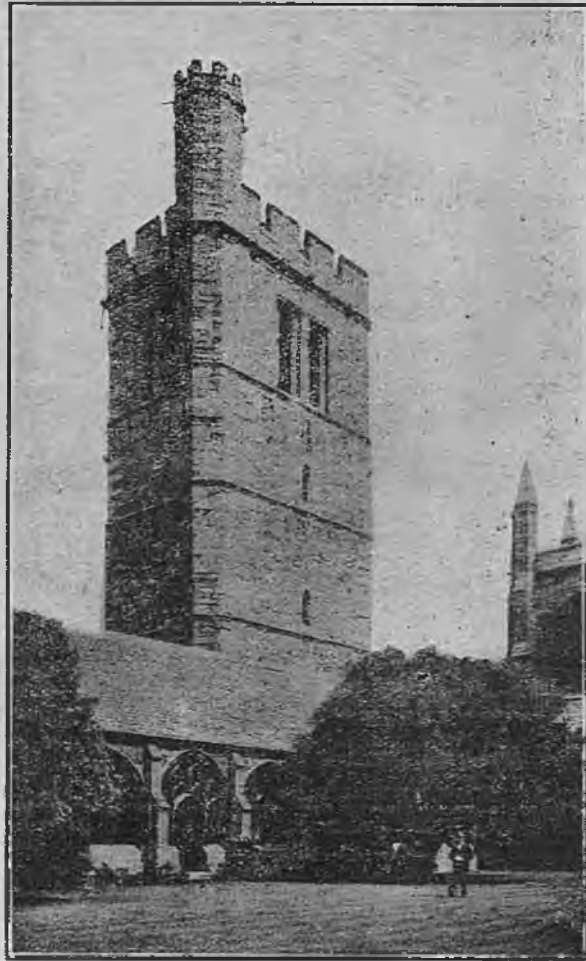
The annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which we gave a brief impression last week, drew together one of the largest assemblies of members that has foregathered during the Society's long existence. The beautiful service in the Cathedral, when the members honoured and perpetuated the memory of their fallen comrades by unveiling a tablet in the Cloisters has already been dealt with, and will long be remembered by those privileged to take part.

The business meeting was held in the Chapter House, and presided over by the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), who, in reviewing the year's work, first reminded the members that the war memorial which they had dedicated that day, had not been supported by every tower in the diocese, but the fund was still open for further contributions. There had been, he said, a considerable improvement in the standard of striking in many towers, but not many peals had been rung, although a fair number had been attempted, and it was evident that there was an increasing number of ringers of both sexes who

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) pointed out the heavy cost that had been entailed by the war memorial and the roll of honour, and remarked that the balance sheet told a very different tale this year owing to this expense and various grants to restorations, honorariums, etc. Every tower had been circularised with regard to the memorial, and it was hoped that every member, whether honorary or ringing, would contribute to this fund, for the memorial was the one way to keep in remembrance the sacrifice of the 120 men of their Guild. Some towers had contributed handsomely, and to all who had sent donations the Memorial Committee tendered their sincere thanks. Continuing, the Secretary said they deplored the loss of one or two towers, and also the loss of some who might be called emergency members, who look up ringing during the time so many men were away, and who never quite got past the struggling phase of the ringer's career. On the other hand, they welcomed back Clanfield, an old tower, and several new towers had become affiliated, most



MERTON COLLEGE.



NEW COLLEGE.

Two of the College towers where visitors to the Oxford Guild Festival had the privilege of ringing.

could be depended upon to ring well in a peal. In resigning the Archdeaconry of Oxford and passing to an honourable retirement, Canon Houbton carried with him the sincere good wishes of all members of the Guild and their thanks for much kindness spread over many years. Death had removed from them two old and faithful servants of the belfry—Samuel Paice and Valentine Sear. Having referred to the restoration work carried out at Churchill, Ellisborough and South Stoke, the Master went on to say that the status of the Church bell ringer had lately been receiving the attention of the national assembly of the Church of England, and it had been decided that the ringer should continue to come under the authority of the incumbent and not of the Parochial Church Council. It was, however, essential that church bell ringers should identify themselves with the Church life in their parishes and assist in the working of these new Councils.

of them in the North and South Bucks branches, so that the membership for 1920 worked out at 167 towers in union, 570 honorary and unattached members, and 1,365 change ringing and probationary members, making the total 1,875. The peals were not quite so many as in 1919, but were quite up to the proportionate average of other associations. They had to congratulate the Stoney Stratford band on their Minor peals and on the range of methods they had conquered, viz., 15 Surprise, 8 Treble Bob and 7 Plain methods. Also they had to congratulate St. Ebbe's, Oxford, who were on the way to again make Oxford a place to be reckoned with. He had attended with the Master a good many branch meetings and combined practices, and in the latter he had great faith. The Hon. Secretary concluded by thanking the Master and hon. treasurer and the district secretaries and all the members of the Guild for the help they had given him.

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ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

CARISBROOKE, 1921.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

The reports and balance sheet were adopted, and the following officers re-elected: Master, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn; hon. secretary, Mr. R. T. Hibbert; hon. treasurer, Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis; committee, Rev. Canon Newhouse, Messrs. G. Caudwell G. Hollifield, E. Humphrey, J. Keyte, J. J. Parker, W. Newell, F. Webb, H. Scar and J. Evans. Messrs. A. D. Cullum and J. F. Barlow were elected to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of Messrs. F. W. Booth and A. W. Pike.

An honorarium of £20 was granted to the hon. secretary. Canon Coleridge, who is President of the Central Council, gave a resume of the proceedings of the Council at their meeting at Whitsuntide.

The following recommendations of the committee of votes in aid of restorations were adopted: South Stoke three guineas, Tackley two guineas.

It was decided to hold the next festival at Oxford, an amendment that it should be held at High Wycombe being defeated by a large majority.

The election of 47 probationary and 83 change ringing members was confirmed.

After the meeting, the annual dinner was held in Christ Church Dining Hall, the Master presiding. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Dean and Chapter for their welcome, to Canon Coleridge for his sermon and to the organist.

During the day the following towers were open for ringing: The Cathedral, New College, Merton College, Carfax, St. Giles, St. Mary Magdalen, All Saints, St. Aldgate's, St. Ebbe's, Holywell, Ifley, Headington and Kidlington.

CARISBROOKE BELLS.
DEDICATION OF RE-CAST PEAL.

On Wednesday evening, July 27th, the Right Rev. Bishop MacArthur solemnly dedicated the new peal of 8 bells at Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, in the presence of a very large congregation. The service, which was fully choral, was taken as far as the third Collect by the Rev. T. S. Bushor, Vicar of Carisbrooke; the Rev. L. G. Tugwell (Calbourne), LL.D., Rural Dean, read the lesson, other clergy present being Revs. N. Gray (Curate), E. A. Fitch, C.F. (Parkhurst), and others. The Rev. G. E. Matthews (Milford), Vice-President of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, acted as Bishop's chaplain, and carried the Pastoral staff.

During the hymn 'Ring forth, Hojy Bells,' the choir, clergy and Bishop proceeded to the tower, where the actual dedication took place. This ended, the bells were immediately pealed for the first time, and a well struck touch of Grandsire Triples brought round. After the hymn 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' had been sung, the Bishop preached on Psalm 1, 5, 'Gather My saints together.' He said that a peal of bells were indispensable to the completeness of a church. For years some bells had been unringable and silent, and unable to give out their full message to the parish; but their music was necessary to articulate the feelings of the people. They had many functions, domestic, social, individual and national, apart from calling worshippers to God's house. Their sounds gave out God's clear call to the consciences of the parishioners—into His presence people were thus summoned. In these days masses needed to be reminded that there was a God, and from the bells a penetrating peal of reproach and warning could arouse the men and women of this sordid generation out of their apathy and callousness, and thus contribute their share towards the spiritual awakening of this worldly-minded age. His Lordship concluded his stirring address by quoting the inscriptions on the bells.

The hymn 'Now thank we all our God' was sung during the collection, and, after the Blessing, the choir and clergy left the church by the north door, just outside of which a presentation of a small model bell was made by Mr. C. Johnston to H.R.H. Princess Beatrice, who was present at the Dedication Service, and had seen the bells re-cast at the Croydon foundry. Her Royal Highness has shown a deep interest in this work of restoration. The model bell was cast from the same metal as the Carisbrooke peal.

The re-cast peal weighs 77 cwt. 0 qr. 17 lb., the tenor, a magnificent bell, in E, weighing 20 cwt. 1 qr. 0 lb. Hung in a new steel frame with ball bearings and tuned correctly according to Canon Simpson's principle, the harmonics of the whole eight bells are as perfect as modern tuning can make them. The effect when the whole peal was going, from the hill above the noble old Perpendicular tower, was truly charming, and everyone was delighted with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's work—without doubt the most melodious peal in the Island.

Previous to the service, the churchwardens, Messrs. R. Fisk, H. L. Morris and G. H. Horsley, entertained the local ringers and those from Hyda and Newport to tea in the Sunday School; the Vicar, the Revs. E. Bankes James and C. E. Matthews, and Mr. C. Johnson being present.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews proposed a very sincere vote of thanks to the churchwardens, and hoped that Carisbrooke would soon possess a band of change-ringers, duly affiliated to the new Isle of Wight branch of the Diocesan Guild. Mr. W. Upton, the hon. secretary of this

branch, is exceedingly keen, and, under his guidance, campanological things are beginning to 'hum' in the Island.

An interesting old stone tablet in Carisbrooke belfry with bas-relief carved representations of Newport and Carisbrooke Churches at the head, also two hands joined below a bell, records that on December 26th, 1777, the whole and compleat peal 5040 Holt's Grandsire Triples was rung in 3 hours 3 minutes by members of the above bands—all natives of the Island.

The dedication touch was rung by Newport ringers, and consisted of 168 Grandsire Triples: J. Simmonds 1, W. Chambers (conductor) 2, T. Scamell 3, W. Johnson 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, sen., 6, W. Upton 7, J. Leal 8.

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

The following is a ten-part peal, in which all the ten parts are called alike. I published a similar peal in 'The Bell News' many years ago, and it was afterwards incorporated into Snowdon's 'Grandsire.' But owing, I believe, to the form in which it was published, which was not very clear to many conductors, and to the ill-advised selection of the 5th as observation bell, the peal is never rung.

I am asking you, sir, to be so kind as to insert this present peal in the form given below, in the hope that it may be useful to the conductors of the present day. It will be noticed that I have reduced the calls to 140.

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	627435	4		567324	4	S	352674	3	Part Ends
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	546732	5		435726	5		453762	5	32654
	325674	2		264573	2		624375	2	26543
	743562	2		732456	2		756432	2	
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	652374	5		546275	5		342675	5	45623
	436752	1		325746	1		563742	1	56234
	654327	3		543267	3		345267	3	62345
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First call A. Then B four times; then C, and B four more times.

Yours, etc.,
E. BANKES JAMES.

5001 STEDMAN CATERS.

By A. J. PITMAN.

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	173542869	d	5	9	10				
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	271354869	a	b	c	d				
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	472135869	a	b	c	d				

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	475123869	c	d	a	b				
	371452869	c	d	a	b				
	374215869	a	(d)	a	b				
		(d)	add	single	at	4.			

Repeat as from 274315869, adding bob at 7 in last course produces 214365879. Round next change.

This composition consists of short courses of 10 sixes, with 78 behind 3 sixes and 69 behind 3 sixes in alternate courses.

'NORTHAMPTON SURPRISE.'

In view of the fact that there was already a method known as Lancashire Surprise Major, the Oswaldtwistle company, who recently rang a peal of Mr. J. Law's method and gave it the name of Lancashire desire to withdraw that name, and call it Northampton Surprise Major, as it was constructed by a resident in that county.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

A musical touch of 504 Stedman Triples is sent by Mr. W. Walmsley, of Macclesfield, got by Bobs at 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 at 7, Bob at 12, eight bobs with 6-7 behind, nine bobs with 7-4 and nine with 4-6, the whole being repeated. This contains all the possible 7-4's, 4-6's and 6-7's at backstroke. The first twelve sixes, five times repeated, give a touch of 432, or, omitting the singles, will come round at 212. The first 14 sixes, four times repeated, omitting singles, come round at 420.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Thomas' Parish Church for Erensong, on July 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. Composed by the late A. P. Wakley in the trenches in Flanders, and published in 'Ringing World' April 1st, 1921: W. Scott, sen., 1, T. Scamell 2, W. Johnson 3, J. Bacon 4, A. Callaway (conductor) 5, Lance-Corpl. T. Stone, R.E. (Portsea) 6, W. Upton 7, J. Leal 8. Arranged by Lance-Corpl. Stone, who is in camp at Freshwater.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, July 31st, for morning service, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, by A. Chambers, as published in last issue of 'Ringing World': W. H. Lambert (Benenden) 1, F. S. Macey (Smarden) 2, L. Honess (Biddenden) 3, W. Billenness (London) 4, J. Arthurs (Sutton Valance) 5, G. Billeanness (conductor) (Hawkhurst) 6, H. Parkes (Mersham) 7, C. Tribe (Tenterden) 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, July 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. A. Fosdike 1, E. J. Pannett 2, A. G. Bennington 3, J. Law 4, H. Norgate 5, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday evening July 31st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes) in 45 mins. (composed by John Carter): William Wase 1, Robert Evans 2, Bert Rixom 3, William Saunders 4, Richard Jones 5, Walter Lago 6, Jack Garbett (first quarter as conductor) 7, Jack Johnston 8. E. V. Rodenhurst took part in 504 of Grandsire Triples and 420 of Stedman for morning service; also at Madeley (Salop) for the choir sermons for the afternoon service, Mr. Rodenhurst stood in

several 120's of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, also 360 of Bob Minor. The Madeley and Coalbrookdale ringers arranged the latter.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.—On July 31st, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Bob Minor: G. Smith 1, W. Smith 2, A. A. Ling 3, J. Smy 4, A. Smith 5, A. Ling, jun. (conductor), 6.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, July 31st, for morning service, 608 Superlative Surprise: A. Keeble 1, L. P. Bailey 2, E. S. Bailey 3, G. Wilson 4, J. G. Rumsey 5, C. F. Bailey 6, B. Sampson 7, J. M. Bailey 8. For evening service, 588 Stedman Triples: E. H. Bailey 1, J. G. Rumsey 2, W. Button 3, G. Bailey 4, J. M. Bailey 5, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 6, C. Sampson 7, W. W. Bailey 8. W. Button belongs to Colchester.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, July 31st, at the Parish Church for Hospital Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): L. Paice 1, R. Dale 2, W. Pettifer 3, G. Birdfield 4, S. Paice 5, W. Short 6, J. Whitehead (longest length as conductor) 7, W. Blackman 8.

BURSLEM, STAFF.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 24th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Lees 1, T. Hurd 2, W. T. Malkin (Glossop) 3, J. Hurd 4, T. Hilditch 5, W. P. Deane (conductor) 6. The calling comprised 15 bobs.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Cathbert, on Sunday, July 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Ada Donnison 1, J. G. Green 2, F. Rainbird 3, R. Parkinson 4, W. Brown 5, G. Ward 6, W. H. Barber (conductor) 7, F. Sheraton 8. Composed by Jos. W. Parker. This is the first quarter-peal rung by a lady ringer in the Durham and Newcastle Association.

BARKING, ESSEX.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sunday, July 24th, for Divine service in the morning, on the occasion of Patronal Festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: Caleb Penn (conductor) 1, L. A. Pye 2, F. C. Russell 3, C. Pease 4, E. H. King 5, A. Pye 6, A. C. Hardy 7, Geo. W. Faulkner 8. The Messrs. Pye are from Romford, Mr. Pease from Chelmsford. The remainder are local men.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—On July 24th, for evening service at St. John the Baptist Church, 720 Bob Minor: F. Watling (conductor) 1, W. Smith 2, J. Avis 3, J. Smy 4, H. Phillips 5, A. Ling, jun., 6. Also 240 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Watling (conductor) 1, W. Smith 2, J. Avis 3, J. Smy 4, H. Phillips 5, A. Ling, jun., 6.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1,152 BOB MAJOR.

23456	W	B	M	H
23645	—	2	—	—
62345	—	—	—	—
36245	—	—	—	—
24365	—	—	—	—
32465	—	—	—	—
43265	—	—	—	—
25436	—	—	S	—
43256	—	—	—	—
24356	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	S

F. W. Rogers.

1,216 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

2345678	M	In	B	5th's	W	H
3527648	—	—	—	—	—	—
5237648	—	—	—	1	—	—
7325648	1	—	—	—	—	2
2345678	2	—	—	—	2	2

'Once a Beginner.'

336 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

234567	S	572634	1
725634	—	—	4
357246	3	—	—

J. F. Penning.

756 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

2314567	2134765	2	11
2174563	2	—	—
2154367	2	—	—

1,440 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

2314567	5236147	6	8	10
1526374	6 <td>8</td> <td>—</td> <td>—</td>	8	—	—
3156247	6 <td>8</td> <td>—</td> <td>—</td>	8	—	—
5136274	3 <td>5 <td>8</td> <td>—</td> </td>	5 <td>8</td> <td>—</td>	8	—
2516347	6 <td>8</td> <td>—</td> <td>—</td>	8	—	—
3256174	6 <td>8</td> <td>—</td> <td>—</td>	8	—	—
1326547	6 <td>8</td> <td>—</td> <td>—</td>	8	—	—
2316574	3 <td>5 <td>8</td> <td>—</td> </td>	5 <td>8</td> <td>—</td>	8	—

Each twice repeated.

The Late J. J. B. Lates.

1,277 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

62354978	1	4S
32465	1S	4
53264879	9	in end out at 2
45362	8	in 3S
24563	8	in 3S
32465	8	in 3S
43265	8	in 3
24365	8	in 3
52463	8	in 3S
45263	8	in 3
34562	8	in 3S
23465	8	in 3S
42365	8	in 3
34265	8	in 3

R. F. Deal.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGER.

There is, at any rate, one regular Sunday service ringer older than Mr. Ted Horrex, and he is Mr. Thomas Conley, of St. Peter's band, St. Albans, who, if spared, will be 85 on September 14th next. He is a regular ringer twice each Sunday, and has been connected with St. Peter's bells for about 70 years, as, when quite a boy, he used to chime the bells for service. By profession a cabinet maker, he daily pursues his calling, walking backwards and forward to his business at meal times with the regularity of a young man. Mr. Conley says 'it goes against the grain to be idle.' Mr. G. W. Cartmel, in sending us this information, adds: 'We are reminded, by a board recording a peal of Treble Ten in the sixties, of Ted Horrex's performances in St. Peter's tower, alas, he is the only one of the band alive. All good wishes, Mr. Horrex.'

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the report you kindly inserted last week of the Hereford Diocesan Guild's Annual Festival there is given the inscription proposed to be placed on the All Saints' tenor bell. It appears as if my name were to form part of the inscription. This is not the case. I signed my name to show who sent in the report, and had no intention that it should appear as part of the inscription.—Yours, etc.,

GEOFFREY W. TURNER.

THANET.—On Thursday, July 7th, at St. Laurence, Thanet, 504 Stedman Triples was rung by the following company: L. Twyman 1, S. G. Twyman (conductor) 2, W. Pickworth (London) 3, W. G. Birch 4, W. J. Jarman 5, J. Blythman 6, A. E. Jarman 7, J. Jarman 8. First 500 in the method as conductor. Also the first by the treble, 4, 6, 7 and tenor.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**PROPOSED DIVISION INTO DISTRICTS.**

The fourteenth annual general meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Rugby on July 16th. The towers of St. Andrew's (8), Dunchurch (6) and Newbold-on-Avon (6) were open for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and the Guild's special service was held in St. Andrew's Church, at which the Rev. J. B. Hewitt (Vicar of Newbold) officiated, and gave an appropriate address.

The business meeting was held in the evening, the President (Rev. Canon H. C. A. Back, M.A.), being in the chair. Apologies for absence were received from the Ven. Archdeacon of Coventry, Ven. Archdeacon of Warwick, Rev. Canon Evans, Rev. T. B. Harvey-Brookes, Rev. Canon Fortescue, Mr. G. E. Over, Mr. H. Reader and Mr. B. Wittchell. About 40 members from Allesley, Birmingham, Berkswell, Coventry, Emscote, Hatton, Rugby, Nuneaton and Warwick were present.

The printed report, covering a period of five years, was distributed to the members, and the Honorary Secretary (Mr. A. Wilkerson) read a summary of the Guild's activities during that time.—The President moved its adoption, Mr. O. J. Hunt seconded, and this was carried unanimously.

The usual annual report was also submitted, and mentioned that quarterly meetings were held at Stoke-in-Coventry, Bedworth and Warwick, and monthly meetings at Coleshill, Dunchurch, Wolvey and Berkswell.—Regret was also expressed that once again the Guild was refused admittance to the tower at Stratford-on-Avon, notwithstanding the President making the application. Mention was made of the augmentations at Monks Kirby and Exhall, the former with two new trebles to complete the octave, and the latter with two trebles and a tenor to complete a ring of six. The Guild rang 15 peals during the year, and ten new members have joined.

The Honorary Secretary also submitted a statement of accounts up to April 30th, 1921, which showed a balance in hand of £22 10s. 6d.

On the motion of Mr. Argyle, seconded by Mr. Cox, the accounts were passed, after which Mr. James George proposed, and Mr. Argyle seconded, that in future the financial year close on December 31st.—This was carried unanimously.

The President was unanimously re-elected, on the proposition of Mr. George, seconded by Mr. Pervin, after which the remaining officers were re-elected en bloc.

The President mentioned as this was the first annual meeting since the retirement of Mr. J. H. White, as hon. secretary, he would move a hearty vote of thanks be accorded him for his services.—This was unanimously carried.

The committee's recommendation of dividing the Guild into districts was discussed, and ultimately it was decided, on the motion of Mr. Argyle, to suspend action for the present, and a committee consisting of the Ringing Master, Mr. T. W. Chapman, Mr. J. B. Fenton, Mr. O. J. Hunt, Mr. F. E. Pervin and Mr. T. Male appointed to go into the matter.

Southam was selected for the next quarterly meeting in October, Brinklow and Exhall for monthly meetings in August and September respectively.

An item which provoked a deal of discussion was a resolution by Mr. Argyle to alter Rule 8 by deleting the word 'Birmingham,' but it was defeated by a large majority.

Votes of thanks were accorded the President for presiding, to the Rev. J. B. Hewitt for officiating at the service and for his address, to the clergy for the use of the bells, both at the annual meeting and during the year, to those honorary members and friends who have assisted the Guild in various ways to achieve its objects of recognising the bellringers as office holders in the Church, the promotion of scientific change-ringing and bellry reform.

The methods rung during the day included Graudsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich Major, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

BELFRY PENALTIES.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Being an old member of the Yateley band of ringers, not on the active list now. I was much interested in the recent article on 'Bells and Bellringing.' I could give some very funny reminiscences of ringing in the old days, and of chiming, when the tower got unsafe for ringing. Towards the end of the article referred to, the writer quotes some lines on penalties for misbehaviour in the belfry. Here is one version:—

All ye that are ringers
This do ye mark,
Who throweth o'er a bell,
Pay a groat to the clerk.
If with hat on or spurs
You perchance should ring,
You sixpence shall pay
For that very same thing.
For every oath taken
One shilling shall pay,
Or be expelled from the belfry without any delay.

Yours

W. B. TICE.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, August 6th, at Farningham. Bells at 3 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. F. Snaith (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea at the Lion Hotel and business meeting to follow. Half fares up to 2s. paid.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on August 18th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th; Southwark Cathedral on the 16th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, and St. Andrew, Holborn, on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Hamer on Saturday, August 6th. Bells ready at 3; meeting at 5.30. A good attendance is requested; business important.—T. K. Driver, Middleton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Meeting at Crawley, Aug. 6th. Tower open at 2. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5 (by kind invitation of the Rector).—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, by the kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. F. Marriott) on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Next meeting at Seend on August 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock, tea at 5. All wishing to attend tea let me know as early as possible.—H. F. Brown, 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Fownhope on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (6), available 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea, Schoolroom 5.45, 1/- each to those notifying me not later than August 2nd.—C. Edwards, Gt. Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone on Saturday, August 6th, 8 bells. Tea may be obtained close to the Church.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays 7.30 p.m., St. Clement Danes, Aug. 8th and 22nd:—

Bishopsgate 29th; Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement's 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate 2nd and 4th. Summer outing, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Full particulars later.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice at St. Mary's, Putney, Wednesday, August 10th, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Also a meeting at All Saints', Isleworth, Saturday, August 20th. Tower open from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at 1/6 per head. Will members and friends requiring same kindly notify me by August 15th?—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The Half-yearly meeting will be held at Ightham on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available at 3.30. Short service at 4.45. Tea at the George and Dragon at 1/3 each. Wrotham bells available for ringing at 6 o'clock. A motor bus will leave the Cannon, High Street, Maidstone, at 2.30. Those intending going by bus and wanting tea must let the Secretary know not later than Monday, August 8th. Half fares paid up to 2/- at this meeting.—S. Hazelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower St., East Farleigh.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting will be held at Monk Bretton on Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided at a reasonable price to those applying before August 10th. Bus route from Barnsley and Cudworth to Monk Bretton every half-hour.—C. D. Potter, Secretary, 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Next meeting at Upholland (6 bells) on Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready 3.30; meeting 6.30. A good attendance requested.—J. Halsall, Branch Sec., 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Olveston on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Vicarage 5 p.m. Please notify by August 8th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation) at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Those who intend to be present kindly notify me by Wednesday the 10th August. Will friends kindly note that the above notice will be the only intimation concerning the meeting?—George W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Havering-atte-Bower on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Meeting 6 o'clock.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, E.15.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Thursday, August 18th. Ringing from 6.20 p.m. Also one at Hampton on September 10th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wenden, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. A book on the history of Saffron Walden Bells and Bellingringing, by the

Rev. G. M. Burton, is now ready, price 1/-.—F. Dench, Hon. District Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, August 20th, when the new ring of ten will be open from 3 to 5, and after tea until 9. St. Margaret's, Rochester (8) and Frindsbury (8) will also be available after tea. Tea will be served at 5 o'clock at the Tea Table Cafe, High Street; 1/- per head will be allowed by the Association to members who notify me not later than Tuesday, August 16th. Business meeting after tea. All ringers welcome.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Magor on Saturday, August 20th, at 4.30. Bells (6) available.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, August 20th. The new ring of 10 will be available from 3 to 4, and after tea until 9. Further particulars next week.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dist. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

LADIES' GUILD.—(Southern District.)—A quarterly meeting will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, August 20th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Aug. 17th?—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

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AN ENJOYABLE OUTING.

On Saturday, July 23rd, the ringers of St. Paul's Church, Wood Green, Winesbury, had their annual outing, the place chosen being Albrighton. The party, numbering 23, including wives and children, reached Albrighton by rail at about 10.45. Having carried out the essential business of arranging for meals, the Vicar was interviewed for permission to use the bells, which was kindly granted for the afternoon. The rest of the morning was spent in exploring the village, walking through the fields and lanes, which provided a real treat in the glorious weather. After dinner the party made their way to the church, where they found the Verger awaiting them. After inspecting the building the bells were raised and set going to Stedman Doubles for the younger members of the band. A touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor followed, and finally a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung by: A. Cooper 1, J. Tyler (conductor) 2, E. Marlow 3, G. Tyler 4, E. J. Tyler 5, T. Hill 6. After falling the bells tea was partaken of, and the evening was spent in various way. The return was made at 7.50, after one of the best outings which the band has ever had. Best thanks are due to the Vicar of Albrighton for the use of the bells, and to the Verger for having everything in readiness.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The summer meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Whitley Bay on July 23rd, and was attended by 26 members. The bells at North Shields and Whitley Bay were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening. London Surprise Major appeared to present no difficulties to one member, who rang his first touch in that method like a seasoned London ringer, and proved the truth of the old proverb, 'Where there's a will, there's a way.'

A capital tea was enjoyed at the Grosvenor Cafe, and the business meeting followed, at which nine new members were elected, including two ladies from Chester-le-Street.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicars of Christ Church and St. Paul's for the use of their bells was carried by acclamation, and the meeting closed.

The musical tones of the bells of Whitley Bay were soon heard again in London, Cambridge, etc., and then, after a convivial hour, the members dispersed. Those who travelled up to Newcastle were treated to a trio, performed by some members of a band (not ringers) in the train on the trombone, cornet and bassoon.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23rd, the annual meeting of the Thrapston District was held at Ringstead, when about 50 members were present from Thrapston, Titchmarsh, Raunds, Addington, Woodford, Finedon, Kettering, Wellingborough, Northampton, Desborough, Weekley, Isham, Peterborough, and the local band. A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. Page Wood), who gave an address on bells and ringers. This was followed by an excellent tea in the School Room, arranged by a band of willing ladies. The President of the Association (Rev. H. E. Fitzherbert, R.D., Rector of Thrapston) presided over the business meeting, supported by the Vicar and the Rev. F. H. Lang (Twywell). The Rev. W. St. G. Coldwell was elected vice-president, Mr. J. Nickerson hon. secretary. Messrs. Bellamy, Wyman, Redhead, Wainwright and Baxter committee.—The Rev. C. B. Ritclie (Sudborough) and Mrs. Wyman and Mr. A. Rickard, the two churchwardens of Ringstead, were elected honorary members. Four ringing members from Sudborough were also elected.

It was decided to hold a special meeting at Sudborough, and the next quarterly meeting at Aldwinckle.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, the organist and the ladies for providing tea.—Mrs. Wyman extended an invitation to visit her grounds, and many took advantage of the opportunity. Some members indulged in handbells, while others made use of the fine peal in the tower and rang touches in methods from Cambridge Surprise to Plain Bob.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Saturday, July 2nd at St. Mary's Church, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of London Surprise Major: J. Woodberry 1, G. Davis 2, N. Davis 3, K. Salter 4, T. J. Salter 5, J. Davies 6, J. Smith 7, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 8. Rang with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. M. Tomkinson, carpet manufacturer, seven times Mayor of Kidderminster, and for forty years churchwarden at this church.

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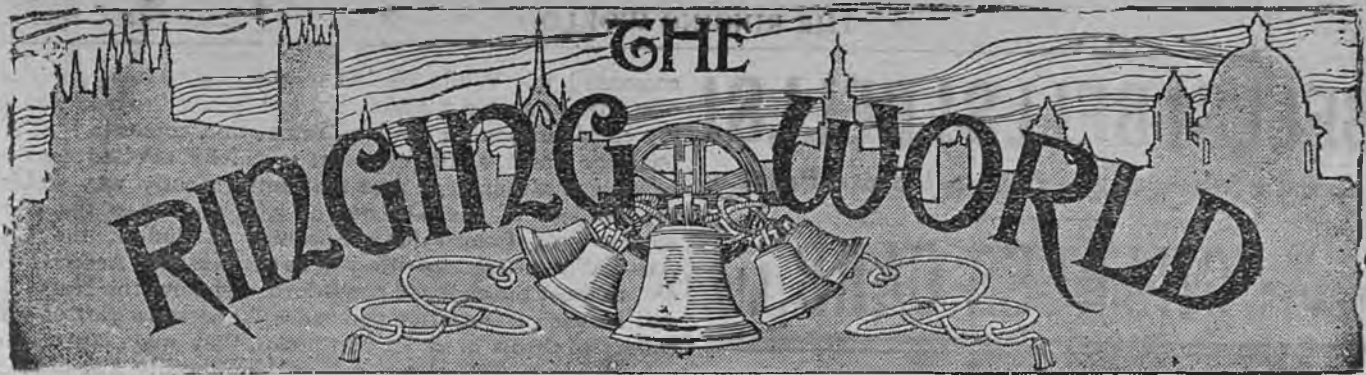
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THE POSITION IN SUFFOLK.

The recent formation of the Suffolk County Association aimed a serious blow at the Ely and St. Edmundsbury Diocesan Association, and the secession of the towers in the Archdeaconry of Sudbury must have had a considerable effect upon the strength of the organisation. It has, in the past, been felt by those who have now established their own association, that their attachment to Ely was, so far as ringing affairs were concerned, one from which they got little or no benefit, and it was this that largely induced the West Suffolk men to set up a society of their own. The Ely and St. Edmundsbury Diocesan Association appear to have accepted the fait accompli with the best grace possible, and at once curtailed their title to suit the more limited area left to them. At the same time there seems to us to have been no great reason why they should so hastily have taken this action, for there are other instances of diocesan and county associations overlapping one another's areas. It almost looked like the admission of the argument that they were unable to provide for the interests of the ringers in the Sudbury Archdeaconry.

But the idea behind the establishment of the Suffolk Association, as we understand it, is not merely to confine it to the West Suffolk towers, but eventually if possible to take in those in the eastern part of the county at present affiliated to the Norwich and Ipswich Association. The task of winning over the ringers in this area, who through a long period of years have grown up as loyal members of the old Norwich Diocesan Association, is a totally different problem, and at present among the ringers themselves there seems little desire to change their allegiance. Moreover, the Norwich and Ipswich Association is not prepared to accept the innovation quite so readily as did the Ely Association, and at a general meeting on Bank Holiday they sought a way of meeting the opposition which has confronted them. The solution of the difficulty which met with acceptance, and which the President characterised as an ideal suggestion if it can be carried out, was that there should be a meeting between representatives of the Norwich and Ipswich Association and the new County Association, with a view to amalgamation, the Sudbury Archdeaconry being made a separate branch with the same powers to control its own affairs as is now possessed by the Norfolk and Suffolk branches of the Norwich and Ipswich Association.

From the point of view of the latter organisation it is quite true there could be no happier settlement, and if the territory covered by the County Association were entirely within the boundaries of the old diocese of Norwich, the effort to amalgamate the two would have everything to

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commend it. While we have no desire to raise possible obstacles to such a solution, we feel inclined to ask where the consideration for the Ely Association comes in? The territory which, at the moment, is chiefly affected by the new organisation, is an area that until recently was within the borders of the Diocese of Ely, and when the new diocese was formed for the county of Suffolk, the Ely Association altered its title just as the Norwich Association did, to meet the changed conditions. If, now, the Norwich and Ipswich Association persuades the western part of the county to throw in its lot with them, they may lay themselves open to the accusation of robbing the Ely Association of a big slice of its area, almost as wantonly, indeed, as if they had done it without waiting for the formation of the Suffolk County Association, and we are sure that is the very last impression they would desire to create. If, therefore, the proposed conference is to take place, the Ely Association ought surely to be represented.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELMSFORD.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

ARTHUR EDWARDS 2	Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 2		*HARRY HEAD 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3		*JOHN W. WOOD... .. 9
*CYRIL PEASE 4		WILLIAM PYE 10
WILLIAM LINCOLN 5		REUBEN SANDERS 11
ALBERT W. COLES 6		ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. PYE.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*ERNEST MORRIS... .. 6	Treble	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 6
WALTER ALLWOOD 2		*WILLIAM T. PALMER ... 7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 3		*WILLIAM WAIN 8
*SYDNEY BRIGGS... .. 4		WILLIAM BIGGIN 9
JOHN P. TARTON 5		JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in Bob Royal. Rung to celebrate the birthday of the conductor.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 0 qr. 2 lb.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS 6	Treble	ALBERT HARMAN... .. 6
F. I. HAIRS... .. 2		FRANK BENNETT 7
*JOHN BEAMS 3		J. A. TROLLOPE 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 4		ARTHUR DEAN 9
ISAAC EMERY 5		CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Tuesday, July 26th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. Hart 1, G. II. Daynes 2, G. Steele 3, A. Cherriman 4, A. White (conductor) 5, R. Stredwick 6.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.
On Monday, August 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5219 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS HASTINGS Treble	HARRY BARRETT 6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 2	SIDNEY R. HICKS... .. 7
WILFRED G. COOKE 3	GEORGE ORCHARD 8
WILLIAM IRELAND 4	WILLIAM HASTINGS 9
ALBERT WRIGHT 5	RUPERT SHARP Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. WRIGHT.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	*ALFRED C. WRIGHT 6
JOHN OLDHAM 2	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 8
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	REUBEN SANDERS 9
ARTHUR MASON 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 25, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. WASHBROOK Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
FREDERICK PAGE... .. 2	J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN. ... 6
ERNEST DIBBIN 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

Arranged for J. W. Jones, Secretary of the Llandaff Diocesan Association.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 25, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
ARTHUR MASON 3	REUBEN SANDERS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 27, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES F. SAYER Treble	*HERBERT J. ELDRÉD... .. 5
*GEORGE S. CLAYTON ... 2	*EDWIN R. GOATE 6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY 7
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by F. W. NAUNTON.

* First peal in the method. Mr. H. J. Eldred was elected a life member of the Association previous to attempting the peal. The ringer of treble belongs to Barsham, and to Gt. Yarmouth, 3rd to Cambridge, 4th and 8th to Wrentham, 5th to High Barnet, Herts, 6th to Beccles, 7th to Knodishall.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

†JOHN E. BIBBY Treble	CYRIL RADDON 5
HARRY COLLYER 2	†FRANCIS BIBBY 6
*GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 3	†THOMAS H. LIGHTFOOT ... 7
EDWARD JENKINS 4	WILLIAM BIBBY Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal. † First peal in Major. ‡ First peal in the method. This peal was arranged to extend a welcome to E. Jenkins, a member of the Norwich and Ipswich Association (Suffolk), who recently came to reside at Stretton, Cheshire.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

IN THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HARRY BROUGHTON Treble	ISAAC G. SHADE 5
*JOHN OLDHAM 2	ARTHUR MASON 6
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
REUBEN SANDERS 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. PYE.

* First peal in the method. The above is the lightest peal of bells on which a peal in this method has been rung.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE ILLMAN Treble	WILLIAM BEESON 5
MISS NORA E. SHORTER ... 2	ALBERT HARMAN... .. 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	GEORGE ELLIS 7
ALFRED J. BULL 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 31, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	JOHN OLDHAM 5
ARTHUR MASON 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
PRYCE TAYLOR 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ONE-PART (No. 12).

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HENRY W. KIRTON Treble	HENRY HEAD 5
ARTHUR EDWARDS 2	*EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM... 6
WILLIAM LINCOLN 3	*JOHN WOOD... .. 7
*CYRIL PEASE 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

* First peal of Stedman.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES WINSER 5
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 2	FRANK BELSEY 6
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 3	FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... 7
WILLIAM SPICE 4	RICKS PAINE... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by F. RICHARDSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, also first peal of Stedman as conductor.

HYDE, CHEESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. o qr. 11 lb.

GEORGE F. TURNER <i>Treble</i>	SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... 5
*MISS EMMA TONGE 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER 6
WILLIAM E. CLARKE 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
JOSEPH LOWE 4	RICHARD F. DEAL <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. F. DEAL.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS H. CHAPPELL <i>Treble</i>	*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
ERNEST E. GRIMES 2	GEORGE ARCHER 6
WILLIAM C. WEISKINS ... 3	JOHN SOUTER 7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by W. G. RUMSEY.

Rung at the second attempt, a previous attempt earlier in the day coming to grief after 1½ hours owing to a change course. * 50th peal.

BAMPTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM TANNER <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH MILNER 5
HARRY HOLIFIELD 2	NOBLE SPINDLOW 6
GEORGE SPENCER 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
ALBERT E. LOCK 4	JACK TANNER <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by NOBLE SPINDLOW.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Spencer and Milner who hail from Isleworth and Harrow respectively.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

THOMAS H. HAIGH <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY... .. 5
JOHN HOWELL 2	PETER CROOK 6
SEIRLEY BURTON... .. 3	JOHN R. BARTON... .. 7
WILLIAM A. HALL 4	WALTER YEEND <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung to commemorate the 61st anniversary of the Restoration of the Church. The ringers of the treble and 5th belong to York, 2nd to Hull, 3rd to Leicester, 4th to Selby, 6th to Bolton, Lancs., 7th to Scarborough, and Tenor to Cheltenham. The visitors take this opportunity of thanking the local ringers for the trouble they exercised in arranging the peal.

IRETHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 5
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW... 2	JAMES WARD 6
ARTHUR W. DIX 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
GEORGE BASFORD 4	ARTHUR TOMPKINS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Arranged for Messrs. Brinklow, Dix and Sharman, who hail from Oxbey and Dunstable, and were elected life members before starting for the peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 5
HENRY R. NEWTON 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.

Arranged to oblige H. R. Newton, who was spending a holiday in the district.

LIVERPOOL
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES MARTIN <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT LUDKIN 5
*WALTER FISHER 2	EDWARD CAUNCE... .. 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN... .. 3	GEORGE R. NEWTON 7
*CLAUDE I. DAVIES 4	THOMAS W. GILMOUR... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Stedman. Mr. W. J. Bowden hails from Edmonton and was elected a non-resident life member of the Association.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 4, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. o qr. 26 lb.

ERNEST DUMPER <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 5
*REGINALD BROWN 2	HENRY W. WILKES 6
JOHN W. FAITHFUL 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

Arranged for Mr. Wilkes, of Dartmouth, Devon. * First peal in the method with a bob bell.

WEST BALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCEENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 6, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY <i>Treble</i>	PERCY E. CLARK 5
EVERED J. WALSON 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
CHARLES EDWARDS 3	HORACE BELCHER 7
EDWARD HARRIS 4	*HARRY A. FOLKARD <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar of St. Stephen's (the Rev. W. Halliday Thompson), who is leaving for the Parish of Winfield, near Windsor. * 100th peal and first for 16 years.

**BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, August 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*FRANK LEWIN Treble	JOHN R. MAIN 5
ARTHUR BELLAMY 2	GEORGE BASFORD 6
LEONARD J. WYMAN... .. 3	GEORGE LINES 7
†JOSEPH SADDINGTON... .. 4	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY DAINS.
Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

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

**BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, August 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATHEW.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 5
EDWARD HARRISON 2	HARRY OVERTON... .. 6
ARTHUR NEWELL... .. 3	JOHN W. DAVIES... .. 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

**CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, August 6, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES ... 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	ISAAC EMERY 7
FRANK I. HAIRS 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

**SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, August 6, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

RICHARD KEEN Treble	FRED LAMBETH 5
JOHN MONK 2	NOBLE SPINDLOW 6
MRS. A. E. LOCK... .. 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER... .. 4	ALBERT E. LOCK Tenor

Conducted by NOBLE SPINDLOW.

Arranged for Mr. F. Lambeth, who hails from Chippenham, Wilts, and was elected a member previous to starting.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

**BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, August 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt. approx.

*HAROLD WIGHTMAN Treble	*GEORGE DUDLEY 3
*EDWARD RIVITT... .. 2	FRED COTTON 4

ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal and belong to local band. First peal on these bells which were augmented to 5 in 1761. They are the front 5 of an octave and are hung backwards.

**DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, August 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, DODDERHILL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM SMITH Treble	FREDERICK SUMNERTON ... 4
EDGAR GUISE 2	CHARLES SMITH 5
EDWARD HAWKINS 3	CHARLES HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES SMITH.

Mr. E. Guise belongs to Bristol.

**WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 6, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

comprising three 720's of Woodbine and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob called differently. Tenor 17 cwt.

*HAROLD WALMSLEY Treble	FRED HARWOOD 4
JAMES ARMSTRONG 2	EDWARD ARMSTRONG 5
E. R. MARTIN 3	ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First attempt for a peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Robert Woodhouse, J.P., on attaining the age of 85 years. He has been people's warden at St. Leonards for 45 years, and was formerly a chorister for 30 years.

**HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, August 6, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

comprising 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

HENRY BURCH Treble	GEORGE R. FINCH 4
GEORGE PRYKE 2	CHARLES E. FISHER 5
FRANK L. FISHER 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

HANDBELL PEALS.

**CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, July 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
IN KING'S COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

H. G. BENSON 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON 5-6
R. O. STREET 3-4	YORK GREEN... .. 7-8

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

**HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, August 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by the Performer.

Umpire: OLAVE BROYD, Gestingthorpe.

Witness: WILLIAM CROSS, Sible Hedingham.

**CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**

On Friday, August 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Ten-and-a-half Minutes,
IN ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.)... 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 3-4	R. O. STREET (St. John's)... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

**HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Friday, August 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by the Performer.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

THE HANDBELL PEAL AT WORCESTER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should esteem it a favour if you would allow me space in your valuable paper to correct a mistake I made in the foot-note to the peal of Bob Major rung in Worcester on handbells on July 27th. It should have read, 'First peal of Major in hand by Western Branch,' and not the first peal in hand, as given. Will the secretary please note?—Faithfully yours,
W. PAGE.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**A MEETING IN HARDY'S COUNTRY.**

On Saturday, July 23rd, the Dorchester Branch held their summer meeting at the old-world village of Puddletown, which is situated five miles N.E. of the county town of Dorchester, and is the 'Weatherbury' of the Wossex novels. The feature of greatest interest in the village is its fine old church, which dates from 1195, and is one of the few in the county which has escaped the hand of the restorer. There is in the nave a beautiful panelled ceiling of Spanish chestnut, which dates from 1441. There are the old oak pews of past days, still in use, a handsome singing gallery for the choir, bearing the date 1635 (the Vicar still has the bill for the pews and gallery, which amounts to £101), an ancient wood pulpit, and a Norman font, shaped like a tumbler glass. The altar rails date from 1635. The church has a trans-Norman tower, with Perpendicular additions, which contains a fine peal of six bells. The tenor, which is especially worthy of mention, is 16 cwt. in E. No church in the county can compare with this in human interest, and nowhere can one come into closer communion with the homely spirit of the Dorset of the past. The village, also, has a lovely park and extensive gardens, with a large amount of glass. By kind permission of the squire (the Rev. G. Brymer) the ringers were taken through these by the head gardener, and they were much enjoyed and appreciated.

The following towers were represented: Bere Regis, Bournemouth, Buckhorn Weston, Buckland Newton, Fordington, Dorchester, Swanage, and Wyke Regis. The bells were raised at 2.30 p.m., and made good use of till 4.30, when the special Guild service was held in the church. The Vicar (the Rev. A. L. Helps) officiated, and was assisted by the Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary, Wimborne Branch). The singing was well rendered, and was a fine feature of the service, being led by the full ladies' choir. The Vicar gave a quotation from Emerson, 'What you are thunders so loud, I cannot hear what you say,' and instead of the usual sermon, he dwelt in a masterly way on the history of the church, pointing out every detail, to the delight and appreciation of all present.

Other good things were in store for the ringers and friends (between 40 and 50), the Vicar inviting all to come to his house, and on the lawn under the large beech trees a sumptuous tea was awaiting them.

The business meeting followed, and in the absence of the chairman (Mr. R. N. Dawes), Major Hughes D'Aeth (Master of the Guild) presided, supported by the Vicar and Mrs. Helps, the Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary, Wimborne Branch), and officers of the branch. Several apologies for non-attendance were read.

Mr. A. B. Russ, of Wyke Regis, was elected an honorary member.—The Vicar of Buckland Newton (the Rev. E. C. Field), having extended an invitation to the branch for them to hold their meeting there in September next, that place was chosen.

The Master gave a short resume of the general meeting of the Guild, and stated they had decided to raise the subscription from 1s. to 1s. 6d. He also proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Helps for their great kindness in providing such a bountiful repast, and for the use of their house and extensive grounds; also to the Vicar for the interesting address.—The Rev. C. A. Phillips seconded, and, needless to say, the vote was carried with acclamation.—The Vicar, responding, said he hoped nothing would intervene to prevent them staying away so long again.

It may be mentioned here that the Vicar is a real ringers' friend, having been an honorary member of and taking great interest in the Guild for a number of years. He also learnt the rudiments of the ringers' art at the Theological College.

Further votes of thanks were given to the organist and choir, the local band, and the Master for presiding.

General regret was expressed on all sides at the likelihood of the Branch Secretary having to leave the district.

Several ringers came after the meeting and made good practice with the learners till 9 p.m., while another party motored to Bere Regis and rang some Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles on this fine peal, a few being piloted through their first course of Minor. Afterwards they made a circular trip home in what is known as Hardy's country, across Egdon Heath, through Bovington Camp, which many a ringer remembers during the late war.

AUTHORSHIP CLAIM WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I write to withdraw my name from the composition rung at Oswaldtwistle, on June 28th, the figures of which were published in 'The Ringing World' on July 15th, with apologies to the Rev. H. Law James.

I think Mr. A. York-Bramble's suggestion in 'The Ringing World' of August 5th, re overlapping in naming of methods and claims to authorship is worthy of consideration by the C.O.—Yours truly,

T. LAW.

NEW BELLS AT HADLEY.**MR. F. A. MILNE'S MEMORIAL GIFT.**

On Thursday, July 21st, the Bishop of Willesden dedicated at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Hadley, Middlesex, the two new trebles which have been presented by Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P., hon. treasurer and a vice-president of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild; the treble in memory of his father and mother and the 2nd in memory of his son who was killed in France. The bells are from the foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and all who heard the touches which were rung by members of the association after the dedication service were agreed not only that the founders had made a most excellent splice, but that the new bells, when rung in changes with the old, appeared to impart a tone and quality to them which they did not possess before.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—A.D.M.G. In piam memoriam Franci et Augustæ Milne qui eodem die ex humanis rapti in Christo beatissime obdormiverunt ix Kal: Aug: MDCCCXC. Dedit filius F.A.M.

Second.—A.D.M.G. In piam memoriam Alexandri R. Milne, centurionis in magno bello occisi. Fridie Kal: Aug: MCMXVII. 'O all dilectissime paulisper vale.' Dedit pater F.A.M.

DEATH OF MR. W. WARBURTON.**PIONEER OF CHANGE RINGING AT WHISTON.**

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. William Warburton, of Whiston, Yorks, who passed away at the age of 61 years, on Saturday, July 30th, after suffering for some months from cancer. The deceased first joined the Rawmarsh company of ringers, and afterwards transferred his services to Rotherham. He joined the Yorkshire Association in the year 1889, and rang ten peals under that association.

Later in life he went to reside at Whiston, where there were only four bells. He, however, used his talent there in instructing the band at that time, and was chiefly instrumental in getting the ring augmented to a peal of eight (by the famous Loughborough firm, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.). It is pleasant to record that his name appears on the tablet in the church recording the first peal upon the bells.

At the funeral the remains were borne to the grave by the deceased's fellow workmen. The Rev. H. T. Alton, M.A., Rector, met the cortege at the church gate, and read the prayers and lesson in a very impressive manner. He also spoke of the late Mr. Warburton's upright, manly bearing and character, from which all could take an example.

After the committal, a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by: S. Briggs 1-2, F. Willey 3-4, W. Burgar 5-6, C. Ryder 7-8. Many other ringers attended from Rotherham, Norton, and other towers, and rang the church bells half-muffled in the standard methods as a last tribute of respect.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Reddish on Saturday, July 30th, Mr. A. Barnes presiding over the business proceedings. He gave a hearty welcome to the visiting ringers, especially to Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, the secretary of the Llandaff Association, and his wife, who were spending part of their holidays in the district.—The Branch Secretary gave a report of the committee meeting held at Bolton, and Prestwich was selected for the next meeting-place on Saturday, September 3rd. Before the close of the meeting, Mr. J. W. Jones said how pleased he was to have met the members of the branch, and thanked all those who had made his stay in Manchester so pleasant, especially Mr. H. Chapman for his kindness in arranging the ringing for him at different towers. If at any time any of them were coming to Newport he would try and repay what had been done for him.—Votes of thanks to church officials and to the local ringers for having everything in readiness, closed the meeting, and ringing was indulged in till a later hour.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the St. Albans District of the Herts County Association was held at Hatfield on Saturday, July 23rd, and was well attended by ringers from various towers. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening in methods up to Superlative. The party were entertained to tea at St. Audrey's by the Rev. J. J. and Mrs. Anrobus, whose kindness was much appreciated by all.

At the business meeting the Rector was voted to the chair. One new member was elected (the Rev. F. R. Bonsey, of Northaw), and it was decided to hold the next meeting at North Mymms, it being left to the secretary to fix the date.

A vote of thanks was moved to the Rector for the use of the bells and for so kindly entertaining the members to tea.—The Rector, replying, said it gave him great pleasure to have the meeting there, and hoped the association would come again.

'TABLOID.'

In our article, 'Westminster Ringers in Bucks,' on page 444 of our issue of July 29th, reference was made to 'Tabloid food (Horlick's)' as among the local industries pointed out at Slough. Messrs. Burroughs Wellcome and Co. call our attention to the fact that the word 'Tabloid' was invented by them, and is their registered trade mark, and has been for nearly forty years specifically designated the products of their house. Clearly, therefore, 'tabloid food' should not have been used in connection with the industry at Slough, and we take this earliest opportunity of pointing out the error which our correspondent quite inadvertently made, and which we regret.

SUFFOLK RINGERS IN ESSEX.

On Saturday, July 9th, the St. James' Guild, Bury St. Edmunds, made a tour of Essex towers for their annual outing. Starting from home by char-a-banc at 8.15 a.m., accompanied by Mr. T. Fitzjohn, of Thetford, and Messrs. A. and S. H. Symonds, of Lavenham, the first stopping-place, Halstead, was reached at 9.30, where the bells were soon going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Major. Braintree was reached at 11 o'clock, and Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major were rung at this tower, where the party were greeted by Mr. A. Shufflebotham. Chelmsford was the next objective, and here the party were joined by Messrs. J. Sparrow (Croydon), C. Woodcock (Ipswich), F. G. Symonds (London), and Mr. Kirton and others of the Cathedral band. After an excellent dinner at the Dolphin Hotel, a visit was paid to the Cathedral, where a course each of Grandsire Caters, Grandsire Cinques and Stedman Caters was brought round. The next call was at Writtle, where hangs a very musical peal of eight, on which Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Double Norwich were rung. Mr. F. G. Symonds had then to leave for London. The last place on the programme was Becking, which was reached at 5.45 p.m. Here tea was enjoyed, and afterwards a visit to the tower to ring Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Major. The touches throughout the day were conducted by A. Moore. On the homeward journey the handbells were brought into use, and Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung, whilst travelling through Halstead, Sudbury and Long Melford street, much to the amusement of the townsfolk. At Alpheaton the two Lavenham friends bade farewell, to wend their way home by field and glade, and Bury was later reached in safety, after a very happy time. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents of the towers, and the friends who met them, for all their kindnesses.

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The July meeting of the above was held at Bentley on July 30th. There was a fairly good attendance of ringers, in spite of the holiday. Various methods of Doubles were rung on the five bells during the afternoon and evening. A sumptuous tea was provided by the local band, and served in St. Peter's Room.—The Rev. A. E. B. Wade (Vicar) welcomed the ringers to Bentley, and advised his own ringers to send a deputation to the Church Council to ask for another bell to make the ring into one of six.—The usual votes of thanks were passed at the business meeting. Later the members went on to Arksey, where touches in the four standard methods were rung on this light ring of eight.

LINSLADE RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, July 30th, the Linslade ringers had their first outing since the war, and motored to Hardwick, where they found a handy little ring of six, restored by Mr. Bowell in 1903, to commemorate the late King's Coronation. After raising the bells in peal, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles were rung, as well as 360 Bob Minor and 180 Double Court. The ringing is done from the floor of the church, and several of the local men were interested spectators. This is believed to be the first half-peal ringing on the bells. The visitors were congratulated by one of the oldest ringers, who had rung at Hardwick for over 50 years.

After leaving Hardwick, the party rode into Aylesbury for tea, and then took a stroll round the market. Then going on to Berton, they interviewed the Vicar, who kindly went with the ringers to see if it was possible to ring the bells, but it was found that only one rope out of the six was attached to a bell, owing to repairs being carried on to the tower roof. Proceeding to Wingrave, where there is a fine ring of six, they tried about half an hour to get the bells to go to Grandsire Doubles, but the task had to be given up on account of the shifting of the frame. A deputation of the visitors called on the Vicar and told him the state of the bells, and recommended him to call in expert advice or communicate with the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild about them. These bells were rehung about 14 years ago, but appear to have been neglected. After leaving Wingrave the party motored to Mentmore, and called on Host A. Carter, of the Stag Inn, where a pleasant quarter of an hour was spent on different hunting courses. Host Carter informed the visitors that he came from Little Munden, Herts, and several were interested in the peal cards he brought out for their inspection. Before leaving, the wish was expressed that he would cycle to Linslade for six and eight bell practice.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It was interesting to note that amongst the Wath company taking part in the contest at Ecclesfield was the genial face of Mr. Josiah Panther, aged 74, and, like 'Johnny Walker,' still going strong. At the last contest at Ecclesfield, which took place in 1874, this veteran was one of the Wath company which gained second prize.

Another interesting figure at the contest was Mr. T. Stead, of Huddersfield, who took part in the 'All England team' which won the 1874 contest.

Mr. F. Willey writes: 'I see in your Belfry Gossip in this week's "Ringing World" you say the first silent peal of Stedman Triples was rung on August 7th, 1899. May I correct the statement, and also inform you that a silent peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Paul's Church, Burton-on-Trent, on November 20th, 1886.'

An anniversary which falls to-morrow is that of the first peal of Double Norwich in Wales, which was rung on August 13th, 1883, at Rhyl, by those same Burton men who can claim the 'silent' peal of Stedman. Joseph Griffin, John Jaggard and Edward I. Stone, who were in the band at Rhyl, are still on the active list to-day.

August 15th is the anniversary of the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, which, with many other interesting achievements, went to the credit of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. It was rung in 1908. This method is the height of ambition of most twelve-bell ringers, but the total number of peals rung since the Ipswich men led the way is, we believe, less than a score.

Our reference in our leading article last week to the long services of the Rev. E. J. O. Helmore as hon. secretary of the Kent County Association brings us the information that Mr. Helmore has filled this office for longer even than we mentioned, for he was appointed on July 15th, 1891, which is over thirty years ago. Mr. Helmore feels it is time a younger man was appointed, but that is not the feeling of the members of the Kent Association all the while he is willing and able to discharge the duties of his office.

Fancy ringing 99 peals and waiting 16 years for the 100th! Yet this is what Mr. H. A. Folkard has done. Last Saturday he rang the tenor to a peal of Stedman at West Ealing. It completed his century, although his previous peal was rung in 1905.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

BELL REPAIRS FUND STARTED.

The annual meeting of the Peterborough and District Association was held at Peterborough on August Bank Holiday, when upwards of 60 were present, including ringers from Gainsboro', Derby, Southwell, Northampton, Rushden, Wellingborough, Kirby-Muxloe, Kettering, Bedford, March, Chatteris, Deeping, Whittlesey, Wisbech, etc. The service was held at St. John's Church, conducted by the Rev. A. Miles, who gave a very powerful address, and a collection was made for the Memorial Bell Fund.

The tea and meeting were held in St. Mary's Schools, the president (the Dean of Peterborough) being in the chair, supported by the vice-president, the Rev. A. C. Neely, B.D., Vicar of St. Mary's.—The treasurer's report showed a balance of £9 18s. 1d. in hand, and on the Bell Fund £6 13s. 6d. One handbell peal and ten Minor peals had been rung during the year.

The officers were re-elected, with the addition of Miss K. A. Jutson as assistant secretary; Miss A. Parkins and Messrs. Tebbutt, Cross and Dainty on the committee, in place of Messrs. Barker, Howling and Hoare.—Nine new members were elected, and two life members.

The bells of St. John's, St. Mary's and Woodston Churches were kept going during the day, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Superlative Surprise Major. Master Bowley, Kirby-Muxloe, got his first touch of Bob Minor, and another ringer from that district a first in Treble Bob.

It was decided to form a Belfry Repair Fund, and it was also decided to ring a quarterly peal to be arranged by the committee.

In conclusion, a vote of thanks was proposed to the Dean for presiding, to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for arranging such a splendid tea.—Mrs. Jutson replied on behalf of the ladies.

PRESENTATION AT HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING.

FAREWELL TO A ROMFORD RINGER.

On Wednesday, July 27th, at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Houghton-le-Spring, Co. Durham, a date touch (1,921 changes) was rung in one hour and eleven minutes, consisting of 481 Plain Bob, 720 College Single, and 720 Plain Bob Minor, by: — Rainbird 1, T. Masters 2, S. Robinson 3, A. Spearman 4, W. Sheraton 5, R. Parkinson (conductor) 6. This was rung as a farewell to Mr. Rainbird, of Romford, Essex, who has been staying in the district for about a year, and has been a frequent visitor to the belfry. On behalf of the ringers, a walking stick, suitably inscribed, was presented to Mr. Rainbird as a memento of his stay. He leaves with the best wishes of all the band for his future welfare, and the hope was expressed that the day was not far distant when he would be amongst them again.

NORWICH & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

THE POSITION OF SUFFOLK MEMBERS.

SUGGESTED CONFERENCE UPON AMALGAMATION WITH NEW SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION.

A joint meeting of the Norwich and Ipswich branches of the Association was held on August Bank Holiday at St. Margaret's Institute, Lowestoft, when many representatives from both the Norfolk and Suffolk towers of the Association were present, and an important discussion took place upon the position of affairs in Suffolk, caused by the formation of the new Suffolk County Association. Previous to luncheon being served at the Crown Hotel, the members were kindly granted by the Rev. Evan C. Morgan (Rector) the use of the ring of eight bells of the Parish Church of St. Margaret, and rang touches in the standard methods. The president (the Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich) presided at the luncheon, supported by the vice-president (Mr. C. E. Borrett), the hon. secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman), the Ringing Master (Mr. G. P. Burton), Mr. E. Evans (branch secretary, Ipswich), the Revs. W. C. Pearson and H. Drake, Mr. W. L. Duffield, and the following district secretaries: Messrs. G. H. Cross, C. E. Fisher, E. E. Diaper, F. C. Lambert and F. W. Naunton. An excellent repast was served by Host Stansfield, and the only toast honoured was that of 'The King.'—The Dean said every year that passed by made the toast appeal more and more to all patriotic and loyal Englishmen. His Majesty the King set us all a magnificent example of duty faced and duty done.—The toast was enthusiastically honoured.

The company then adjourned to the St. Margaret's Institute, Alexandra Road, where the Dean extended to the members a hearty welcome.—The General Secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman) read the minutes of the last general meeting of the Norwich Branch, and the Branch Secretary (Mr. Edward Evans) read the minutes of the last general meeting of the Ipswich Branch, and these were confirmed.

The Secretary read the names of nine new members elected by the committee, and reported that the association had enrolled nearly fifty new members, including re-elections, and had received six resignations. He thought this a very satisfactory state of affairs, in view of the increased subscription which had been levied. Mr. Coleman further reported that Mr. A. J. Naunton, who had been secretary of the Southwold District for 25 years, had resigned on account of his great age, and his son, Mr. Francis W. Naunton, was elected to fill the vacancy at a meeting of the Southwold District, held at Wrentham on May 7th. Mr. Coleman eulogised the work carried on by Mr. Naunton, senr., in the Southwold District, and congratulated the members of that district upon appointing another member of the Naunton family as district secretary (applause). Mr. Coleman also reported the resignation of Mr. Edward Jenkins as secretary of the Framlingham District, upon his leaving that district to take up an appointment at Warrington, Lancashire.

Mr. A. L. Coleman proposed, and Mr. E. Evans seconded, the confirmation of the motion passed by the Norwich Branch at Fakenham, and by the Ipswich Branch at Ipswich at their respective meetings on March 28th, 1921: 'That members on re-joining the association shall pay a fee of one shilling, together with the subscription for the then current year.'—The motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried.

VIEWS OF SUFFOLK CLERGY.

A long discussion followed as to the position of the Norwich and Ipswich Association in respect to the formation of a new Suffolk County Association.—Mr. Evans explained that since the branch meeting at Ipswich a Suffolk County Association had been formed by West Suffolk members (late of Ely Diocesan Association). He had been asked whether East Suffolk members were going to secede or stick to the Norwich and Ipswich Association. They would really like a lead from the new Bishop of the Diocese. At a meeting last Tuesday, the Ipswich Branch decided to continue their membership with the Norwich and Ipswich Association (applause).

The Rev. H. Drake read the circular letter that he had issued to the clergy, and stated that he had been asked to find out the opinions of the clergy who have towers with rings of four bells and upwards, and to report to the meeting. Mr. Drake said the clergy had no sympathy with the formation of a County Association, but he wanted the meeting to be impartial on the matter. There was a strong feeling amongst the clergy, however, that a Diocesan Association should be formed.

Mr. G. P. Burton said he was surprised at the attitude of Mr. Drake, especially as he was an official of their association. The Suffolk members had always adopted a brotherly feeling, and it would be unnatural to divide Suffolk up. He thought the question arose through the overlapping of the boundaries. It was not right to say that West Suffolk ringers would not coalesce with East Suffolk ringers. Suffolk ought to be, and could be, as one. He was not desirous of witnessing anything approaching secession, and suggested that the new Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich be approached in a diplomatic manner for a lead to be given, and the suggestion be made to the Bishop that the two associations work together as one.

The Secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman) said he thought Mr. Drake's circular a mischievous one, and the questions put to the clergy to

answer misleading, in dealing with such a serious matter as that, of dividing up of an association. Of the 200 clergy to whom the circulars have been issued, approximately only 20 were members of ringing associations. What was such an opinion worth, coming from a body of men with little or no experience on ringing associations? The 380 ringing members concerned did not appear to have a voice in the matter until the clergy had expressed their opinion, which was wrong in principle, and was compromising the position of companies in union with the association, and endangering the happy relationship that now exists between the clergy and the ringers. Mr. Coleman pointed out that in all cases of the divisions of Dioceses, the ringing associations had wisely decided to remain as one society, with admirable results. He thought one association would be far better than two broken associations (applause). They would deeply regret a severance of the Suffolk members.

A SUGGESTED SOLUTION.

Mr. F. C. Lambert (district secretary, Halesworth) thought that very few of the members were aware of the spade work done by the Norwich bell ringers during the past 250 years. Bell ringing in the district was instituted at Norwich, and it would be unfair to sever connection.

Mr. C. E. Borrett said the only happy solution would be the forming of one association for Norfolk and Suffolk, with self-governing branches for Norfolk, East and West Suffolk. He proposed that a small deputation meet the West Suffolk County ringers at a conference to discuss the matter of amalgamation.—This was seconded by Mr. G. P. Burton, and carried.

The President remarked that this would be an ideal solution of the matter, and hoped it would be carried into effect so as to make amalgamation possible.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Dean, the Rector of Lowestoft, for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Richard T. Woodley who kindly made all the preliminary arrangements.

THE REV. H. DRAKE'S CIRCULAR.

The circular sent out by the Rev. H. Drake to the clergy, and which was commented on at the meeting, was as follows:—

'When this Diocese was formed the re-arrangement of the Ringers' Societies was held up on account of the war. Ultimately the old arrangements were continued, with merely a change of name. The Ely Diocesan Association became the Ely and St. Edmundsbury Association, and the Norwich Diocesan Association became the Norwich and Ipswich Association. At Easter a new Society was formed in the West of the Diocese to be called 'The Suffolk County Association.' Thereupon the Ely Association withdrew from the Diocese and reverted to its old name.

'The new Society wishes to cover the whole of the County; but there are two counter proposals: (1) That it should keep to the West of the County, and leave the East to the Norwich and Ipswich Association. (2) That the County Association become a Diocesan one, or that an independent Association be formed for the Diocese, to include the 200 towers in which there are bells.

As an official of the Norwich Association, I cannot support the formation of a rival Society, but I was asked to find out the opinions of some of the Clergy who have Ringing Towers, and report them to a Meeting of that Association which will be held at Lowestoft on August 1st. So far, I have heard from about a score, and they are all of one opinion. Therefore, it seems best to send this letter to all the Incumbents of towers given in Raven's "Bells of Suffolk" as having four or more bells, asking them to return me their replies on the form on the next page.

'If they could also suggest the kind of subscription which would be best, it would be a help. The Norwich Association's subscription is 2s. 6d.; that of the County Association is 2s.; it is suggested that the subscription for a Diocesan Society be a lump sum for each tower, say, 2s. (or even 1s.) per bell, to include all Clergy, and ringers.

'The answering of this letter does not pledge you to join any such Society, unless you answer the last question in the affirmative.

'If you know of any tower where the bells have been increased to 4 or more since 1890, please mention its name.'

The questions to which replies were requested were the following:—

- (1) Do you think the Norwich and Ipswich should continue, as of old, the Association for Ringers in East Suffolk?
- (2) Or do you think that the County Association should take its place?
- (3) Or do you think that it should become a Diocesan Association, or that such a Diocesan Association should be formed?
- (4) What arrangements as to subscription do you advise?
- (5) Are you at all inclined to join such a Society, and if so, which?

The Rev. H. Drake informs us that he omitted to make it clear at the meeting at Lowestoft that his primary motive in sending out the circular was to advertise the Association among the clergy of towers where there are bells, and interest them in it through this question which has arisen.

Out of about 245 inquiries sent out 53 replies were received, and as the majority, if not all of these are not at present members of any association, it should at any rate lead to many new members being secured.

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To the first question asked, six said 'Yes.' An affirmative to the second question was given by three, and 39 said 'Yes' to question 3, while five declined to express an opinion.

On the question of the amount of the subscription 11 voted for a subscription of not less than 2s. 6d. per ringer, two for 2s., one for 1s., five for 2s. per bell, eight for 1s. per bell, three for 2s. 6d. for each tower. Four promised to join the Norwich and Ipswich Association, two the Suffolk County Association; 30 a Society for the new Diocese, and one whatever society was ultimately formed.

The circular was intended, we are informed, to elicit opinions of those now outside ringing circles, and the idea originated with Canon Goldsmith. At the same time arrangements were being made to elicit the opinion of ringers themselves in the county, but as was explained at the meeting at Lowestoft, these fell through. The information obtained from the clergy, although not forming a working basis, is not without interest or value.

RINGING CONTEST AT ECCLESFIELD.

KIRKBURTON WIN A £12 PRIZE.

Ecclesfield Church, Yorks, is known for its architectural beauty. Dodsworth, the great Yorkshire antiquary, wrote of this church more than 200 years ago: 'The Church of Ecclesfield is called by the vulgar, and that deservedly, the Minster of the Moor, being the finest church for stone, wood, glass, and neat keeping that I ever came in of country churches, and has a famous peal of bells that ordinary ringers of to-day say go the wrong way round.'

At this remote village, far from the madding crowd, a great ringing contest took place on August Bank Holiday, and drew together a big gathering of ringers. The contest 'piece' was a 720 of Treble Bob, and some 15 companies from Yorkshire and adjoining districts, including some well known six bell bands, entered, viz.: Dronfield, Kirkheaton, New Mills, Roughton, Sheffield, Bolsterstone, Killamarsb, Shelley, Wath, Kirkburton, North Anston, Shireoaks, Hoylandswaine, Liversidge, Eckington. Of these thirteen companies competed, and some good ringing and clear striking was the result of combined practice. Kirkburton was awarded first prize, value £12, their faults numbering 108. Liversidge took second honours and a prize, value £8, with 116 faults; Wath carried off third prize, value £5, with 251 faults. Shelley was placed fourth, and received prizes, valued at £3, with 282 faults. North Anston gained fifth prize, with 336 faults. Messrs. Joseph Broadley, of Bradford, and William Lambert, Bolsover, were the judges, and gave universal satisfaction.

The prizes were distributed to the successful companies in the Gatty Memorial Hall by Dr. Simes, J.P., who had the honour of distributing the prizes at the last contest at this old 'Minster of the Moor,' in the now distant days of 1874.

During the afternoon the Ecclesfield handbell ringers gave selections on their fine peal of handbells, and drew forth the applause of a large and interested audience. The selection of 'Les Cloches de Bride' was rung with excellent taste and judgment, and well deserved the encore which was given. Another interesting item was entitled 'Swannie.'

Mrs. Clyde Hayes, a lady deeply interested in handbell ringers, made a special appeal to the audience, and asked them to show their appreciation by contributing to the box placed at the end of the table for the repair and renewal of handbells and music.

The Dronfield Glee Party contributed several excellent items, and in 'The Soldier's Farewell' (Kincol) every voice was heard to perfection. Mrs. J. Turner sang two songs entitled 'Roses' and 'Good-Bye,' and, after repeated calls, Mr. and Mrs. Turner sang the duet, 'Let the rest of the world go by.'

It is interesting to recall that at the last contest, in the year 1874, the winners were a company called the 'All England' band. They had no regular tower at which to practice, but they made themselves champions not only on six, but on eight. At Ecclesfield their company comprised Joseph Roebuck, John G. Hardy, Thomas Stead, Richard Whitehead, John Rhodes and Allen Womersley. They had to ring 720 Violet and 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and there were ten competing teams. Wath being second. Mr. T. Stead, who conducted the winning 'All England' team, was an interested listener on Bank Holiday, and though he gave up ringing many years ago and took to bowling, in which he excelled, and has represented his county, he was given hearty greetings. Mr. Stead was one of a band of six Huddersfield ringers, who, in the year 1867, at Batley, rang a non-conducted peal in seven different Minor methods.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—Will you kindly announce the following further contributions to the fund for Mrs. Walter Wise: Major J. H. B. Hesse, 10s.; Mr. C. Winney, 10s.; Mr. C. Burden, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Jas. Hunt (Taunton), 5s.; Mr. F. Bennett, 2s. 6d.; Mr. A. Trappitt, 2s.; Mr. J. Trappitt, 2s. The fund is now closed. Mrs. Wise wishes to thank all those who have helped in the hour of need.—Yours truly,
99, Northcote Road, West Croydon. ARTHUR MASON.

VISIT TO KENT TOWERS.

The Uckfield Branch of the Sussex Association had their annual outing on August Bank Holiday. The party, numbering about 20, were joined by Messrs. E. J. Dawe and A. Turner, of Lewes, and Mr. G. Ades, of Brighton. Leaving Uckfield by motor at 8 a.m., a journey was made eastward, through Heathfield, Burwash, Hurst Green (a drive commanding extensive views equalled only in the writer's experience by those of Devon). The first call was made at Rolvenden, a little village on the Kentish border, where the party were met by Mr. C. Tribe and conducted to the tower. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung, and during the stay, Messrs. W. and G. Billness arrived on the scene, thus augmenting the party considerably. Eventually the journey was continued to Tenterden, where, on the fine peal of eight, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were brought round prior to lunch, which Mr. Tribe had admirably arranged for the visitors.

Afterwards the tower was again visited, and various touches rung. This tower is among the finest in Kent, and the view to be obtained from the top is magnificent. The bells were lowered in peal at 3.45 p.m., and the return journey made by way of Benenden, to Hawkhurst, where the ring of eight were soon set in motion to the tune of Triples and Major. Tea had been arranged for here, after which the homeward journey was continued, Uckfield being reached about 9.30 p.m., after a most delightful day.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, DONCASTER.

The annual outing of the above Society was held on Saturday, July 23rd, when Lincoln and Washingborough were visited. Leaving Doncaster by the 8.50 train, the party, on arrival at Lincoln, proceeded to the Cathedral, and spent a pleasant hour looking round this magnificent pile. Hopes had been entertained of being able to have a 'pull' on the bells, but permission was refused by the Dean, 'owing to the fact that Doncaster was not in the Lincoln Diocese.' The Doncaster men feel that the Dean hardly met them in the friendly spirit generally shown to ringers at other places. The Old Prison and Castle were visited, and, after dinner, the Arboretum. Proceeding by train to Washingborough, no time was lost in getting to the church, and the bells were soon going merrily to the tune of Stedman Triples. A sumptuous tea was provided by mine host of the Hunter's Leap Inn, and was done justice to by all concerned. After tea various members of the party entertained the rest to songs and selections on the piano. More ringing was then indulged in, when touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire were rung in good style. The bells were then rung down in peal, and votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the local band for making the party welcome. The party included several of the ringers' wives and friends. 'Home, sweet home,' was again reached about midnight.

A BRISTOL SOCIETY'S LONG TRIP.

The annual outing of the St. James's Society, Bristol, was held at Minehead on Saturday, July 16th. The ringers, accompanied by their wives and friends, left Bristol at 8 a.m. for Wells, which was reached at 9.40 a.m., and where a short stop was made, which enabled the party to look round the Cathedral. They then proceeded to Glastonbury, and were conveyed thence by char-a-banc to Taunton (via Langport), which, after a good lunch at the County Hotel, they left for Bampton (Devon), arriving at 3 p.m. Here the photographer got busy with his camera, and took an excellent photograph of the char-a-banc and party. Leaving Bampton, Minehead was reached about 4.45, after a picturesque ride through some of the best scenery in Somerset and Devonshire. Time passing all too quickly, the ringers went to the church and found Mr. Atkins (the secretary) patiently waiting for them. The bells were soon going to Grandsire, Stedman, and a course of Cambridge Major. After ringing they had tea, and left Minehead for Bristol about 6.45 p.m., Bristol being reached at 11.30 p.m., with stops at Bridgwater and Cross only. The total mileage for the day was about 160, and everyone had a very enjoyable outing.

BEVERLEY MINSTER RINGERS.

The ringers of Beverley Minster and their wives had an enjoyable outing to Howden on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division of the Yorkshire Association. The party left Beverley, by char-a-banc, in the morning, and a stay of about an hour was made at North Cave for a ring on the new peal of six bells at the village church and a tour round the Vicar's garden, by his kind permission. Howden was reached in good time, and this enabled the Minster ringers to secure an early turn on the peal of eight at the Parish Church, where ringing was indulged in by various companies up to service time. The Vicar conducted a short service, and welcomed the ringers to Howden, and afterwards a party, numbering in all 52, sat down to tea together. The party from Beverley returned by way of Market Weighton, where a stay of about an hour was made for a ring on the peal of six bells at the Parish Church, and Beverley was reached at 10 o'clock, after a delightful day's enjoyment.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

RAYNE.—Essex Association.—For evensong, at the Parish Church of All Saints', on Sunday, August 7th, 216 Oxford Treble Bob: H. E. Hammond 1, W. J. Sadler 2, C. H. Howard (conductor) 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, G. Lindridge 5, W. H. Hammond 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob (the composition given below): H. E. Hammond 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, G. Lindridge 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, H. Redgwell 5, W. H. Hammond 6.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, August 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins.: R. A. Fosdike 1, A. R. Radley (Beckenham) 2, H. Norgate 3, E. J. Pannett 4, G. Dawson (Leytonstone) 5, J. Law 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

EVEESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): F. Jinks 1, G. J. Hemming 2, J. Hemming (conductor) 3, Miss E. M. Johnson 4, J. Hall 5, H. Jordan 6, F. Jordan 7, H. J. Phipps 8, F. Johnson 9, G. Ashley 10. Composed by James E. Groves, and rung with the bells half-muffled previous to the unveiling of Evesham War Memorial in the Abbey Park by the Earl of Coventry.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 7th, for evensong, 960 Kent Treble Bob: W. Tipton 1, T. Hard 2, F. Whitby 3, V. Tipton 4, G. Dent 5, S. Clarke 6, J. Cordell 7, W. Wheeler (conductor) 8. Longest length inside by ringers of 2 and 3.

HORNE.—At St. Martin's Church, on August 7th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins.: W. Curtis 1, W. Savage 2, W. Stone 3, Harrison Smith 4, F. Hadlow 5, C. Hadlow 6. Ringers of 2nd and 4th hail from Littlebourne and Wickhambreaux respectively; the remainder are local members.

PURLEY, BERKS.—Oxford Guild.—On Sunday evening, August 7th, a 720 Bob Minor: R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 1, Miss C. Collins 2, A. D. Cullum 3, W. Hibbert 4, Miss N. Collins 5, A. A. Hughes 6. The Misses Collins deserve congratulations on the progress they have made.

BEVERLEY.—Yorkshire Association.—At the Minster, on Sunday, August 7th, for morning service, 270 Grandsire Caters: W. Gibson 1, C. P. Bradley (conductor) 2, C. G. Constable 3, J. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerby 5, A. H. Foster 6, A. E. Sellars 7, J. E. Constable 8, W. Middleton 9, G. M. Daggitt 10. For afternoon service, 168 Grandsire Triples. For evening service, 395 Grandsire Caters: W. Gibson 1, C. P. Bradley 2, H. Ringrose 3, J. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerby 5, A. H. Foster 6, A. E. Sellars 7, J. E. Constable 8, W. Middleton (conductor) 9, G. M. Daggitt 10. (Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.)

ACTON.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, August 7th, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 46 mins.: W. Lawrence 1, H. E. Good 2, T. Elson 3, G. Hes 4, F. Skevington 5, A. Harding 6, J. Herbert 7, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 8.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, August 7th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: D. Walters 1, F. Stone 2, A. Pitman (conductor) 3, E. Stitch 4, W. Nurton 5, H. Perry 6, F. Atwell 7, J. Wethersby 8. For evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 10 different callings, in 43 mins., 4-8 covering: F. Stone 1, W. Nurton 2, A. Pitman (conductor) 3, J. Wethersby 4, H. Perry 5, C. Hughes 6, F. Atwell 7, E. Stitch 8. These touches were rung by the local ringers to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first ring of bells (5) being placed in the

tower, and which were replaced by the present 8. The touches were also a compliment to Mr. H. Perry, who has been a faithful ringer at the church for this period, and is now 75 years of age, but was unable to stand for a peal.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, August 7th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 46 mins.: *C. Edwards 1, W. H. Hollier 2, H. Belcher 3, *P. E. Clark 4, F. M. Mitchell 5, A. Harding 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, H. A. Folkard 8. * First quarter-peal in the method, and first attempt. Arranged for the ringer of the 5th, who was on a visit from Milton-next-Gravesend.

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.—At All Saints' Parish Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: E. Barker 1, H. Porter 2, J. Porter 3, R. Watson 4, R. H. Bowen 5, T. Price (conductor) 6.

MARGATE.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, on Sunday, July 31st, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Enderby 1, W. Trusler 2, H. E. Parker (Barking), conductor, 3, L. Attwater (Streat-ham) 4, G. White (High Wickham) 5, G. R. Simmonds (Lewisham) 6, A. H. Saxby 7, F. Gadsen 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: G. Enderby 1, W. Trusler 2, A. H. Saxby 3, H. E. Parker (conductor) 4, L. Attwater 5, G. R. Simmonds 6, G. White 7, E. L. Burgess 8.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, July 31st, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples, by C. Charge: A. Outmore 1, H. Belcher 2, F. Skevington 3, A. Harding 4, J. W. Driver 5, W. H. Wood 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, C. F. Edwards 8.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, July 31st, at the Church of St. Mary Abbott, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1,263 changes) of Stedman Caters: C. W. Roberts 1, J. A. Trollope 2, H. Dyas 3, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 4, Frank Bennett (Brighton) 5, E. Brett 6, P. E. Clark 7, F. Hairs 8, W. Garrard 9, G. Hewson 10.

CAMBRIDGE.—Ely Association.—On Sunday, July 31st, for evening service, at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Hazell 1, Miss Nora Shorter 2, Miss Violet Shorter 3, York Green 4, R. Lathbury (conductor) 5, E. G. Hibbins 6, A. Holmes 7, R. T. Dennis 8. Arranged for Mr. A. Holmes and Miss Nora Shorter on her 21st birthday, both on a visit to Cambridge.

NORWICH.—On Sunday, August 7th, at the Church of St. Peter Mancroft, for morning service, 380 Stedman Caters: Douro T. Potter 1, Miss Gladys Bateman 2, G. Sparks 3, F. J. Howchin 4, J. Rampley 5, A. D. Barker (conductor) 6, F. H. Knights 7, F. R. Copeman 8, G. H. Cross 9, C. E. Borrett 10. For evening service, 522 Stedman Caters: C. E. Borrett 1, Miss Gladys Bateman 2, G. Sparks 3, F. Howchin 4, G. Meyers 5, Douro Potter 6, A. D. Barker 7, J. E. Burton 8, G. H. Cross (conductor) 9, G. P. Burton 10. Also 272 in the same method, with J. Rampley.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On July 10th, for morning and evening service, at St. Mary's Church, by the St. Mary's Guild, two 504's of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Harry Kilby.—On Sunday evening, July 31st, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. French 1, B. Foskett 2, W. Matthews 3, E. Lankester 4, C. V. Ebberson (conductor) 5, G. M. Kilby 6, R. Kilby 7, P. Naunton 8.—On Sunday evening, August 7th, the last 742 of Holt's Original: A. French 1, A. Tennant 2, W. G. Matthews 3, C. V. Ebberson 4, Miss Annie E. Adecock 5, F. H. Crook 6, Harry Kilby (conductor) 7, P. Naunton 8.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1,280 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

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J. Hunt.

720 TREBLE BOB MINOR.

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J. B. Hessey.

461 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

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723654	2
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463725	2
574263	1
635427	2
526374	3
675243	3
546732	3
275346	1
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Round at hand. Contains Queen's, Titmus and Whittington's.

W. Coombes.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**PLEASANT MEETING AT HADLEY.**

A meeting in such pleasant surroundings as at Hadley is sure to be an attraction, and that held by the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild on August Bank Holiday was no exception to the general rule. A large number of members, several with their wives, visited the church during the afternoon, and the bells were kept going in various methods almost continuously from 2 o'clock until 5.30, at which hour Divine Service was held.

The Rector of Hadley (the Rev. E. H. North) officiated, and also preached a very eloquent sermon on the duties and responsibilities of ringers, basing his remarks on Numbers x., 2: 'Make thee two trumpets of silver, that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.'

Tea was served in the Church House, presided over by Mr. Arthur T. King, I.S.O., whom everybody was glad to see looking exceedingly well. Unfortunately, the president was unable to stay to the business meeting owing to the somewhat early departure of his return train to Stevenage. An excellent substitute was, however, present, the chair being taken by Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P., vice-president. Two new members were elected, and several hearty votes of thanks unanimously passed.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) produced a supply of Central Council publications, and did good business in disposing of several of those very valuable booklets.

Touces of Stedman Triples were rung on handbells, both before and after the meeting.

During the afternoon and evening, the splendid peal of eight bells at Barnet were at the disposal of the members, who were cordially welcomed by Messrs. J. Sumpter and R. Roffey, and several touches were rung. The bells at Hadley, where Messrs. W. Tarling and W. Daniel were in constant attendance, were also made good use of, amongst the methods rung being Superlative and Cambridge Surprise.

The two new trebles recently given to the church by Mr. F. A. Milne, in memory of his parents and his son, Capt. A. Milne, who was killed in France, are two very fine bells, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on the excellence of the work.

SIR EDWARD CLARKE'S WELCOME AT STAINES.

A meeting differing somewhat from the usual type was held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 6th, when the members of the South and West District, who assembled there, were personally entertained by Sir Edward Clarke.—The District Master (Mr. C. S. Bird) thanked the host for his kind hospitality, and this was seconded by Mr. W. H. Fussell.

Sir Edward said that owing to indisposition, Lady Clarke was unable to meet the company, but she had expressed a hope that everyone would 'have a good time.' He added that it gave him great pleasure to assist in all things connected with the church, and it was with delight he heard the sound of the bells which he saw cast at the Whitechapel foundry. Further, he was always ready to back up ringers in their good old English art (applause).

After tea everyone viewed the beautiful stained glass windows which have been placed in the church by Sir Edward, and executed from designs by the well-known architect, Mr. Edward Prynne. Especial mention should be made of the 'Nativity' window, and the western 'Rose' window; but the crowning masterpiece is in the south aisle, the subjects for which are taken from the 'Benedicite,' verses 23, 20 and 24:—

'O ye Whales, and all that move in the Waters.'

'All ye Green Things upon the Earth.'

'All ye Fowls of the Air.'

'Bless ye the Lord, praise Him and magnify Him for ever.'

During the course of business, eight new members were enrolled. Thirty-six members and friends attended from: Acton, Chertsey, Chiswick, Clapham, Ealing, Fulham, Guildford, Heston, Hillingdon, Isleworth, Kensington, Kilburn, Old Windsor, Slough (St. Peter's and St. Mary's), Staines, Stoke Poges, Windsor, Willesden and West Ealing.

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Presteigne and Leominster District was held at Lyonshall on Saturday, July 30th, about 30 members being present from the following: Kington, Eardisland, Weobley, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge, Almeley and Clifford. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Cullwick), who gave an excellent address, and a meat tea was kindly provided in the Parish Room by Captain Green.

The Vicar presided at the short business meeting which followed, when six of the local band were elected members of the Guild. A vote of thanks was passed to Capt. Green for his kindness in providing the tea, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his excellent address.

NOTICES.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Upper Street, Islington, Saturday next, August 13th. Ringing 3 to 9 p.m. Service at 5.30. Business 6.30. Tea obtainable near Tower. Everybody welcome, ladies especially.—E. C. Russell, Hon. Dist. Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The Half-yearly meeting will be held at Ightham on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available at 3.30. Short service at 4.45. Tea at the George and Dragon at 1/3 each. Wrotham bells available for ringing at 6 o'clock. A motor bus will leave the Cannon, High Street, Maidstone, at 2.30.—S. Hazelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower St., East Farleigh.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting will be held at Monk Bretton on Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready early. Bus route from Barnsley and Cudworth to Monk Bretton every half hour.—C. D. Potter, Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Next meeting at Upholland (6 bells) on Saturday, August 13th. Bells ready 3.30; meeting 6.30. A good attendance requested.—J. Halsall, Branch Sec., 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Olveston on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Vicarage 5 p.m.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation) at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Will friends kindly note that the above notice will be the only intimation concerning the meeting?—George W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Havering-atte-Bower on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Meeting 6 o'clock.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, E.15.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on August 18th; Southwark Cathedral on the 16th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, and St. Andrew, Holborn, on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Thursday, August 18th. Ringing from 6.20 p.m. Also one at Hampton on September 10th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at All Saints', Isleworth, Saturday, Aug. 20th. Tower open from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at 1/6 per head. Will members and friends requiring same kindly notify me by August 15th?—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wenden, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. A book on the history of Saffron Walden Bells and Bellringing, by the Rev. G. M. Burton, is now ready, price 1/-.—F. Dench, Hon. District Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, August 20th, when the new ring of ten will be open from 3 to 5, and after tea until 9. St. Margaret's, Rochester (8) and Frindsbury (8) will also be available after tea. Tea will be served at 5 o'clock at the Tea Table Cafe, High Street; 1/- per head will be allowed by the Association to members who notify me not later than Tuesday, August 16th. Business meeting after tea. All ringers welcome.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Magor on Saturday, August 20th, at 4.30. Bells (6) available.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, August 20th. The new ring of 10 will be available from 3 to 4, and after tea until 9. Further particulars next week.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dist. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

LADIES' GUILD.—(Southern District.)—A quarterly meeting will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, August 20th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Aug. 17th?—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next Monthly meeting of the Guild will be held at Brinklow, on Saturday, August 20th next. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A Monthly meeting of this branch will be held at Kirkby Mallory, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (5) available 4 o'clock.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Aug. 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High St., North Dunstable.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Norton, on Saturday, August 20th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea for those who send me their names by the previous Tuesday. Bells (6) available at 2.30.—J. Hemming, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Heanor on Saturday, August 20th. Ringing from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—Thomas H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Biddulph,

on Saturday, Aug. 20th, 1921. Please notify me on or before Aug. 15th, how many intend to be present from your tower.—E. Steele, 109, George Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent; J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Hale on August 20th Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.15. Tea 5.45. All ringers cordially invited.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 20th, at Christ Church, West Bromwich (12 bells). Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.30 with an address by the Vicar (Rev. J. Goodacre, M.A., M.C.). Business meeting to follow. Will those who intend being present kindly let me know by August 15th the latest?—Fred Colcough, Hon. Sec., Earl Street, Bilston, Staffs.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Whittlesey, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Those requiring tea please inform Mr. J. Oldfield, Town Hall, Whittlesey, by August 18th.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at South Pepherton, on Saturday, August 20th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow. Bells (8) available early.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North St., Martock.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays 7.30 p.m., St. Clement Danes, Aug. 22nd; Bishopsgate 29th; Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement's 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate 2nd and 4th. Summer outing, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Full particulars later.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the North-East Division will be held at Great Bentley, on Saturday, August 27th. Members intending being present please notify the Master, Mr. W. J. Nevard, by Wednesday, August 24th. All ringers welcome.—H. T. Pye, Dist. Sec., 49, Wickham Road, Colchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The Annual meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be served in the Sandgate School, at 5 p.m., price 1/3 each. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Prior to the meeting a presentation will be made to Mr. T. Redman, of Burnley, in recognition of his long and devoted services to the branch. Will all wishing to partake of tea kindly send in their names on or before Wednesday, August 24th, to Mr. R. Hartley, 35, Prestwich Street, Burnley? All ringers and friends cordially invited.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road.

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On Saturday, July 23rd, the ringers of the SS. Peter and Paul Church, Tring, their wives and friends, had a motor tour in Bucks and Beds. The first stop was made at Linslade, where they were welcomed by Mr. F. Vickers and other members of the local band. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major having been rung, a move was made to Dunstable, Mr. Vickers and Mr. Jeffs accompanying the party. At Dunstable they were welcomed by Mr. A. E. Sharman, the secretary of the Bedfordshire Association, and Mr. G. W. Heley, the steeplekeeper. Touches of Grandsire and Bob Major were rung. After about an hour's ringing tea was partaken of, and at 6.15 they journeyed on to Luton, being met there by Mr. A. King, the secretary of the Luton tower, and Mr. F. Hunt. Further touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung, one of the members ringing his first touch. The weather throughout the day was glorious, and the party arrived home about 11 o'clock, after having spent an enjoyable day.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

This Guild held a meeting on June 18th, at Edgmond, where it is hoped change ringing will be started once more at St. Peter's Church. The ringers there are fortunate in having in the Rev. Talbot a Vicar who takes an interest in change ringing, and he will not be satisfied until he can get a band to ring some other method than call changes. The Vicar took several members round his grounds, and pointed out the splendid views that are to be seen, which the visitors quite enjoyed, whilst in the tower a 720 of Bob Minor was being rung by others. Several members took advantage of the practice that was afforded in different methods. Tea was provided at the Forresters' Hall, which was thoroughly enjoyed, especially by those who had had a long cycle run.

It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Clive, in August, as a quarterly meeting is being held at Coalbrookdale in July. Members were well pleased with the meeting, and thanked the Vicar for his kindness.

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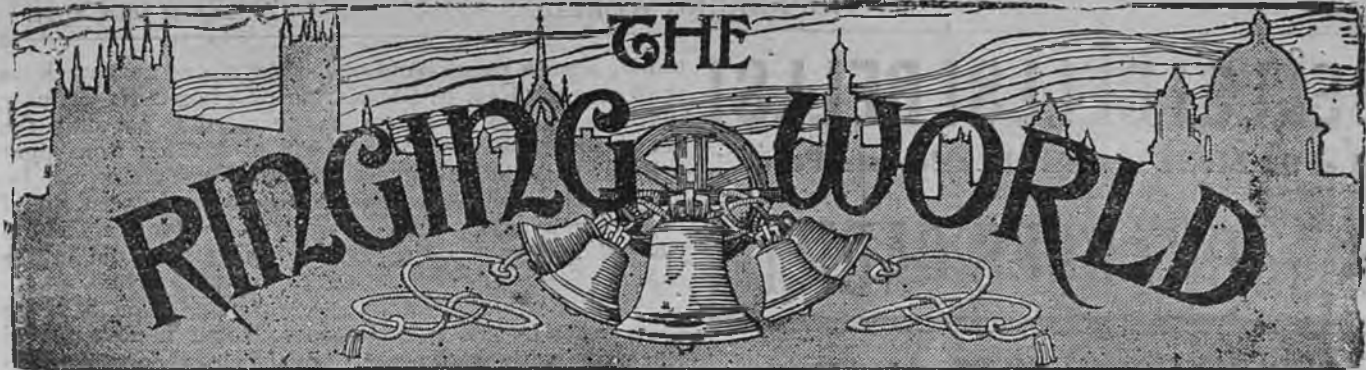
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THE EXTENSION OF METHODS.

There are a great many ringers to whom, probably, the present discussion in our columns on the question of the extension of London Surprise may appear totally uninteresting, as indeed it must be to those who have little or no knowledge of the advanced theory of ringing. The majority of the members of the Exercise are content to have methods presented to them, and to ring them if they appeal to their fancy and are within their capacity. But it must be remembered that ringers owe everything to those who spend or have spent their labour in research, and few who practise in the belfry give any heed to their indebtedness to the men, beginning with Fabian Stedman, who, for something like two and a half centuries, have gradually unravelled the mysteries of the art for the progress and enjoyment of others. These long labours, however, have not solved all the problems connected with change ringing; indeed, the inevitable mistakes and misapprehensions of principles which have from time to time been put forward and accepted generally by the Exercise for want of greater knowledge, have led to confusion which modern experts have been called upon to clear up.

An instance of this is to be found in the promulgation of a method which Shipway designated Double Norwich Royal, but which, as ringers pretty generally have known, bears no likeness to the Major. Yet, for a century, Shipway's method has been the accepted extension. Those who are acquainted with the method will agree, we think, with Mr. George Baker in the suggestion that some other name should be found for it, for there is a certain amount of agreement among the experts that something totally different is the true extension—but it has taken a hundred years to bring the Exercise to a realisation of this fact.

The position with regard to London Surprise is somewhat different, for up to the present there has been no method which is really accepted by general consent (even of the experts) as the correct extension of the Major. There is no difficulty in reconciling the fundamentals of the Minor and those of the Major, but men have striven for years to get the correct extension to ten bells. One such method rung some years ago by the College Youths was withdrawn as London Surprise Royal, and accepted as a new method which was officially designated 'Stepney.' This only helps to illustrate the complex nature of the problem which experts have set themselves to solve, and we have now arrived at another stage in the investigations when an effort is being made to settle a most interesting and long-discussed question. Our readers who have studied this subject will follow this week with interest the arguments of Mr. George Baker as to the possibilities of ob-

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taining a true extension of London Royal, and next week we shall give the Rev. E. Bankes James' ground for claiming that the method which he has evolved is not only the nearest, but the perfect extension of London from eight bells to ten. Whether the ground of his claim will be accepted by the other experts remains to be seen, and if they cannot agree, it may be necessary for the Central Council to give a ruling, as, we believe they did, in the case of 'Stepney.'

With the advance of ringing to the stage when Surprise peals on ten and twelve bells are no longer a novelty, and ringers in increasing numbers are showing themselves competent to put into practice the most complicated methods, there is a growing desire for new fields to conquer. These fields will not be open to the practical men until the experts have explored them, and for that reason, we think, it is in the best interests of the art that the arguments upon and the claims to the correct extension of London Surprise should be published, for London being the method generally accepted as the pinnacle of the ringer's ambition offers on ten bells the opportunities of new conquest. One of the questions which is not yet settled is what is really the way in which a method should be extended. Different writers claim different principles, and this will be found exemplified when Mr. Bankes James' grounds for establishing his method appear. At present, the Methods Committee of the Central Council have their work held up for want of funds to publish their collections. While they are waiting, could they not consider the laying down of some definite principles of method extension, and so carry the Exercise one stage further out of the confusion which has so long reigned in regard to many important phases of the art?

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WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Mary's Church, on Saturday, July 30th, on the occasion of a wedding, 1,259 Grandsire Caters, in 48 mins.: A. Chapman 1, R. Maynard, junr., 2, H. Maynard, senr., 3, C. T. Coles (conductor) 4, H. T. Scarlett 5, J. C. Adams 6, H. J. Wilkins 7, H. Rumens 8, F. C. Maynard 9, J. Coleman (first quarter-peal on ten bells) 10.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. 6	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	FRED C. MAYNARD 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 3	ALFRED PYE 8
JAMES C. ADAMS 4	GEORGE B. LUCAS 9
JOHN H. WILKINS 5	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN Tenor

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

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN FEIST 5	CHARLES H. PAGE 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS 2	FREDERICK PAGE 6
GEORGE ELLIS 3	KEITH HART 7
WILLIAM WATTS, SEN. 4	WILLIAM H. STENNING Tenor

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 4, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

WILLIAM E. BASON 5	ERNEST LINCOLN 5
CHARLES F. SAYER 2	CHARLES F. WOODS 6
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON 7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 4	NORMAN R. BAILEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. E. BASON.

This peal was arranged for ringers of treble and 4th, and contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

*MISS CECIL E. HEPBURN 5	ALBERT WALKER 5
MISS KATHLEEN A. JUTSON 2	RUPERT RICHARDSON 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS 7
JOHN CLARK 4	ALBERT E. NORMAN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal. Miss Kathleen A. Jutson's 50th peal.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND THE OLD EAST DERBY-
SHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*TOM O'HARA 5	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 5
WALTER ALLWOOD 2	*A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 6
*WILLIAM T. PALMER 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN 7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford.

ROBIN HOOD'S RAY, YORKSHIRE.—On handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): *Miss M. Parnaby 1-2, *Miss D. Bulman 3-4, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 5-6, *Miss B. Wellburn 7-8. * First quarter-peal on handbells. Also 720 Bob Minor: Miss M. Parnaby 1-2, Miss D. Bulman 3-4, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 5-6. Another 720 Bob Minor: G. F. Alexander (conductor) 1-2, Miss D. Bulman 3-4, Miss B. Wellburn 5-6. First 720's of Minor for the three ladies.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

TOM STANCLIFFE 5	JACK BLACKSHAW 5
ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN 2	FRED BRADLEY 6
TOM CHAMBERS 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
FRED CHAMBERS 4	RICHARD STANCLIFFE Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTON. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal in the method for ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th & 8th. All the above are service ringers and this is their first peal of Stedman.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND THE OLD EAST DERBY-
SHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Thursday, August 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

SAM THOMAS 5	WILLIAM BURGAR 5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 2	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 6
TOM O'HARA 3	CHARLES HAYNES 7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

FROSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BIBBY 5	EDWARD JENKINS 5
*ARTHUR UNSWORTH 2	HARRY COLLYER 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	THOMAS H. LIGHTFOOT 7
CYRIL RADDON 4	CHARLES BOYERS Tenor

Conductor E. JENKINS.

* First peal in method. Rung in honour of the Patronal Festival.

CUBITT TOWN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
 AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES 5	ARTHUR MASON 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	*HAROLD W. CLARK 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method away from the treble, also first in the method on the bells.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 13, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING 5	*JOHN W. DAVIES 5
*FRANK FOX 2	*ARTHUR NEWELL 6
GEORGE JONES 3	*WALTER THOMAS 7
*GEORGE R. JONES 4	JAMES MORGAN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method and on the bell.

BERKELEY, GLOS.—The first touch of 504 Grandsire Caters on the memorial bells at Berkeley was rung on Saturday, July 9th, by: W. A. Lewis 1, H. T. Howell 2, W. Dyer 3, F. K. Howell 4, A. Burcombe 5, F. Oakhill 6, H. W. Fussell (conductor) 7, H. Jones 8, J. Parker 9, A. Carter 10.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*CHARLES F. SAYER Treble	DENNISON C. HAYWARD ... 5
CHARLES HARDING 2	*EDWIN R. GOATE 6
GEORGE S. CLAYTON 3	WILLIAM LEE 7
CLAYTON PARNELL 4	† ERNEST BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal. First peal as Conductor.

MONKS KIBBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOSEPH B. FENTON Treble	HARRY BROUGHTON 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 6
PRYCE TAYLOR 3	JOHN OLDEAM 7
ABRAHAM WILKERSON 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal on this magnificent ring, recently increased from 6 to 8 by Messrs. Taylor & Co. Ringer of treble hails from Rugby; 2nd, 5th and tenor, Leicester; 3rd and 7th. Loughboro'; 4th and 6th, Nuneaton.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE LADD Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 5
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON 2	TOM TEBBUTT 6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
JOHN W. WOOD 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Arranged for Mr. Harry Chapman, of Manchester.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

MISS NORA SHORTER Treble	*CHARLES W. COOK 5
† MISS VIOLET SHORTER 2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 6
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 3	*GEORGE CRISP 7
YORK GREEN 4	R. LATHBURY Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob on an 'inside' bell.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD GRINDELL Treble	ERNEST E. GRIMES 5
*SIDNEY C. ROWE 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
WILLIAM J. GROOM 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WM. G. RDMSEY.

* First peal in the method. Arranged to oblige the ringer of the tenor.

ST. MARY'S, CARISBROOKE, I.W.—On Thursday, August 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins.: T. Scamell 1, W. Chambers (conductor) 2, W. Johnson 3, W. Scott, senr., 4, H. Phillips 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, W. Upton 7, C. Taylor (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung on the occasion of a bazaar which was held in aid of the Bell Restoration Fund.

SIX BELL PEALS.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

comprising four 720's of Plain Bob, and three of Kent Treble Bob, rung alternately. Tenor 7 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

*CHARLES JENNINGS Treble	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 4
MISS NORA E. SHORTER 2	EDWARD FINCH 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3	FREDERICK NUNN Tenor

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal. Arranged for Miss Shorter, who was on a visit to Cambridge.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, August 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

consisting of two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

WILLIAM H. WALDRON Treble	FRANK ROWLINGSON 4
PHYLLIS HARE 2	JOSEPH GRAINGER 5
JOHN ROWLINGSON 3	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GREAT SHELFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT 4, HILLS VIEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*CHARLES E. PATTEN 1—2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 5—6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3—4	MISS V. SHORTER 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

Witness: MISS NORA E. SHORTER

* First peal on handbells and first attempt.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, August 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes, IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CETERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

ALBERT WALKER 1—2	GEORGE F. SWANN 5—6
THOMAS RUSSAM 3—4	JAMES E. GROVES 7—8
ALBERT E. NORMAN 9—10	

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

Referee: GEO. F. YENDELL.

First peal as conductor on handbells, also first peal of Stedman Ceters as conductor.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

St. Ives Parish Church, Huntingdonshire, which was badly damaged during the war by an aeroplane crashing into the tower, has now been restored, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank now have in hand the rehanging of the bells, which are also to be tuned.

The Whitechapel Foundry have also in hand a new peal of eight for Bushey Heath, Herts. The tenor will be a 12 cwt. bell.

Owing to illness near the church, the Slimbridge monthly meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association did not take place on July 30th, but it is proposed to go there on August 27th.

A band of beginners are receiving instruction at Carisbrooke from Mr. Chambers, of Newport, and with the help of the Newport ringers it is hoped that in time there will be a revival of the interest in ringing which existed over a century ago in this Isle of Wight parish—records of which are in the hands of local ringers to-day, in the shape of 'Chronicles of Ringers,' in which all touches and peals were recorded in handwriting, the like of which one seldom sees to-day.

There is one industry important to the ringer which is not often thought of, but which is as essential as that of the bell founder; it is that of the bell rope maker. Bells will last for centuries, but ropes wear out in time. The return to normal ringing since the war has revived the rope-making industry, and among the busy manufacturers are Messrs. John Astley and Sons.

As an example, it may be mentioned that they have in hand at the moment sets of ropes for Berwick St. John, Salisbury (6), Wakefield (6), Rotherham (10), Darlaston and Preston, among others.

THE LOWESTOFT MEETING.**A CORRECTION.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In your report of the meeting of the Norwich and Ipswich Association at Lowestoft, the words, 'he wanted the meeting to be impartial in the matter,' have by some error crept into the middle of a sentence, thus making nonsense of what I said. You correctly report me as having said, 'The clergy had no sympathy with the formation of a County Association, but . . . there was a strong feeling among them, that a Diocesan Association should be formed.' I went on to point out that if the Association acted wisely they could draw in the 50 or so of the clergy, who had answered my circular. But as probably none of these were interested in change ringing it would mean that the Association would have tried to attract round ringers, more than it had succeeded in doing in the past. I explained that in what I was then saying, on the question of round ringers. I wanted to be quite impartial, and did not want to attempt to sway the meeting one way or the other, but I did think they ought to make up their minds whether they wanted more round ringers to join or not.

Those who referred to it were in favour of getting round ringers to join, but most of the speakers referred to the replies of the clergy in such a way as to show that they did not want to have them interfering in a matter they did not understand. If the question had been one of change ringing I can see the point; but as it was a matter of organisation, a matter in which many of the clergy excel, the argument is not so convincing.

At ringers' meetings one is constantly hearing the complaint that the clergy take no interest in them. But if we are going to snub the clergy in this way when they do attempt to take an interest, it is our own fault if they hold aloof. We ought to make up our minds—(1) Whether we want our organisation to be merely technical societies; in which case we ought always to drop the word Diocesan, and make it clear to the clergy that we do not want their help unless they are change ringers (in which case, too, your suggestion that the Ely Diocesan Guild should be now consulted, is in order); or (2) Whether we want to be organised on Diocesan lines. In the latter case, as West Suffolk is now outside the Ely Diocese, we should have no ground for consulting them.—Yours, etc.,

HERBERT DRAKE.

THE POSITION IN SUFFOLK.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—There are two points raised in your article in 'The Ringing World' of the 12th inst., which are likely to lead to misconception, and to which, as secretary of the Norwich and Ipswich Association I feel it my duty to call your attention. The points I refer to are as follows, viz.: 'Where the consideration for the Ely Diocesan Association comes in'; and 'That we may lay ourselves open to the accusation of robbing the Ely Diocesan Association.'

Now, Sir, I should like to point out that by reason of the ringers of the Archdeaconry of Sudbury having thrown off their allegiance with the Ely Diocesan Association and established an Association of their own, and that the latter have accepted their action as an accomplished fact. You will realise that an entirely new outlook has arisen respecting our position in relation to the Ely Diocesan Association. Being independent of either Associations, should the Suffolk County Association entertain the proposal of amalgamation with our Association, I fail to see how any reasonable person conversant with what has taken place, since the division of the Dioceses, could accuse our Association of lack of consideration or of robbing the Ely Diocesan Association of territory which they have relinquished in the Archdeaconry of Sudbury.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, Secretary,
Norwich and Ipswich Association.

August 14th, 1921.

A CALL FOR NEW SYSTEMS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—It was whilst stationed at Great Totham, Essex, with the 2/9th Battalion Hrs. The Royal Scots, that I made my personal acquaintance with the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, the then Vicar of that parish, whose retirement from the secretaryship of the Essex Association was announced in 'The Ringing World' of the 5th inst. I was then a very raw recruit as regards ringing, only able to manage rounds and call changes. As an expression of gratitude for his help and encouragement in ringing matters, I have named the enclosed method 'Great Totham.'

There are signs here and there that sooner or later a call will be made by six bell ringers for fresh fields of ringing activity, and for new systems of method ringing. All the Surprise Minor methods in the C.C. Collection have been rung, and those of the other classes in the Collection which have not been rung, are becoming a gradually diminishing quantity.

It has occurred to me that one way of meeting the call is by giving the treble another kind of work than those well known, and I have ventured to work this out in the

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method herewith. Criticisms and remarks on the prediction and method are invited, and the judgment of our expert method builders on the soundness of the extension embodied in the method submitted will be very welcome.—

Yours very truly,
Hazel Grove,
Stockport.

JOHN P. FIDLER.

THE EXTENSION OF DOUBLE NORWICH.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—When I attended the Central Council meeting at Northampton last year I had the pleasure of Mr. H. W. Wilde's company, and amongst our many interesting conversations we discussed the extension of Double Norwich to ten and twelve bells, both agreeing that the methods hitherto known as Double Norwich Royal and Maximus given in Shipway should certainly be called by some other name, as there was very little of the Double Norwich method about them. Mr. Wilde then gave me a lead of what he considered to be a perfect extension of Double Norwich to twelve bells. These figures I now have, and they are identical—row for row—with those given by Mr. George Baker in 'The Ringing World' of July 29th. Mr. Wilde also explained that the extension to Royal, though equally perfect, would unfortunately only run three leads.—Yours, etc.,

Crayford.

E. BARNETT.

PEALS TAPPED ON HANDBELLS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—We have noted the resolution passed at the annual meeting of the Essex Association on the question of recording peals tapped on handbells. Why the Association has decided not to book the peals is not at all clear to us.

We assume that the main object of the Association is to promote the art of campanology, and we fear that the passing of the above resolution is not a step in that direction. We doubt if 95 per cent. of the ringers present at the meeting ever gave the matter serious consideration, and of those that did we would like to ask on what grounds they considered that these peals should not be booked?

Mr. A. T. Morris has now tapped several peals in three methods, and his chief difficulty is to get ringers capable of umpiring them. Mr. Olave Broyd, of Castle Hedingham (who has tapped peals), and Mr. T. Mannering, of Maidstone, umpired peals for Mr. Morris last week, and it would be interesting to have the opinions of these gentlemen on the performances.

We feel that Mr. Morris is only one of the pioneers of the vogue of peal tapping, and that it is bound to spread. We note that the one peal already booked is to remain as an 'interesting performance'—it might almost read 'Freakish performance,' as this is what appears to have been in the minds of the ringers present at the meeting. We feel that before the question of the booking, or not booking of peals tapped on handbells was gone into, the Peal Committee of the Association should arrange to witness a peal being tapped, and present a report on the performance.

We shall be glad to have the candid opinions of the members who were responsible for the above resolution being passed as to why they arrived at the conclusion that they should not be booked. It appears to us that it is not possible for a ringer, however experienced, to be capable of expressing an opinion on the merits (or otherwise) of peal tapping until he has witnessed one being tapped and has given the matter some serious thought.—We remain, your faithfully,

T. H. BERNARD, Captain.
G. C. R. TAYLER, Secretary.
St. Nicholas Band, Harwich.

PRIZE RINGING CONTESTS.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—In your issue of August 12th, appears an account of a ringing contest held in Ecclesfield, in Yorkshire, for the first time (it is stated) since 1874. I express no opinion upon such contests, whether or no they are creditable or profitable; for I have never seen one, nor have they (I am glad to say) ever been a recognised feature of change ringing in districts with which I am familiar. But I remember that, when I first became interested in the cause of belfry reform some 35 years ago, these ringing contests were spoken of as an old abuse from which the Exercise should purge itself. The clergy were warned, by earnest pioneers of the cause, not to allow their church bells to be used in this way; and I was under the impression that the custom had become discredited with the prevalence of higher views of the uses of church bells and of the ringers' office.

I should be glad to hear whether this Ecclesfield contest is an exceptional 'hark-back' to older times, or a sign of an undesirable revival; also what is to be said in favour of such practices.—Yours faithfully,

T. L. PAPILLON
(Late Master of the Essex Association).

Albany Hotel, Hastings.

A MEETING AWHEEL.**WINCHESTER GUILD MEMBERS' BANK HOLIDAY ITINERARY.**

The district gathering of members of the above somewhat remote division of the Winchester Diocesan Guild took place on the first day of the month, and if not quite so well attended as some previous assembles, it was none the less enjoyable. The weather was ideal for cycling and ringing, and the tower bells silently awaited the eager hands that were to come and 'turn them upside down.' Two towers—Esher and East Molesey—not yet affiliated with the Guild, will, it is hoped, as a result of the meeting, no longer remain out of the fold. The visitors much appreciated the kind attention of the steeplekeepers and the respective clergy at Walton and Hershham, where the veterans, Mr. B. Wickens and Mr. J. Emery, met the members with keys and ropes in readiness. Whilst making the tour of the four towers, many other holiday makers were to be met with all 'going it' by road, rail and river—the usual crowds to be found in the near neighbourhood of the great city of London—and, let us hope, the sound of the bells added joy to their outing, for August Bank Holiday only comes once a year, be it remembered.

The ringing during the day was confined to the four standard methods, and all the 'touches' were short ones, and sweet, the bob callers clearing their characters for 'gourmandising.' The Kent and Bucks party scored four new towers. Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd took part in the ringing at Hershham, and Mr. and Mrs. Whittington were in evidence with their 5,000 mile tandem, which is now a familiar machine at many towers between Land's End and John o' Groats. One lady member was ringing a 'ring' which betokened an engagement of a day old. Mr. 'Tenor' Shepherd, of Swindon, came up at Esher and embraced the J.H. cover bell. There are other little niceties of the craft of ringing which space forbids me to enumerate, but I have mentioned enough to show that other fascinating hobbies can be pursued when once a ringer has placed his foot upon the first 'ring' of the ladder; especially 'some' ladders which readers have met with occasionally.

Altogether 21 towers were represented by the company, and the genial secretary went home, to hear the 'owls hoot mere,' well content with his day's work for the Winchester Guild, in a large district difficult to manage.

At the Parish Church, East Molesey, the Rev. Le Masurier, M.A., conducted the Guild's form of service, and the favourite hymn was sung. The reverend gentleman, in his address, without note or text, referred to the appeal to one's memory created by the sounds of church bells, when the days of our youth and early friends and associations were vividly recalled. Thoughts crowd upon one by some chance sound from the tower, be it in busy city or town, or the quiet country village, and with such thoughts come the reminder of Him who made all things.

Tea, set out on the lawn of East Molesey House, the residence of Captain De Saumarez, was an enjoyable one, with the Vicar presiding, and surrounded with fine specimens of garden shrubs and trees, and the River Mole at the end of the lawn flowing on its way to the Thames. Here can be seen a huge weeping ash, some 150ft. in circumference, the outer boughs touching the ground, the bole representing the pole, leaving a space around resembling the interior of a bell tent. The mulberries were fully ripe, and fingers were made crimson by taking a handful with leave.

There was a little business to be done, as well as revelling, when Messrs. Hall, Brown and Halls were elected performing members, Mr. A. D. Barker a compounding member, and the Rev. Le Masurier an honorary member of the Guild. A peal of 12 handbells were laid out on the grass, and soon several suburban tune players got them going 'four-in-hand' in popular airs, much to the delight of Capt. and Miss De Saumarez, who were on the terrace with friends, and were agreeably surprised to find the 'Blue Bells of Scotland' at East Molesey, and that the gentleman on the tenors—poor fingers!—brought 'Ring the Bell, Watchman,' from the shades of Greenwich.

Thanks to Capt. De Saumarez were voted: to the Vicar for his four-fold help that afternoon; and to Mr. J. Brooks (local captain) for his kind arrangements for the Guild's visit.

The tower ringing ceased at 9 p.m., Messrs. A. V. Marsh, H. J. Chaffey, W. Henley, W. Shorter, W. J. Hollett, J. Howes, E. Holman, S. Woods and G. Miles, taking part therein, with the Misses Gudgin and Bateman. W. H. F.

BRIERLEY HILL RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 6th, the ringers of Brierley Hill, Staffs, 14 in all, visited Bridgnorth for their annual outing. Starting from their own tower at 1.30, they had a most enjoyable run via Enville and Four Ashes, and arrived at Low Town at 2.30. After wandering round the town, and a long pull up to High Town, and satisfying the inner-man, the party were met at St. Leonard's Church by Mr. J. Overton and a few of the local ringers at 5.30. The bells were soon raised in peal, and touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob Major were rung until 6.45. Leaving at 7.30, a call was made at Claverley, where a howling match between two of the members was watched with interest, and home was reached at 9.30, after a very enjoyable half-day. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar of Bridgnorth and the local men

for the use of the bells and getting everything ready, and for the welcome extended to them.

ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.**ANNUAL OUTING.**

The annual outing of the St. Stephen's (Bristol) Guild took place on Bank Holiday, when Newport and Cardiff were visited, the original intention of visiting London having been cancelled owing to the coal strike having interfered with the railway facilities. The party included the Rev. E. B. James, Mr. T. King (Bath), and Mr. J. Dyke (Midsomer Norton), who arrived in Newport at 10 o'clock, and were met by that enthusiastic ringer, Mr. J. W. Jones, who conducted them to All Saints', where touches of Double Norwich, London Surprise and Stedman Triples were rung. The ancient and interesting Church of St. Woolos was then visited, and Stedman Caters, Clifton Surprise Royal and Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung on the beautiful ten bells. The 'go' of these bells is perfect. Leaving Newport at 12.30, the party had dinner at Cardiff, and then visited Llandaff, where touches of Stedman Caters, Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung on the Cathedral bells, the local ringers joining in the Stedman Caters. Returning to Cardiff in the evening, St. John's Church was visited, and Clifton Surprise Royal and Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung. The thanks of the party, who had a most enjoyable outing, are due to Mr. Jones for the arrangements made, and for the pleasure of this company during the day, and to the clergy for the use of their respective bells, and the steeplekeepers for the trouble taken. Regret was felt at the absence of Mr. R. J. Wilkins, through illness, and Mr. J. Tyler on account of illness in his family.

YORKSHIRE RINGERS' TRIP TO PICKERING.

A party of Yorkshire ringers were again indebted to Mr. T. Maude, of Pudsey, for generously organising a successful and pleasant trip on August 6th, when Mr. J. W. and Masters Gerald and Malcolm Moorhouse, and Miss O. Lumley, cycled from Leeds. Mr and Mrs. Cotterell travelled by motor-cycle from Bradford to Pickering. The party was met by Miss Phyllis Gibson, and a visit was made to the tower, where a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, followed by touches of Stedman and Double Norwich, on handbells.—The Vicar, who gave the party a hearty welcome, invited them to spend a short time in the Vicarage garden and sample the fruit, while even-song was in progress. Afterwards ringing was resumed, with a touch of Kent Minor, and was followed by a capital tea, served in the Castle Hotel. The Castle was then visited, and the tennis courts and bowling greens called forth much admiration.

A touch of Grandsire was rung for morning service on the following day: Miss O. L. Lumley 1, Miss Simpson 2, Miss P. Gibson 3, Malcolm Moorhouse 4, Gerald Moorhouse 5, Jas. Cotterell 6, J. W. Moorhouse 7, J. Dobson 8. The Vicar conducted the party round the historic church, and described its many interesting features. A start was made at 2.45 p.m. to Scarborough by cycle, and a full band of visitors rang Kent Trouble Bob Major and Stedman Triples for evening service. On Monday, the party prepared for their return ride, after ringing a well-struck touch of Stedman Caters on handbells: Miss O. L. Lumley 1—2, J. Cotterell 3—4, G. Moorhouse 5—6, J. W. Moorhouse 7—8, M. Moorhouse 9—10.

A TRIP TO LLANDUDNO.

The annual outing of the St. Mark's, Worsley, company, took place on July 21st, the party, including wives and friends, travelling by charabanc to Llandudno. The journey was made via Chester, Hawarden, etc., and was everything that could be wished for, the scenery being magnificent. Arriving at the destination just after 11 a.m., the party had an excellent repast at the Dorothy Cafe, and then set out to see the sights, the Great Orme, the Marine Drive, the Invalids' Walk, and the Happy Valley being visited. After tea, the ringers made their way to the Parish Church for some ringing. They were met by two of the local men, who welcomed them and made everything pleasant. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung, a visitor from Doncaster, who was on holiday at Llandudno, taking part. The Worsley ringers tender their best thanks to the Vicar, wardens and ringers for their kindness, and the enjoyable outing is one that will be remembered.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

A capital meeting of the North-East Branch of the Guild was held at Huntsham on Saturday, July 30th, when ringers were present from Bampton, Calverleigh, Chipstable, Exeter, Holcombe Rogus, Huntsham, Ilminster, Sowton, Taunton, Tiverton and Washfield. By the kindness of Colonel Acland Troyte, the Court grounds were thrown open to the visitors, who much appreciated this thoughtfulness. It was mentioned during the afternoon that most of the ringers in the West owed their initiation into the art to the present colonel's father, who would have rejoiced at such a gathering.

After service in church, tea was provided in the Court at quite a nominal charge, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Colonel and Mrs. Acland Troyte for their generosity.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the branch at Calverleigh in September.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung on the bells.

CHATHAM RINGERS' TOUR.

On Saturday, August 6th, the ringers of Chatham Parish Church, accompanied by two ringers from Frindsbury, went on a tour through the 'Garden of England.' A full programme had been arranged, so an early start had to be made, Headcorn being reached at 8.30 a.m. Here Mr. Hodgkin met the trippers, and the bells were soon going to the tune of Grandsire Triples. Touches of Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich were also brought round, and then the party left for Tenterden. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Major were rung on this fine peal of eight, and the bells were lowered in peal just in time to hear the clock chimes to the tune of 'The Last Rose of Summer.' After partaking of a sumptuous meal, supplied by the proprietor of the Woolpack Hotel, the party made tracks for Wye, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich were rung. Chilham was the next place of call, and here Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were brought round. At Ospringe, the last place of call, the visitors arrived half an hour late, in spite of the efforts of the driver, but justice was done to a fine tea at the Ship Inn. Afterwards they were met at the tower by the captain of the local band, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were successfully accomplished. Chatham was eventually reached safely at 10 p.m., thus bringing to an end a most successful outing, the first since 1914. The ringers wish to express their thanks to the incumbents at the several towers, and also to the local ringers for the way in which they were received.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting of the above society was held at Rothwell, on Saturday, July 30th, and ringers were present from Leeds Parish Church, and the local company. Touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, and Mr. O. Lawson, in the absence of the chairman, presided at the business meeting.

LOSS TO BOURNEMOUTH DISTRICT.

Ringings in the Bournemouth district has received a heavy blow by the deaths of Mr. C. W. Goodenough, of St. Peter's band, and Mr. R. Wheeler, an old ringer of St. James', Poole, both of whom have recently passed away. On Tuesday, August 2nd, a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. James', Poole, as a token of respect, by: H. G. Thompson 1, I. Davies 2, H. Baverstock 3, A. G. Rose 4, W. Allen 5, H. James 6, P. W. Townsend (conductor) 7, P. Davis 8.

85 : 64 : 46 : 43.**A REMARKABLE EVENT.**

August 8th marked a red-letter day in the life of Mr. Joseph Rayner, of 54, Gee Street, London, E.C.1, the much respected steeple-keeper of St. Andrew's Church, Holborn. He was married on August 8th, 1857, and August 8th, 1921, was the anniversary of 64 years of married life. He had also been associated with St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, for 46 years, and a College Youth for 43 years. In the evening of the 8th instant, eight members of the College Youths, in 49 minutes, rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), at St. Andrew's, Holborn, in honour of this remarkable event, which is the first quarter-peal upon these bells since the rehanging. The band were, Messrs. C. F. Winney 1, O. S. Burden 2, T. Walker 3, C. W. R. Grimwood 4, W. S. Langdon 5, W. A. Alps (conductor) 6, H. Langdon 7, A. Joyce 8. Mr. Tom Langdon was also present.—Mr. Alps, 'in a few words,' expressed the heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Rayner, on behalf of the ringers present, and he also felt certain that the College Youths as a whole joined with them in this expression of best wishes for their future.—Mr. Rayner thanked his brother ringers for their good wishes so kindly expressed. Although he is 85 years of age, he is still a youth and appears to be proud of it, judging by the hearty welcomes extended to the College Youths at all times.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A successful meeting of the Isle of Wight District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was held on August Bank Holiday at All Saints', Freshwater. Ringing commenced at 2.30, and was enjoyed by visitors from Portsea, Croydon, and the local ringers, besides Guild members from Newport, Ryde, Brading, Carisbrooke, Whitwell and Ventnor. A short service was conducted by the Rev. H. E. H. Coombes (Rector), who expressed the pleasure it gave him to be able to speak to the ringers assembled in his church. Ringing, to his mind, was symbolised by three words: Music, Method, and Mirth. He hoped they would endeavour always to create music by the method, so necessary to good ringing, and so spread the feeling of mirth among those who listened to their efforts.

The business meeting was held in the vestry, presided over by the Vicar.—The next meeting was fixed for All Saints' (8 bells), Ryde, in November.—Instruction was arranged for the Freshwater ringers, who are a young band.

Tea was partaken of at Gillings' Restaurant, 20 sitting down.

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RECAST PEAL, DEDICATED.

On Saturday afternoon, August 6th, the Right Rev. Dr. Perowne, Lord Bishop of Bradford, dedicated the new peal of eight bells at Skipton Parish Church, Yorks, in the presence of a large congregation. The service commenced with the processional hymn, 'Angel voices ever singing,' and was followed by shortened evening prayer, with Psalm and special lesson, to the end of the Third Collect.

During the singing of the hymn, 'Christ is our cornerstone,' the Bishop, clergy and choir proceeded to the tower, where the act of dedication took place. Mr. A. Randerson (churchwarden) asked the Bishop to dedicate the bells, and several prayers followed. His Lordship then performed the ceremony in the following words: 'To the glory of God, and for the service of His Church, we do now solemnly set apart and dedicate the bells in this tower in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost Amen.' He communicated with a bell rope to the ringing chamber, and the local company set the bells going for the first time in rounds for three minutes.

During this time the procession returned to the chancel. The Bishop then preached from Proverbs viii. 4: 'Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.' Dealing mainly with the civil and religious uses to which bells were put, he described that day as one of great importance to the members of the church. Bells, Dr. Perowne said, were a call to worship. He was thankful that that day had been marked in the revised prayer-book by the restoration of the festival of the Transfiguration, and it was very striking that upon that day also the Skipton Parish Church bells should have been dedicated.

After the service, ringing was continued for the remainder of the day by the Gargrave, Kildwick, and Keighley companies (who had been invited to the dedication ceremony), and also by the local company the touches including 500 of Grandsire Triples, and various lengths of Treble Bob.

The Rev. C. M. Edgar, of St. Augustine's, Kilburn, was very much interested in the new peal, and expressed delight with the tone of the bells, as did the Bishop, Archdeacon Cook, and the church officials. Many people were outside the church to hear them started, despite the fact that the weather was bad at the time.

The recast peal weighs over 80 cwt., and the tenor in D flat weighs 22 cwt. 1 qr. It is the very latest production from the Loughborough foundry, and that speaks for itself. Hung in a new frame, with ball bearings, and tuned on Canon Simpson's principle, the sweetness of the tone was favourably commented upon by many parishioners, and all the ringers. The firm was represented by Mr. Pryce Taylor, who took part in several touches on the opening day, and also rang for service on the following day.

SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Suffolk Association took place at Sudbury, on August 1st. Ringing commenced at St. Peter's at 10 o'clock, under the conductorship of Mr. F. Borrett, of Pulham Market, from thence to St. Gregory and then to All Saints'. The whole three peals of eight were going at the same time, and the ringing was kept up at intervals till 4 p.m., when an adjournment was made to All Saints' Schoolroom for business. Owing to the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. — Stote, Mr. Fredk. E. Wheeler, senr., churchwarden, presided.—Mr. Wheeler said he was pleased the Vicar had to leave home. He was pleased that he was at liberty and able to preside, and to welcome the ringers to Sudbury.—The Secretary made a suggestion for the re-naming of the new association, and Mr. D. Elliott proposed, and Mr. A. Scott seconded, that the name be altered to 'The Suffolk Diocesan Association.' This was put to the meeting, and was carried unanimously. New members elected were: H. Lister, K. Whittell, J. Whittell and P. W. Whittell, of Bildston; J. Euston and A. Proctor, Great Finborough; D. Elliott, Great Henny; Mr. F. E. Wheeler, hon. member; Mr. R. Whiting, Pulham Market, life member, non-resident; F. Claydon, Earls Colne; A. Saunders, Greenstead Green; A. Maxim, Foxearth; E. Beckwith, Coggeshall; W. Elliott, Kelvedon; A. Catterwell, Little Horkesley. Mr. F. Turner was elected auditor. Hadleigh was selected for the next meeting, to be held in September.—A vote of thanks to Mr. Wheeler for presiding; also to the Vicar of All Saints'; Canon J. J. Jones for the use of the bells of St. Gregory and St. Peter's. Methods rung during the day was Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Superlative. Towers represented were: Cathedral Church, Bury St. Edmunds; Lavenham, Fornham All Saints, Long Melford, Glemsford, Thornham Magna, Ipswich, Pulham Market, Norfolk; Foxearth, Great Henny, Great Tey, Kelvedon, Colchester, Little Horkesley, Essex.—At the close of the tower bell ringing, Mr. Bowell and son rang a course each of Double Norwich Major, Double Oxford Minor and Stedman Doubles.

HONITON, DEVON.—At St. Michael's, on Aug 9th, 240 Grandsire Doubles: H. Skinner 1, F. Smith 2, E. Clapp 3, F. Dark 4, W. Stuart 5, W. Davey 6, W. Hooper 7. It is some years ago since this band has done any change ringing, but they are now meeting regularly.

METHOD CONSTRUCTION.
THE EXTENSION OF LONDON SURPRISE.

By **GEORGE BAKER.**

I illustrated in 'The Ringing World' of July 29th the fact that Double Norwich Royal is not a method, it is a three-part touch. This article should prove conclusively that London Surprise Royal and Maximus are touches also.

If we use absolutely the same kind of shunts in the construction of London Royal and Maximus, as are used in London Surprise Minor and Major we obtain the following leads:

ROYAL.	MAXIMUS.
1234567890	1234567890ET
2135476980	2135476980OT
1253749608	1253749608TO
2157394068	2157394068BO
2517930486	2517930486OB
5271394068	5271394068BO
5217930486	5217930486OB
2571394088	2571394088BO
5273149608	5273149608TO
5723416980	5723416980OT
7532149608	7532149608TO
7352416980	7352416980OT
3725461890	3725461890ET
3274568109	3274568109TE
2347651890	2347651890ET
2436758109	2436758109TE
4263578019	4263578019TE
4625387091	4625387091TE
6452830719	6452830719TE
6548203791	6548203791TE
5684023971	5684023971TE
5860432917	5860432917TE
8506349271	8506349271TE
8053694217	8053694217TE
0835964127	0835964127TE
0389561472	0389561472TE
3098654127	3098654127TE
3906851472	3906851472TE
9360815742	9360815742TE
9630147524	9630147524TE
6903815742	6903815742TE
6093187524	6093187524TE
0591378254	0591378254TE
6019732845	6019732845TE
9091378254	9091378254TE
0619732845	0619732845TE
0169378254	0169378254TE
1063987524	1063987524TE
0136895742	0136895742TE
1036659472	1036659472TE
1083564927	1083564927TE
	2751930486
	7215394068
	7251930486
	2715394068
	2175930486
	12795304068
	21970530486
	129070503846
	12097058364

By transposition we shall find that London Royal is a seven-part touch, and is not in Plain Bob coursing order; London Maximus is a five-part touch, with Grandsire coursing order.

As I mentioned in connection with Double Norwich Royal, it may be possible to obtain peals from these touches, but as methods London Surprise Royal and Maximus do not exist.

If our mutual friend Mr. Trollope will compare the following method with London Surprise Minor, and also with his supposed London Surprise extensions on the higher numbers, he will find he has not extended London Surprise Major as he thought, but he has extended an entirely different method, of which London Surprise Minor is the infant, the Major is here, and he is the author of the Royal and Maximus.

MAJOR.

12345678
21435768
12347586
21437856
24138765
42317856
42138765
24317856
42371865
24738156
42731865
24378156
42738516
24783561
42875316
24857361
42587631
24578613
42756831
24765813
42675183
24761538
42765183
24671538
42617583
24165738
42617583
42165738
41267583
14627853
41268735
14628375
14263857

London Surprise Minor and Major both have equal numbers of odd and even changes; the Rev. E. B. James' method of Royal does not conform to that rule, as each lead contains 24 odd changes, and 16 even changes, which of itself is sufficient proof the construction is not the same as London Surprise, and, furthermore, the Minor of Mr. James' method has five false course ends, and is, therefore, useless; on eight bells the same construction produces a method with the non-coursing lead head of 14258367.

The latter circumstance is by no means unusual, there are other methods in which the Minor and Royal have coursing order lead heads, but Major produced by the same shunts have non-coursing lead heads.

BURES BELLS RESTORED.

The restoration of the bells at Bures, Suffolk, has just been completed by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, and a large company of ringers, representing about twenty towers, were present at the reopening. Three of the bells have been recast, and the whole ring of six have been rehung with steel headstocks. The 3rd bears an inscription showing that the recasting and rebanging were done in memory of Mr. Alan Pettitt, who was churchwarden for 40 years, and connected with Bures Church in many capacities for the whole of his life. Great satisfaction was expressed by visiting ringers with the results of Mr. Bowell's work, the tone of the new bells and the 'go' of the whole peal being excellent. The tenor is 21 cwt. The ringing on the occasion of the opening included 720's of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and touches of Double Oxford and Plain Bob.

In place of the old cracked ring of five, Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, who has done a great deal of work in Kent, is providing a new peal of six at Smarden in that county. He is also engaged in the restoration of two other Kentish peals, viz., at Staplehurst and Aylesford, at each of which places there is a ring of eight.

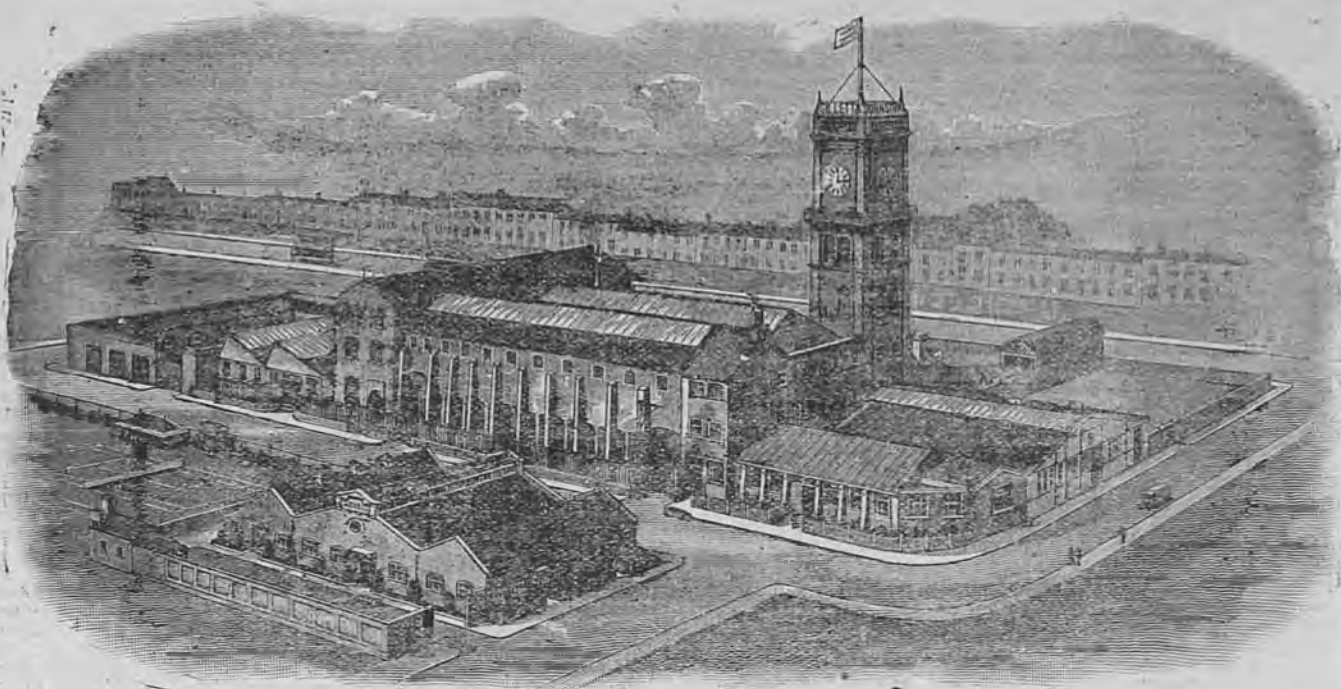
Other restorations upon which he is engaged are: Baldock, Herts (8), Finchingfield, Essex (8), Braintree, Essex (8), and Spaldwick, Hunts (6).

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 10th, a combined practice was held at Putney, and was attended by members from Chelsea, Battersea, Hammersmith, Kilburn, Chipping Barnet, and the local band. Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were the methods rung, and, incidentally, much good work was done both individually and collectively. The handy ring of good-going bells, the river (with its burden of boats of various sorts) flowing peacefully by, the splendid view up river, with Harrow Church in the far distance, contributed to make quite a pleasant evening. It is hoped that many who know not Putney and its beauty, will get acquainted with it at the next combined practice, which will be duly announced.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting for August of the Rochdale Branch took place on Saturday, the 7th, at Hamer; 28 members representing the following towers were present: Oldham, Glodwick, East Crompton, Middleton, Milnrow, Shore, Todmorden Parish Church, Crosstones, Miles Platting, Hamer, Pendleton and Hepstonstall. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m., and was continued until about 9 o'clock, the methods rung being Stedman, Grandsire, Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob Minor.

Mr. S. Stott afterwards presided over the business meeting, at which it was decided that the next monthly meeting should be held at Middleton on September 10th.—Messrs. A. Hoyle and J. Silverwood (of Hamer), together with Mr. E. Procter (of Shore), were elected performing members of the association.

A very satisfactory report of the meeting held at Trinity Church, Bolton, was given by the Rochdale Branch representative, and was accepted by the meeting.

After Mr. T. K. Driving had been unanimously nominated as branch secretary for the next two years, the following nominations were made for the Lancashire Association, the annual meeting of which takes place on September 24th, at Todmorden Parish Church: Mr. J. Schofield (of Glodwick) as vice-president; Mr. J. H. Banks as ringing secretary; Messrs. A. Barnes and S. Greenhaigh as auditors.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Hamer for the use of the tower and bells, and to the local ringers for having everything in readiness, brought this successful and harmonious meeting to a conclusion.

THE EXTENSION OF LONDON SURPRISE.

From eight bells to all numbers, odd and even, up to infinity. Above the treble.

1. On eight bells second's place is made at the parting of the leads. On all numbers make second's place at the parting of the leads.
2. On eight bells a place is made at every cross section, next the treble's path, except when she passes into the hindmost dodging position.

On all bells make a place at every cross section next the treble's path, except when she passes into the hindmost dodging position.

3. On eight bells, when the treble is dodging in 1-2, the six hindmost bells plain hunt backwards.

On all even numbers, when the treble is dodging in 1-2, make the six hindmost bells plain hunt backwards.

On all odd numbers, when the treble is dodging in 2-3, make the six hindmost bells plain hunt backwards.

Below the treble.

4. On eight bells a place is made next the treble's path at every cross section.

On all numbers make a place next the treble's path at every cross section.

5. On eight bells fourth's place from behind is made at the half-lead end.

On all numbers make fourth's place from behind at the half-lead end.

6. On eight bells, Oxford places are made in every section next the treble's path until she passes into the hindmost dodging position but one.

On all numbers make Oxford places in every section next the treble's path until she passes into the hindmost dodging position but one.

7. On eight bells, when the treble is in the hindmost dodging position but one, the four bells immediately below her plain hunt backwards.

On all numbers when the treble is in the hindmost dodging position but one, make the four bells immediately below plain hunt backwards.

8. On eight bells, when the treble is in the hindmost dodging position, the six bells immediately below plain hunt backwards.

On all numbers, when the treble is in the hindmost dodging position, make the six bells immediately below plain hunt backwards.

This gives the first half-lead. The second half is the same thing backwards.

The lead end on all even numbers is the same, i.e., 4263857 on eight, 426385079 on ten, 4263850719e on twelve, etc. The work of the bells on eight is retained on all even numbers in the same order, and without any alteration whatever. Additions consist of extra dodging, as in Kent, Double Oxford, and the rest. The odd bell variations differ from the even bell variations in the way that all odd bell variations must differ from even bell variations.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Saturday July 30th, in honour of the Patronal Festival, 1,440 Bob Minor: J. White 1, J. Mason 2, E. Milam 3, W. J. Paice 4, J. Nash 5, W. Goddard (conductor) 6. Longest length on the bells by a local hand.

TANWORTH, STAFFS.—At 13, Ludgate Street, on Saturday, July 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, on handbells, in 37 mins.: H. I. Dakin 1-2, S. G. Chaplin (conductor) 3-4, E. J. Jeffries 5-6. E. J. Jeffries has only been practising a few weeks on handbells.

MIDDLESEX RINGERS IN KENT.

On Saturday, August 13th, the band of ringers at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, Middlesex, spent an enjoyable day in Kent.

Leaving Ealing at 7 a.m., for Northfleet (via Charing Cross, where they were joined by Messrs. C. F. Winney and A. A. Hughes), which was reached at 9 a.m., the first tower to be visited was Swanscombe (8). Here Messrs. W. Hooper, G. Hayes and F. Hayes were waiting, and the bells were soon going to touches of Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major for about 40 minutes.

A move was then made for Northfleet (8); here again touches of Stedman, Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were brought round.

The next call was Old Gravesend (8), where touches of Stedman Triples were successfully brought round. After a repast, the band (who were now augmented by several members of the Milton-next-Gravesend band) made their way to the Clock Tower. At 2 p.m. a start was made for the outlying villages, the various towers being visited in the following order: Meopham (6), St. George's, Wrotham (8), St. Mary's, West Malling (8). Here a halt was called for tea. Leaving at 6 p.m., the next call was Snodland (6), and then on to Rochester Cathedral (10), by special invitation, where several members of the band took part in touches of Stedman Caters and Treble Ten. Leaving Gravesend at 9.57 p.m., the band reached Ealing at 11.55 p.m., after spending a very enjoyable day, on the first occasion of an outing by a band of ringers from St. Stephen's. It is hoped by all that it will become an annual affair. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking all the incumbents of the various churches visited in so kindly placing the bells at their disposal, also the steeplekeepers in having the bells, etc., in readiness; to Mr. W. Haigh, to the ringers of Swanscombe and Milton-next-Gravesend for their company, and especially to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, secretary of the Rochester district of the Kent County Association, who made all arrangements for the towers, charabanc, lunch and tea, and hope that their enjoyment was not less than that of their brother ringers of St. Stephen's. It may be interesting to some brother ringers to know that on the journey home, the members of St. Stephen's band, with Mr. Winney, were initiated in the order of Tom Tits by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

DURHAM PRACTICE MEETINGS.

A combined practice was held at the six-bell tower at Staindrop recently, and was attended by ringers from Darlington, Hurworth and Shildon, and the local band, including the veteran, Mr. D. Shipp, who, despite his 82 years, is as keen as ever in taking part in a touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor. The methods rung included Kent Treble Bob Minor, Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. A 720 of Kent was rung by: H. Taylor 1, A. Coates 2, J. Newson 3, W. D. Lister 4, A. Hunter 5, R. B. Robinson (conductor) 6.

At another practice at Gainford (6), touches of Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob Minor were rung by ringers from Darlington, Hurworth, Shildon and Staindrop, but owing to tendency of 5th bell to 'throw' the rope as the wheel was out of truth, the usual 720 could not be rung. Thanks are due to the Rectors of Staindrop and Gainford for permission to ring, and to Messrs. Shipp (Staindrop) and Henderson (Gainford) for having the bells ready. The next meeting will be held at Barnard Castle or Catterick, due notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

TEWKESBURY & DISTRICT GUILD.

A NEW GLOUCESTERSHIRE ORGANISATION.

A meeting of the above Guild was held at Ashchurch, on Saturday evening, July 30th, ringers being present from the various towers in the neighbourhood, including the Ringing Master and hon. secretary. During the evening, touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Canterbury Doubles and Plain Bob, Canterbury, Oxford Bob, College Single and Kent Treble Bob Minor, were rung, some of those present making their first attempt at some of the methods. Several new members were elected, and Tirley selected for the next place of meeting, on Saturday.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells brought a very pleasant and instructive meeting to a close.

This is the fourth meeting of the Guild since its formation, previous meetings having been held at Twynning, Dearhurst and Fortthampton. It is owing chiefly to the energies of Mr. C. W. Dyson that the above Guild was formed. On Easter Monday last a fairly representative gathering met in the belfry of Tewkesbury Abbey to discuss the advisability of forming the Guild, and it was unanimously decided to take this step, as it was thought it would fulfil a long-felt want, the object of the Guild being the promotion of change ringing and friendly intercourse between the different bands of ringers in the neighbourhood.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: President, the Rev. E. F. Smith, Vicar of Tewkesbury Abbey; Ringing Master, Mr. C. W. Dyson; and hon. secretary, Mr. F. Smith. Afterwards touches of Grandsire Triples and a course of Grandsire Caters were rung by members of the newly-formed Guild.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. John's, Peterborough, for morning service, on Sunday, August 14th, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Cross, junr., 1, S. Wright 2, T. Vaughan 3, F. Dainty 4, W. Cross, senr., 5, F. Davis 6, F. Cooke (cond.) 7, R. Gamble 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples: R. Gamble 1, S. Wright 2, T. Vaughan 3, W. Cross, jun., 4, F. Davis 5, F. Dainty 6, F. Cooke (conductor) 7, W. Cross, senr., 8. For evening service, 408 Stedman Triples: V. Butler 1, Miss Pyllis Hare 2, W. Cross, senr., 3, S. Wright 4, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 5, T. Vaughan 6, F. Cooke 7, F. Davis 8.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, August 14th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Stephen, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: H. Belcher 1, E. J. Walsom 2, H. Folkard 3, E. Harris 4, C. F. Winney 5, R. E. Newton 6, *F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 7, P. E. Clark 8. * First quarter-peal in the method as conductor, and first attempt. Arranged as a compliment to the conductor, who was on a visit from Milton-next-Gravesend, and also as a birthday compliment to the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey and Mr. W. Pye.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Sunday, August 14th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. F. Atkins (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Beecham 2, E. Rose 3, H. Grosvener 4, J. Eaton 5, S. Grove 6, Wm. B. Cartwright (conductor) 7, L. Wallbutton 8.

FOLKESTONE.—On Sunday, August 14th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins., by: J. Coppins 1, H. Hope 2, Miss E. Jarvis 3, E. Bridges 4, A. Kedwell 5, A. Binfield 6, S. Binfield (conductor) 7, W. Knight 8.

LONG STANTON.—On Sunday, August 14th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. Cook 1, F. Cook 2, C. W. Woolley 3, J. B. Woolley 4, G. Crip 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6. First extent in the method by the local band.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Sunday, August 14th, for morning service, at the Church of St. Paul, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 49 mins.: E. Harris 1, *P. E. Clark 2, W. H. Hollier 3, H. Folkard 4, J. H. C. Massey 5, R. Mackrill 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8. * First quarter-peal in the method, and first attempt. Arranged as a compliment for the ringer of the 5th, who was on a visit from Milnrow, Rochdale, Lancs.

SOMERSET.—On Sunday, the 14th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, Evercecech, Somerset, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: H. Wilcox 1, F. Veasey 2, H. E. Webb 3, *A. W. Reed 4, *W. Osment 5, *E. Whitehead 6, J. W. Pemberton 7, *E. Cox 8. * First quarter. Conducted by J. W. Pemberton.

ST. MARY'S, BARNES.—On Sunday, August 14th, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Cook 3, G. Boon 4, R. Mackrill 5, C. Hunt 6, J. H. C. Massey (Milnrow), conductor 7, J. Willmott 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, August 14th, for evening service, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 50 mins.: A. Cutmore 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hollier 3, G. C. Iles 4, J. W. Driver 5, W. S. Smith 6, A. Harding 7, F. Skevington (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method. Taken from 'The Ringing World,' August 12th, 1921, by J. Hunt.

ALDERSHOT.—Winchester Guild. — For evensong, at the Parish Church of St. Michael, on Sunday, August 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: Sergt. G. Gilbert, R.E. (conductor), 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, W. Denyer 3, T. Streeter 4, Alb. Croucher 5, C. Bish 6, W. Moorey 7, Fred Croucher 8. Arranged for ringers of 4th from Shere, and 6th and 7th from Godalming, the remainder being Aldershot band.

WAKEFIELD.—On Sunday, August 7th, at the Cathedral, Wakefield, for evening service, was rung a touch of Grandsire Triples, numbering 504 changes, by a portion of the Cathedral company, stationed as follows: T. Moorhouse 1, J. Moorhouse 2, W. Peaker 3, G. Heald 4, G. Hinsley 5, T. Eason 6, F. Cockell 7, W. Archer 8. The touch was conducted by Mr. James Moorhouse in a masterly manner, and was much enjoyed by the ringers. Great credit is due to the conductor, as this was practically his first attempt at calling. He was heartily congratulated by his fellow ringers on his achievement, who realise more than the general public the mental strain that is involved in keeping so many 'fuzzaks' in their proper places.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.—The Gloucester and Bristol Association. —On Sunday evening, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: H. E. Gillett 1, W. Stratford 2, H. Packer 3, W. Large (conductor) 4, J. Collett 5, T. Banning 6, H. Gillett 7, J. Butler 8. W. Large belong to Todenham. This quarter was taken from Grove's Variation of Parker's 12-Part.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1313 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

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J. Carter.

432 BOB MAJOR

2345678 W 5th In M H
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* Bobs at 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9.

210 LITTLE BOB MAJOR.

2345678 B W M I H
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2753468 S — — —
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Each has Queen's and Whittington's.
G. Hollis.

503 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

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672453 2
546572 1
723654 2
357246 3
463725 2
574263 1
275346 5
752346 4
467235 2
674235 4
526374 1
745632 2
267345 1
742653 3
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Round at hand next lead.
Has Queen's, Tittums and Whittington's.
H. W. Wilde.

STEDMAN CATERS

on Short course plan.

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653124 4 7 9 10 14 17 19 20
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Slow six course ends in each.
G. E. Symonds.

IN THE THAMES VALLEY.

St. Mary's Society, Putney, had an enjoyable outing to the upper reaches of the Thames. Leaving Paddington at 6.30 a.m. they made Shiplake their headquarters, and at the Plough mine host had a genial welcome and a substantial breakfast awaiting them. Afterwards they enjoyed some ringing on the bells of the Parish Church, Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob being the methods. After dinner a visit was paid to Sonning, where the party were cordially received by the Vicar and invited to rest on the Vicarage lawn. Subsequently a quarter-peal of Grandsire was attempted on the Parish Church bells, but was stopped after 35 minutes by the conductor, under the erroneous impression that he had missed a bob. A stroll back along the Thames Valley to headquarters for tea was followed by a visit to Wargrave, where touches were rung on the beautiful peal of eight. On

Sunday a quarter-peal was rung for service at Shiplake, as already duly recorded, and after a leisure day the party returned home via Caversham, where, by the kindness of the Vicar and local ringers, three courses of Stedman and a touch of Grandsire were rung after service.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild (Devizes Branch) was held at Bratton, on August 6th. It was not very well attended, owing, we presume, to the short notice, only 14 out of a possible 179 turning up. The following towers were represented: Warminster, Trowbridge (Devizes St. John), Westbury, Kesvil, Hilperion and Midsomer Norton. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. REVISED RULES.

Irrefutable evidence that the affairs of the Sussex County Association are in the grip of a post-war revival was furnished by the unqualified success of the quarterly meeting of the Central Division held at Crawley on Saturday, August 6th. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and was continued until 4.30 p.m., when a short service was held in the fine old church of St. John the Baptist. During the course of an illuminating address, the Rector (the Rev. H. L. Barrett-Lennard, M.A.) outlined briefly the history of the use of bells as instruments of Christian worship from the very earliest times to the present day; and quoted some remarkable figures and facts in connection with weights and types of bells; the varying styles of architecture of campaniles; and the great names in the history of bell founding.

At the close of the service a collection was made on behalf of the Benevolent Fund of the Association.

A move was then made to the Rectory, where the vista of the white-covered tea-tables on the lawns evidenced the generous interest of the incumbents of Crawley in the affairs of the association; and a truly representative company of 40 partook of the goodly fare provided. At the conclusion of the meal the necessary business of the meeting was proceeded with, the Rector being in the chair, supported by Mr. York Bramble, and the divisional secretary, Mr. A. D. Stone. In the election of new members, the Secretary proposed, for the Twineham Branch, one hon. member (the Rector), and ten ringing members; for the Bolney Branch, four ringing members.—The proposal was seconded by Mr. T. H. Messer, and carried unanimously.—Then followed the ratification of the provisional election of six non-resident members.

Under the general business item, attention was drawn to the innovations in the rules of the association, which have been revised by the sub-committee appointed for that purpose at the last annual general meeting, and which are incorporated in the latest issue of the annual report. It was pointed out that while the removal of all the old irregularities and ambiguities had resulted in the expansion of the rules, yet only one new rule (as to peals, etc.) had been added, one other being divided into two; and that nothing had been included except what absolute necessity demanded. Any constitutional innovation was, of course, subject to adoption at the next annual general meeting. Copies of the report had been circulated to all affiliated towers in the county, and it was urged, therefore, that all members should make themselves well acquainted with the rules, and discuss the question of the innovations in readiness for adoption or otherwise at the annual general meeting. Only by the practical application of a thorough working knowledge of what was really the basis of the constitution of the association could its members hope to assist their officers in maintaining the association in the front rank of ringing organisations.

It was then announced that, in accordance with Rule XIV., individual members might obtain copies of the annual report upon payment therefor, and in a few seconds the divisional secretary had sold out (at the rate of 1s. per copy) the stock he had brought with him.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. York Bramble announced that the Master of the Association, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman, who had returned to Brighton to attend a prior engagement, desired to have his regret expressed at being unable to remain till the end of the day; and he (the speaker) had great pleasure, therefore, in proposing (in the absence of the Master) a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his interesting and instructive address, and also for the enjoyable tea which he had so generously provided; to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the organist and the choir for their services.—Mr. A. D. Stone seconded, and the motion was carried with acclamation.—The Rector, in responding, expressed the great pleasure it gave them to welcome a gathering of the association to Crawley, and hoped that the next visit would be at an early date.

Ringling at the tower was then resumed, and practice in the following methods—Bristol, London, Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob—kept the bells going until a late hour, when the members reluctantly dispersed from what was unanimously voted a highly enjoyable meeting.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the South-Western Division was held at Havering Atte Bower, on Saturday, August 13th, at which 20 members were present from the following towers: West Ham, Barking, Romford, Hornchurch, Loughton, Dagenham, Chigwell Row, Woodford, Leytonstone, Little Heath and Bentley, who rang touches of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, York and London Surprise Minor.—The Vicar welcomed the members, and arranged a short service, and presided at the meeting held in the hall near the church. He was supported by the District Master (Mr. E. Wightman). It was decided to hold a by-meeting at Bovinger on Sept. 25th, notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'—It was also decided to hold the annual district meeting at Waltham Abbey, in December.—Mr. G. Perry, of Loughton, was elected a ringing member, and Mr. H. W. Freeman was re-elected a member of the association.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, conducting the service and presiding concluded the meeting.

NOTICES.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at All Saints', Isleworth, Saturday, August 20th. Tower open from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at 1/6 per head.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wenden, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. A book on the history of Saffron Walden Bells and Bellingring, by the Rev. G. M. Burton, is now ready, price 1/-.—F. Dench, Hon. District Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, August 20th, when the new ring of ten will be open from 3 to 5, and after tea until 9. St. Margaret's, Rochester (8) and Frindsbury (8) will also be available after tea. Tea will be served at 5 o'clock at the Tea Table Cafe, High Street. Business meeting after tea. All ringers welcome.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Magor on Saturday, August 20th, at 4.30. Bells (6) available.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

LADIES' GUILD.—(Southern District.)—A quarterly meeting will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, August 20th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next Monthly meeting of the Guild will be held at Brinklow, on Saturday, August 20th next. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A Monthly meeting of this branch will be held at Kirkby Mallory, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (5) available 4 o'clock.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Aug. 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High St., North Dunstable.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Norton, on Saturday, August 20th. Service at 5 p.m. Bells (6) available at 2.30.—J. Hemming, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Heanor on Saturday, August 20th. Ringing from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—Thomas H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Biddulph, on Saturday, Aug. 20th.—E. Steele, 109, George Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent; J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 20th, at Christ Church, West Bromwich (12 bells). Bells available

2.30. Service at 4.30 with an address by the Vicar (Rev. J. Goodacre, M.A., M.C.). Business meeting to follow.—Fred Colcough, Hon. Sec., Earl Street, Bilston, Staffs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Hale on August 20th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.15. Tea 5.45. All ringers cordially invited.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Whittlesea, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at South Petherton, on Saturday, August 20th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow. Bells (8) available early.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North St., Martock.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays 7.30 p.m., St. Clement Danes, Aug. 22nd; Bishopsgate 29th; Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement's 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate 2nd and 4th. Summer outing, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Full particulars later.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on August 23rd, and St. Andrew, Holborn, on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the North-East Division will be held at Great Bentley, on Saturday, August 27th. Members intending being present please notify the Master, Mr. W. J. Nevard, by Wednesday, August 24th. All ringers welcome.—H. T. Pye, Dist. Sec., 49, Wickham Road, Colchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The Annual meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be served in the Sandgate School, at 5 p.m., price 1/3 each. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Prior to the meeting a presentation will be made to Mr. T. Redman, of Burnley, in recognition of his long and devoted services to the branch. Will all wishing to partake of tea kindly send in their names on or before Wednesday, August 24th, to Mr. R. Hartley, 35, Prestwich Street, Burnley? All ringers and friends cordially invited.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Upham, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells available at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea kindly inform me by August 23rd.—W. T. Tucker, Dist. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Willington on Saturday, August 27th. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers cordially invited.—H. L. Harlow, Dist. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting to be held at Calverley, August 27th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m.—M. Moorhouse, Hon. Sec., 10, Mitford Rd., Armley, Leeds

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The Yearly Branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Business: Election of officers and other important business. A good attendance is requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The August meeting will be held at Conisborough on the 27th. Bells (8) 3 to 8 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30 at 1/6 per head to those who notify Mr. M. C. Fowler, 26, North Cliff Road, Conisborough, before the 24th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Beccles Branch.—A meeting will be held at Beccles on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (10) from 2 p.m.—R. J. Goate, District Secretary.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A Special meeting will be held at Brixworth on Saturday, August 27th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me not later than August 22nd those requiring tea.—S. J. Laurence, Dist. Sec., 7, Castilian Terrace, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The Annual meeting of the above will be held at Wye, by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. Edgar Lambert, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Ringing commencing at 2.30. A Special service in the Church at 4.30. Tea (free) to all those who notify me of their intention of being present not later than Tuesday, August 30th. Business meeting after tea for the election of officers, &c. Ringing again till 8 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dist. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Next meeting at Seend, September 3rd, at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. F. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, September 3rd, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. All ringers invited.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next Quarterly meeting will be at Hinckley, on Saturday, 24th September. See later notices.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

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A handsome peal tablet of Hopwood Stone, designed by Mr. W. H. Fussell, and given by Mr. E. Sargent, who also executed the work, has been erected in the belfry of St. Mary's, Slough, recording the first peal of Grandsire Triples rung by the local band on October 18th, 1919. The tablet was unveiled and dedicated by the Bishop of Buckingham, who, addressing the ringers afterwards, told them he was pleased to perform the ceremony because it reminded him of the dear old days they had spent together, when his position was rather different to what it is now. The band that rang the peal, rang a touch of 400 Grandsire Triples, standing in the same order, viz.: A. Leader 1, T. S. Smith 2, W. H. Fussell 3, W. G. Bedford 4, G. T. Leader 5, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 6, P. E. Jones 7, A. Perryman 8. Touches of Stedman Triples by friends and visitors followed.

On the same occasion the Bishop dedicated a turret clock, with three dials, placed in the church by Mr. E. Sargent, of Buckingham House, in memory of his uncle, Mr. Edward Sargent, who was parish clerk from 1896 to 1915.

The eight bells of St. Mary's Church, Billingshurst, are to be restored. The tenor bell is to be recast owing to being cracked, and the whole peal retuned and rehung with all new fittings. The contract has been placed in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

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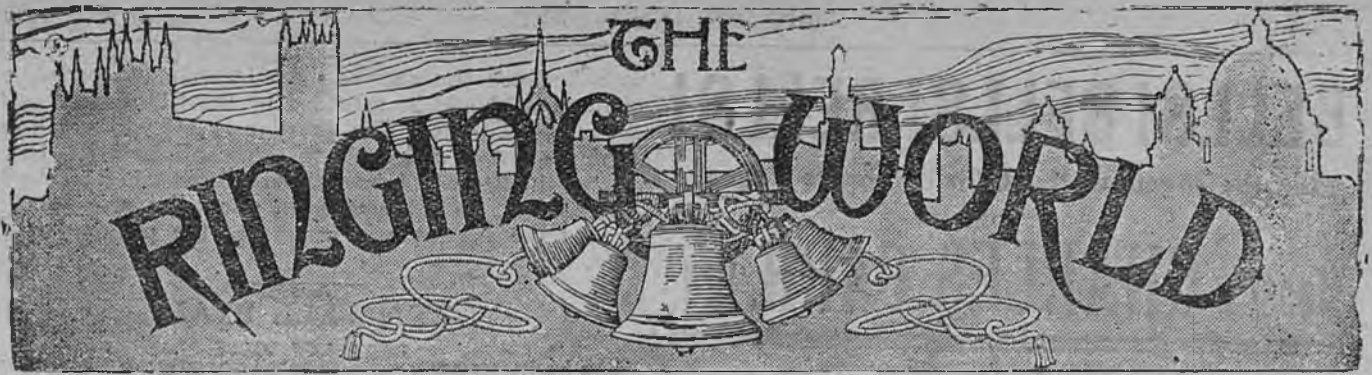
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ELY ASSOCIATION AND SUFFOLK.

While the Norwich and Ipswich Association was seeking at Lowestoft to find a solution of the difficulty which presented itself by the formation of the Suffolk Association, the latter body at Sudbury took steps to justify an extension of its activities throughout the county by changing its title to "The Suffolk Diocesan Association." How far this alteration is a happy choice of title, seeing that it does not conform to the name of the new diocese, is not a matter of much importance outside the Association itself, but it does emphasise the determination of the members not to confine their efforts to West Suffolk. Our article on the position of affairs in the county, which appeared a fortnight ago, has, we believe, awakened a very real interest, among the ringers most closely concerned, as to the best method by which an amicable settlement of the relations of the rival organisations can be arrived at. To our suggestion that it was a matter in which the Ely Diocesan Association should have a voice, the reply of Mr. A. L. Coleman last week was that, as the Ely Association had recognised and accepted the fact that the Sudbury Diocese had thrown off its allegiance, it left the field clear to the Norwich and Ipswich Association to make advances. There would have been stronger ground for his contention were it not for the fact that the Ely Association, as far back as 1914, had, in view of the division of the diocese, taken specific action to encourage the towers in the new diocese to form a diocesan Association.

The letters which we publish this week make it abundantly clear that the Ely Association retired from the Sudbury Archdeaconry with a definite policy in view—but that policy was not to leave the field open to any other Association, apart from a new one established directly to embrace the new diocese, to step in and take over what they had relinquished. Indeed, in the Report for 1913 the Ely Association referred to the division of the diocese, appealed to the Sudbury Archdeaconry not to sever their connection with them until a new association was formed for the new diocese, and strongly deprecated a withdrawal in favour of any Association which lay outside the new diocese. Probably Mr. Coleman was unaware of the attitude of the Ely Association, when he suggested last week that no reasonable person conversant with what had taken place could accuse the Norwich and Ipswich Association of lack of consideration or of robbing the Ely Diocesan Association of territory. As the Rev. H. B. Woolley points out, it would be well if the Suffolk Association now voiced its own views, and in any case we are still of opinion that for the sake of future amicable rela-

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tions between the various organisations concerned, any conference should be attended by the Ely as well as the other Associations. The question is one which will need some amount of diplomacy to settle satisfactorily, but, in view of the line which has all along been taken by the Ely Association, no settlement, in our opinion, is likely to remove the friction which ignores the position of this body.

TEN BELL PEAL.

BERKELEY, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1921, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CAMPANILE OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM A. CAVE Treble	HENRY SMITH 6
CHARLES H. AUSTIN 2	ALFRED G. HANNIS 7
JESSE B. TYLER 3	SYDNEY M. LOXTON 8
FREDERICK OAKHILL 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER 9
SIDNEY R. HICKS 5	WILLIAM IRELAND Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

This is the first peal on the ten bells (the two trebles having been given by the Association as a Memorial to those members who fell in the Great War). It was rung at the first attempt by a representative band of 'Overseas' ex-service men as follows:—1 and 3, Bristol; 2 and 7, Gloucester; 4, Wotton-under-Edge; 5, South Cerney; 6, Stroud; 8, Cirencester; 9, Cheltenham; 10, Painswick.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ARTHUR DYE Treble	ROBERT W. COOKE 5
ARTHUR W. BALDWIN 2	WILLIAM E. BASON 6
*CHARLES WYBROW 3	JOHN A. GODFREY 7
*GEORGE COOK 4	*GEORGE BEVERLEY Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by W. E. BASON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells by an entirely local band.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 4, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

WILLIAM E. BASON Treble	ERNEST LINCOLN 5
CHARLES F. SAYER 2	CHARLES F. WOODS 6
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON 7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 4	NORMAN R. BAILEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. E. BASON.

The composition has the full combination of 4-5-6 with the tenors at Wrong.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT LUDKIN Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
*GEORGE W. TEMBEY 2	*CLAUDE I. DAVIES 6
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
WALTER HUGHES 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by G. H. HARDY.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON

* First peal in the method. G. W. Tembey hails from Egremont, Cumberland, and was elected a non-resident life member of the Association.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

H. JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.	
FRED SHERATON Treble	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5
RICHARD A. GOFTON 2	R. ALDER GOFTON 6
*JOHN MCKEAG 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7
JAMES E. GOFTON 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

* First peal of Major.

OLANFIELD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.	
RICHARD KEEN Treble	JOHN MONK 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK 2	NOBLE SPINDLOW 6
CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
HARRY HOLIFIELD 4	ALBERT E. LOCK Tenor

Conducted by NOBLE SPINDLOW.

Rung on the eve of the Dedication Festival.

LLANGATFOCK, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.	
CHARLES EDWARDS Treble	WILLIAM EVANS 5
SIDNEY T. RACKHAM 2	JAMES P. HYETT 6
JOHN H. RACKHAM 3	BENJAMIN GREATORIX ... 7
*ALEC A. RACKHAM 4	WILLIAM WILLIAMS ... } Tenor
	NORMAN ALLBUTT ... }

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal of Triples. Owing to the heavy going of the tenor, Mr. Allbutt kindly relieved tenor man for the last 20 minutes of the peal.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.	
THOMAS PHILLIPS Treble	JOHN LIDDIARD 5
PERCY J. SPICE 2	JAMES FORD 6
ALFRED JAMES 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
GEORGE DURLING 4	EDMUND MOUNTER Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

This is the quickest peal on the bells, and was rung on the twenty-second anniversary of E. MOUNTER's wedding day.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.	
CHARLES T. COLES Treble	GEORGE B. LUCAS 5
WILLIAM J. KEMP 2	CHARLES A. GRAY 6
ARTHUR MASON 3	ALBERT W. COLES 7
THOMAS F. EAST 4	*MRS. WILLIAM J. KEMP ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 31st, for morning service, at the Parish Church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: Fred Hancock 1, A. Tomlinson 2, J. H. Humphries 3, W. Ashman 4, P. Jervis 5, Joseph Morton (conductor) 6. First 720 by the local company.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.	
FREDERICK BIRD Treble	THOMAS JORDAN 5
ALFRED E. PITSTOW 2	THOMAS J. WATTS 6
GEORGE JORDAN 3	FREDERICK DENCH 7
WALTER PRIOR 4	FREDERICK J. PITSTOW ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by F. J. PITSTOW.

PORTSEA, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.	
GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 2	†WILLIAM TATE 6
*HENRY L. AITKEN 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 7
FREDERICK W. THORNTON ... 4	RICHARD J. STONE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. F. W. Thornton, of Greenwich, who was on a visit to Portsmouth.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14½ cwt.	
GEORGE FOUND Treble	HARRY PARKES 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	PHILIP HODGKIN 6
TOM SAUNDERS 3	THOMAS E. SONE 7
HARRY C. CASILE 4	LEWIS NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

First peal as conductor in the method.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
THOMAS B. WORSLEY Treble	GEORGE PINCOTT 5
JOSEPH LOWE 2	ROBERT WALLWORK 6
TITUS BARLOW 3	JOHN POTTER 7
*JOHN P. FIDLER 4	JOSEPH GREGORY Tenor

Composed by REV. H. E. BULWER. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Arranged for J. P. Fidler, of Hazel Grove, Stockport, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Gregory, who was 71 on the previous Wednesday. * First peal in the method.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.	
RICHARD B. LAMBERT Treble	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 3	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 7
WILLIAM LATTER 4	ERNEST C. LAMBERT Tenor

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FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN Treble	WILLIAM E. BASON 5
BEN S. THOMPSON 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 6
CECIL V. EBBERSON 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells. This was the conductor's 150th peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

being three 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 of Bob Minor.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... Treble	FREDERICK WADE 4
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Arranged and rung to oblige W. B. Duncan, of Reepham, Norfolk.

FENNY DRAYTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 4 six-scores, Canterbury Pleasure, 4 Old Doubles, 4 Plain Bob, 20 with extremes, 10 Grand sire, each called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES CATTELL Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP 3
ARTHUR CATTELL 2	FRED COTTON 4
ERNEST MORRIS Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells which were augmented to 5 in 1909.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 13, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

TOM STANCLIFFE Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 4
FRED CHAMBERS 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 5
ARTHUR INGHAM 3	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

Arranged for A. Ingham, of Church Kirk. First peal in the method for ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

TAXAL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 13, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Taxal; 2 (spliced), Poynton and Old Oxford; 3 (spliced), Bocking and Willesden; 4 (spliced), Neasden and Grove; 5 (spliced), College Bob IV. and Wragby; 6 (spliced), Trowell, Duke of Norfolk, Islington and Norbury; 7 (spliced), Oxford, Overton, Sandal, London Scholars and Kingston. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY 4
JOHN P. FIDLER 2	JOHN W. HARTLEY 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3	FRED HOLT Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

First peal in 18 methods on the bells.

FINCHAM, NORFOLK.

THE STOW AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in A.

*CLAUDE COUSINS Treble	LEE FEATHERBY 4
ALFRED BACON 2	OLIVER STAINES 5
HARRY PORTER 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

DALLINGTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 11 cwt.

LEONARD G. BOOTH Treble	CHARLES G. CREASEY 4
WILLIAM H. HOAD 2	TRAYTON BOOTH 5
EDWARD MILLS 3	JAMES GOODSSELL Tenor

Conducted by TRAYTON BOOTH.

The conductor's first attempt at calling a peal. The ringers all belong to Salehurst, and the peal was rung, by invitation, for the annual church parade for local hospitals.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter de Merton,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob.

HERBERT J. HARLOW ... Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL 4
*ALFRED B. PECK 2	CHARLES A. ROBINSON 5
CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

* First peal on six bells. Rung as a birthday peal for C. A. Robinson.

NORTHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

*JAMES GOODSSELL Treble	THOMAS HOAD 4
†TRAYTON BOOTH 2	WILLIAM H. HOAD 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor with a bob bell. First peal of Minor on the bells. Mr. Lambert hails from Burwash, the remainder from Salehurst.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At 5, King's Head Street,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by the Rev. EARL BULWER. Conducted by the Performer. Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

EDMONTON, N.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At 82, Stanley Road,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLERS, 5043 CHANGES;

GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 1-2	MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	WILBY J. HAZELL 7-8
EDWARD H. KING 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

**HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, August 13, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by
ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by A. HARDY. Conducted by the Performer.
Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
IN ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

R. O. STREET 1-2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6
*JOHN B. WOOLLEY 3-4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7-8

Composed by THOMAS DAY. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
* First peal in the method on an inside pair.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five
and a half Minutes,

AT 11, QUEEN ANNE TERRACE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN B. WOOLLEY 1-2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6
*RUFERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7-8

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, August 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM 1-2	ALBERT WALKER 7-8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3-4	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 9-10
JAMES E. GROVES 5-6	JOHN NEAL 11-12

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by G. F. SWANN.
Referees: MORRIS J. MORRIS and ALBERT E. NORMAN.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by
ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by L. HEAD, Maidstone. Conducted by the Performer.
Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

This peal is the one-part published in the 'Ringing World' on the
5th inst., and is now tapped for the first time.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by
ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by the Performer.
Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

This peal is the ten-part published in the 'Ringing World' of the
5th inst., and is now tapped for the first time.

**SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.**

On Saturday, August 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,
IN ST. CHAD'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

comprising two 120's of Stedman, 4 of Canterbury, 4 of Plain Bob
and 32 of Grandsire.

JAMES E. LILLEY... .. 1-2	CHARLES R. LILLEY 3-4
REGINALD POLE 5-6	

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

being three 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and 720 of
Bob Minor. Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN GARRETT Treble	HARRY HALL 4
ALFRED H. WATSON... .. 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 3	JOHN HALL Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

* First peal of Minor. Rung to oblige the ringers of the treble, 2,
4 and 6, who belong to Framlingham. It had been arranged to
attempt Treble Bob Major at Southwold, but after meeting at the
church this had to be cancelled owing to a serious case of illness.
The band tender their best thanks to Mr. G. Eastaugh, the tower
keeper, for granting permission to ring at a moment's notice.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex As-
sociation was held at Battle on Saturday, August 13th, between 24
and 30 members attending from Bexhill, Battle, Christ Church,
Blacklands, Salehurst, and Eastbourne (St. Saviour's). Messrs. G.
H. Howse and A. Piper, of Eastbourne, and Mr. G. Billings, of
Hawkhurst, were also present. Ringing in the standard methods
was indulged in during the afternoon and evening.

At the service, the Dean gave an excellent address, which was
thoroughly appreciated by everyone present. Through the great
kindness of the churchwarden, Mr. R. B. Allwork, the ringers were
invited to tea at his residence in High Street, the meeting which
followed being held on the lawn, the Dean presiding.

The Dean of Battle, the Very Rev. H. Francis, M.A., and the
Vicar of St. Saviour's, Eastbourne (the Rev. Canon H. Urling
Wheipton, M.A.), were elected as hon. life members, and Mr. R. B.
Allwork (Battle) was elected as an hon. member. The following
ringing members were also elected: Messrs. W. H. Ware, J. Park, E.
Marchant, L. Faulkner, and A. Akehurst, of St. Saviour's, East-
bourne.

Mr. W. D. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. All-
work for his kindness in providing tea, and coupled with this the
names of Miss Allwork and Mrs. Walter Allwork for so kindly at-
tending to the ringers' wants. He also thanked the Dean for the
use of the bells, and for his very kindly and practical address at
the service.—This was supported by Mr. Walter Franks, and the
Dean, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, said what a great
pleasure it had been to him to be amongst them that day.

Mr. Allwork also responded, and in a few well-chosen words, said
he had been more than pleased to welcome the ringers to tea that
day.

It was decided, circumstances permitting, to hold the next quar-
terly meeting at Mayfield.

CHIPPING BARNET RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 13th, the St. John's Society, Chipping Bar-
net, with their wives and ringing friends, from Hadley, Southgate
and Kilburn, held their annual outing. Leaving the Parish Church
at two o'clock they travelled by charabanc to Harpenden, where
the steeplekeeper was awaiting them, and the bells were soon going
to the tune of Stedman Triples, and a well-struck touch was called
by Norman A. Tomlinson. Grandsire Triples and Bob Major fol-
lowed, to give all a chance to have a pull. Proceeding to Luton,
where Mr. A. King gave the visitors a welcome, the bells, a nice
peal of eight, were soon going to methods to suit all. The next stop
was Hitchin, where a sumptuous tea was provided by Host Hobleys.
At the church, some of the local band were awaiting the party, who
found a good peal of bells (tenor 28 cwt.), and a lot of jolly good
fellows, too. They would have liked to stay longer, but a touch
of Stedman Triples and Bob Major had to suffice, before going off to
Knebworth. Here a well-struck touch of Stedman, conducted by
Cecil V. Ebberson, and Grandsire Triples by Norman A. Tomlinson,
finished the day's ringing. The return journey was commenced at
about 9 o'clock, and Chipping Barnet reached at 11 o'clock, everyone
being pleased with the trip.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the above was held at Brinklow on Saturday
last. The Vicar (the Rev. G. A. Dawson) was present in the
church, and welcomed the members, who attended from Allesley,
Coventry, Exhall, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke and Warwick. Some
good ringing was successfully accomplished, and included Grandsire
and Stedman Doubles, Kent Minor, Double Court, Double Oxford,
Double Stedman Slow Course, and Plain Bob. Tea was partaken
of at the Raven Inn, after which the handbells were brought into
use, and amongst other methods a very musical but freak method,
called Rugby Major, was rung. The members wish to take this op-
portunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells.

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think we have had quite enough of bluff, as they call it, in poker, and that the time has come for somebody to lay his cards upon the table; for my own part, I am quite ready to do so. This is my view:—

London Surprise consists in two hunts, a treble bob hunt, which is done by the treble, and adopted by all the other bells when they are going to pass the treble—to enable them to get by—and a plain hunt backwards, which all the bells do, when they are not manœuvring to pass the treble, and there is no other work of any sort in the method.

As I want everybody to thoroughly understand this argument, I pause to explain that a plain hunt is the work that bells do in Plain Bob, and by a plain hunt backwards I mean that the bells are hunting in the other direction, as in the annexed figures.

Now, if we look at London on six and eight bells, we find that the bells adopt different places in which to change from their backward hunt to the treble bob hunt when they are above the treble, but as soon as they have passed the treble on the way down they make a place at once and resume the plain hunt backwards, except the two bells that dodge with the treble behind, which come down one place lower before they bring their plain hunt backwards.

And now I think I hear someone asking about the second's place when the treble is dodging in 3—4. Well, if we followed the ordinary rule the changes would go as I give them here, which would involve the 2nd lying three blows at lead, and a repetition when the treble is in 4th's place; both of which are avoided by making the place one row later.

Notice that the internal places mark the divisions between the hunts: the bells on one side of the place are hunting backwards, those on the other are doing treble bob.

In the Minor the 5th is the pivot bell, and the Major the 7th; therefore the 9th is the bell that must make 7th's place when the treble lies her whole pull behind in Royal.

This fixes the pairing of the other bells, for when the 9th lies still 7 must change with 10, 5 with 8, 3 with 6, and 2 with 4, otherwise we shall not get the right lead end.

We are now in a position to make a start. Have we any definite fact to begin with that will fix the working of the other bells? We have—the second is already dodging with the treble, so her work is fixed, and she will be in 5th's place going up as the treble commences her whole pull behind.

This fixes the work of the fourth, which must be in 6th's place ready to change with her; therefore, the fourth must pass the treble in 8—9 down, and it is our work to see that she gets there at the right time. Recollect that the only means by which we can do this is by choosing the right moment to alter her path from a backwards hunt to a treble bob hunt. Now, there are two places in which we can do this. First we can let her make 8th's place as she hunts up and begin dodging parallel to the treble, but if we do that the bells behind her must continue their plain hunt backwards, which would involve 8th's, 9th's and 10th's places being all made at once, and rules that plan out. It only remains to allow the fourth to hunt backwards until she reaches 9th's place on the way down, and then start treble bob in 9—10 up. This is the plan adopted in my method, and there is no other plan available.

Now, having fixed the path of the fourth the path of the 6th is also fixed, as, while the 4th is hunting backwards all the bells above her must do the same, so the treble must dodge with the 6th in 9—10 up. Consequently, the 3rd must dodge with the treble in 3—4 down, or she will not be in the right place to change with the 6th in 8—9 when the treble lies her whole pull. The third, therefore, changes with the 7th as the treble passes through 2—3, and the 9th must make 6th's place and commence her treble bob path, so as to pass the treble in 4—5 and fall into 7th's place when the treble lies behind.

We now have the front six bells all doing treble bob, and the reverse hunting bells up behind have to make 7th's place and go back up again in due order, until the moment when they all four turn round and commence their treble bob paths to get by the treble.

In the figures below, a glance will show that all the bells printed in italics are doing treble bob, and the rest are hunting backwards, with the exception of the second's place, which I have already explained.

When I said that London Surprise Maximus could not be obtained it was for this reason: If you try to prick London on twelve bells you will find the 2nd in 9th's place when the treble is going to lie her whole pull behind.

Now we must have the eleventh there, and it is not possible to get the second away without departing from the method.

MINOR.	MAJOR.	ROYAL.
123456	12345678	1234567890
213546	21354768	2135476980
125364	12537486	1253749608
215684	21573846	2157394068
251643	25178364	2513790486
526134	52713846	5231970846
521643	52178364	5213798064
256734	25713846	2531978604
526314	52731486	5239176840
562341	57234168	5329718604
653214	75321486	3592176840
635241	73524168	3952718604
365421	37254678	9326781064
	32745687	9237580146
	23476518	2973857064
	24367587	2798350146
	42637857	7289530476
		7825903467
		8752094376
		8570249367
		5807429637

E. BANKES JAMES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—All those who are following the controversy upon the subject of extensions will note with interest that Mr. George Baker's extensions of Double Norwich have been produced by an independent investigator—Mr. W. H. Wilde. It may be of interest, also, to note that Mr. Baker's extension of London to the Royal (as given in last week's issue) has also been produced independently—by myself. But the unfortunate fact that, while conforming with the construction of the Minor and Major in the parallel arrangement of Treble Bob and of plain-hunt-retrograde rows (and part rows) of changes, it incurs the serious limitation to a seven-part touch (and with non-coursing lead-ends at that!) instead of a nine-lead plain course, caused me to relegate my result to the waste-paper basket! In the course of my investigations, however, I discovered a form of extension to the Royal (in fact, was in correspondence with Mr. Law James about it in June of last year), which, with the exception of the blamish of a 9th's place * (unavoidable in that form), and which at once condemns it from the musical point of view, conform with the given requirements and produces the full nine-lead plain course with true coursing London lead ends, viz:—

1243658709

- 1234567890
- 2135476980
- 1253749608
- 2157394068
- 2517930486
- 5271903846
- 5217098364*
- 2571903864*
- 5279130846
- 5729318064
- 7592130846
- 7952318064
- 9725381604
- 9273586140
- 2937851604
- 2398756140
- 3289576410
- 3825967401
- 8352694710
- 8536249701

5863429071
etc.

But of this (with your clemency, sir) more anon!—Yours truly,
A. YORKE-BRAMBLE.

FIRST QUARTER PEAL AT 60.

At Paignton, on Wednesday, August 17th, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples (1,260 changes), from Holt's One-part peal, in 50 mins., was rung by: F. Allwood (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 1, J. H. Williams (Coleshill) 2, Mrs. F. T. Gover 3, W. Abraham (Bristol) 4, C. Austin 5, F. T. Gover (conductor) 6, W. E. Garrard (London) 7, H. J. Hole 8. Mr. Allwood was warmly congratulated by the band on the admirable manner in which he rang. He is over 60 years of age, and until last year was always used to call changes. Messrs. Williams, Abraham and Garrard, who were on a visit to Paignton, were elected life members of the Devon Guild previous to starting.

BEWDLEY BELLS RESTORED

REOPENED BY THE BISHOP OF WORCESTER.

The restoration of the bells at Bewdley, Worcestershire (an old peal by Rudhall) has just been completed by Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., of Smethwick, and the dedication has been performed by the Bishop of Worcester. A civic touch was given to the ceremony, which was attended by the Mayor and Corporation in state, a procession being formed, headed by the maces and the Mayor in his robes and chain of office, and marching from the Guildhall to the church, where a large congregation had assembled. A special form of service was used, and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. H. Moore). After the formal dedication, the Bishop preached from the words, 'My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; I say before the morning watch' (Psalm 130). The Bishop spoke of the watchman of old, standing upon the towers of Athens, and added that he thought there was something which brought the old watchman to their minds, when they spoke of bells. The bell was not, he said, historically the luxury it had now become. 'In a more primitive age,' said the Bishop, 'when the various means for ordering life was less mechanically perfect, than they are to-day your bell tower was also your clock tower—it is that with which you keep time. It tells you—if it is the curfew—the time to close down and commend your soul to God for the night. It tells you (if the Church bell) of the time of Divine service and that you should prepare your heart to worship in spirit and in truth. It tells you (if the vesper bell) it is the time to come and join the rest of God's servants in this place. Or it tells you the time some sinful weary soul has left to abide in another life. The passing bell meant notice that the word had gone forth that poor "so and so" could not last very long, and the simple friendly folk knew that the time had come to pray earnestly for so and so, and when it should please God to cut the thin thread and take the soul again to His own presence, that you should pray for such that they may enter the presence and go out no more for ever. And so the Church bell passed from giving the time for religious things to giving the time for secular things as well. There may be traditions in this place—certainly there were in many—of the reaping bell; the bell that went as a signal that before that time nobody must start to get in the fruits of the earth and so get an unfair advantage over another. First of two things, this help of yours is to remind you that your position in human life for God's sake and Christ's, is to be a watchman of something or over something which you are determined to defend and maintain

at all costs. There lies upon you in God's sight sole responsibility for certain things. It is not possible for me—it is not possible for any human being, however far-sighted, however wide his experience to tell you exactly what the particular responsibility is—they belong to your own fortress—the fortress of your own soul and what is more important, the contribution you can make to the sum total of the progress of the Kingdom of God. The responsibility of the watchman is that he should be ever watchful. These bells are also time-keepers, and you know the great fact of accurately kept time is always a sense of confidence. It is this unfailing punctuality of the bell that gives us confidence; it is that very life-blood of the Church of Christ that the mercy of God endureth for ever. May the effect of that you have done here give you this kind of spiritual confidence, and, as you hear the bells, of the kindness of the Lord in the land of the living. Get that and the little effort you are called upon to make to-night in order to complete the cost of what has been done will seem but a small act compared with the love of His mercy, who is gracious and generous for evermore.'

During the concluding hymn a collection was taken for the Bell Fund.

The Bishop gave the Benediction.

At the conclusion of the service the bells were rung by the ringers of the Kidderminster Parish Church.

The Mayor, from the entrance to the Guildhall, thanked everyone who had supported him at the ceremony on that interesting occasion.

Messrs. Carr's work in connection with the restoration of the bells has given great satisfaction to all concerned.

ELLAND BELLS.

A movement is on foot to have the bells of St. Mary's Church, Elland, overhauled. The bells are a fine peal, but in a sad state, and are almost unringable. The long peal of 15,168 of Kent Treble Bob Major was accomplished on these bells in 8 hrs. 43 mins. on December 26th, 1831. At that time it was the longest peal of Treble Bob that had been composed. It was a three-part by Hugh Wright, of Leeds. The first part was conducted by J. Wormersley, who, according to the record, seems to have rung the fourth for part of the time, and the fifth for the rest. The two last parts of the peal were called by S. Goodier, who rang the tenor.

That enthusiastic ringer and supporter of many associations, Mr. Cecil V. Ebberson, is to be married on Saturday, at Fakenham. The congratulations of his many friends will be extended to him.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The death has occurred at Dovelys, Rocester, Staffs, of Lady Heywood, widow of the late Sir Arthur Heywood.

On August 27th, 1912, one of the stalwarts of London ringing for half a century passed away in the person of Matt. Wood, of Bethnal Green. A descendant of the Huguenots, and coming of a family of ringers, Matt. Wood's ringing performances in the days of his prime, were, many of them, achievements which will long live in ringing history.

To-day is the anniversary of the first peal of Grandire Triples, rung on August 26th, 1718, at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, where about three years before the first recorded peal—a peal of Bob Triples—was likewise rung.

The record of the peal of Grandire Triples is still to be found on a board, in the tower in the following quaint terms: 'On the 26th of August, 1718, was rung that harmonious peal called Grandire Triples, which have been ye study of ye most ingenious men of this Age, who delight in ye art of variations, but all their projections have proved errors until it was undertook by John Garthorn, who with long Study and Practice have perfectly discovered those Intricate methods which were hidden from the eyes of all the ringers in England, the extent of this peal being 5,040 changes, have oftentimes been rung with changes alike, but the first time that ever it was rung true was in three hours and a half without any changes alike or a bell out of course, by these men whose names are underwritten against their bells as they rung: James Brook treble, John Briggs 2, William Palmer 3, Robert Crane 4, Henry Howard 5, Wm. Callow 6, Tho. Melohior 7, Tho. Barrett tenor.'

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have just rehung the tenors at Iver, Bucks, and Pinner, Middlesex, in roller bearings, and the ring of six at St. Minver, Cornwall, with new gudgeons and ball bearings.

The peal of six at Kemerton, near Tewkesbury, are also being rehung by the Whitechapel Foundry.

The ringers' war memorial at Selby Abbey is to be unveiled on September 10th.

*The fine panel oak peal board now completed and erected in the ringers' room at Clun, in memory of the late Rev. V. A. Creswell, will be dedicated by the Rev. H. J. Scott, M.A. (Ringing Master of Clun district) on Sunday evening, Sept. 11th. All ringers will be welcome.

The number of changes in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Shepshed on July 31st, and published in our issue of Aug. 12th, should, of course, have been 5,056 and not 5,024, as stated.

The bells of the Parish Church, Cookham, Berks, have kindly been placed at the disposal of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and ringing neighbours on Saturday afternoon, August 27th, at 4 o'clock on the occasion of the district annual sports meeting. The Ladies' Guild of Church Workers of Cookham have graciously offered a welcome to the East Berks and South Bucks Bell Ringers' Guild for Saturday, September 24th. Details of the tea and service ringing will be published later.

With only one 'outsider' to make up the band, the well-known Kent ringing family of Lambert scored a peal of Bob Major last Saturday at Tunbridge Wells.

It was fitting that the first peal on the ten at Berkeley, Glos., where the two trebles were added as a memorial to members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association who fell in the war, should be rung by overseas ex-Service men of the association. This was accomplished last Saturday at the first attempt.

The peal was conducted by Mr. W. A. Cave, and it is curious that, although Mr. Cave, who has held the office of Master of the Association, and has rung over a hundred peals under its auspices, this should have been his first peal in Gloucestershire outside Bristol. Most of his peals have been rung in Somerset.

In reference to the recent note in 'Belfry Gossip' on Silent Stedman Triples, Mr. T. H. Taffender writes that in the records of the St. James' Society, now the London County Association, it is stated that on March 11th, 1854, 5,040 Stedman Triples (Brooks' Variation of Thurstans' Four-part) was rung on handbells in 2 hrs. 41 mins., at the Whittington and Cat, Church Row, Bethnal Green, by: John Cox 1-2, William Cooter 3-4, Henry Haley 5-6, Matthew A. Wood 7-8. 'This peal was rung without conducting, no sign or signal being made during the performance, and in the presence of competent judges, who pronounced it a masterpiece of handbell ringing.'

Mr. John Carter, who was in the peal at Burton-on-Trent on Nov. 20th, 1886, recalls the fact that the same band met again twelve months later, and each man in consecutive order called three courses, but it fell to Mr. Carter, who rang the 2nd to call the half-way single and extra course. This performance is certainly worthy of note.

THE POSITION IN SUFFOLK.

To the Editor.

Sir, — Your interesting article on the above in 'The Ringing World' for August 12th summed up the situation quite correctly, but your two correspondents of this week—the Rev. H. Drake and Mr. A. L. Coleman—each from his own standpoint, seem to demur from the conclusion arrived at, viz., that the proposed amalgamation of Norwich and West Suffolk is a question which affects the Ely Association. I do not think, however, that these gentlemen would do so had they been present, as I was, at the meeting of the Ely and St. Edmundsbury Association, held at Cambridge on Easter Monday. At that meeting the West Suffolk ringers, through their representative, Mr. A. Symonds, announced their intention of severing their connection with the parentsociety in order to found a new Association of their own, if possible coterminous with the new Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, but in any case a new Association. It was distinctly understood that our old friends in West Suffolk were not deserting us to join any existing association, and it was from their sympathy with the aspirations of the new Diocese that the representatives of the 'Ely' part of the Association acquiesced so readily in the proposed change and all that was implied in the curtailment of their title to its old limits of 'the Ely Diocesan Association.' I do not see how our West Suffolk friends could now join the Norwich Association without laying themselves open to the charge of breaking faith with their old comrades of Ely; but we have yet to learn that they have any intention of doing so, as all the suggestions of fusion appear to have come from Norwich and East Suffolk, where, naturally, what passed at the Cambridge Easter Monday meeting is not known, and where the old friendly relations existing between Ely and West Suffolk are imperfectly understood. Perhaps the newly-formed Suffolk Association will soon speak for itself, and then we shall know exactly where we stand?—Yours, etc.

H. B. WOOLLEY.

Long Stanton, August 22nd, 1921.

WHAT HAPPENED IN 1914.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—From the Ely Association's point of view there is little to say regarding the secession of West Suffolk, to form a new association. When Mr. Symonds informed the annual meeting at Cambridge last Easter, that a new association for Suffolk would be formed, we accepted the statement in good faith, and whilst regretting the severance, we wish the new association the best of luck.

It is well known that this would have happened in 1914 had not the war intervened. I would like to point out that the following resolution was carried unanimously at Bury St. Edmunds, May 5th, 1914: 'That this meeting desires to approach all towers in East Suffolk with a view to forming a Suffolk Diocesan Association, and that the secretary of this branch be instructed to take the necessary steps immediately.' This coming at a time when the Ely Association had reached the zenith of prosperity, at once disposes of the insinuation that the Ely Association had failed to provide for the interests of its ringers in the Sudbury Archdeaconry.

As to expecting consideration from our wealthy Norwich neighbours, the very fact that their sub-committee's recommendations as regards the alteration of the future title, etc., to the Norwich, Ipswich and St. Edmundsbury Diocesan Association were actually distributed among the West Suffolk towers in June, 1914, and that I was coolly informed of the fact, after this had been accomplished, shows they entertained no chivalrous feeling towards the Ely Association.

The Lowestoft meeting, alarmed at the appearance of a new opponent with bona-fide claims, at once set out to smother the new organisation by suggesting amalgamation, with self-government, whatever that may mean. I cannot believe that West Suffolk will allow itself to be cheated out of its just claim; that is, 'A Suffolk County or Diocesan Association for the County of Suffolk.'

All impartial critics will, I think, agree, that Suffolk is entitled to its own association, in loyalty, and patriotism to its new diocese, and Norwich should release East Suffolk in order that the partition of territory may operate fairly, and the giving shall not be all on one side.

The argument that there is not room for two efficient associations in Norfolk and Suffolk cannot be upheld, after reference to the map, and the sooner the Norwich Association act in a sporting spirit, and take their chances in their own diocese, the sooner the friction will be removed.—Yours, etc.,

T. R. DENNIS,

Late General Secretary, Ely Diocesan Association.

Cambridge.

MILDENHALL.—Ely Association. On August 1st: at St. Mary's, a 1,990 Grandsire Triples, after an unsuccessful attempt for peal, arranged for Miss Nora Shorter: Miss Nora Shorter 1, H. Hazell 2, P. Pinder 3, Miss Violet Shorter 4, R. Sharpe 5, P. Fordham 6, R. Lathbury (conductor) 7, F. Turner 8.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES JACKSON OF HULL. CONDUCTOR OF EVERY KNOWN PEAL OF GRANDSIRE.

An interesting personality, and a loyal supporter of change ringing, has passed away, in the person of Mr. Charles Jackson, of Hull, who died on Monday, August 15th, at Hull, in his 71st year.

Mr. Jackson commenced his ringing career at St. James', Hull, when he was only 16 years of age, but after a few months he migrated to the tower of Holy Trinity, Hull, with which tower his name will always be associated. The deceased had been unable to take any active part in ringing for the past few years, owing to increasing infirmities, but his interest in ringing remained keen until the last.

He lived for the closing years of his life in the Dr. Lees Rest Homes, a truly delightful spot founded for retired tradesmen of Hull.

His many friends will always remember Mr. Jackson for his genial personality and rare fund of anecdote. His kindly disposition endeared him to all aspirants in the ringing world, while he was well known to a wide circle throughout the country for his exploits on ringing tours, and the fact that up to his retirement he conducted every known peal of Grandsire Triples.

The funeral took place on Thursday, August 18th, at Anlaby, the service being conducted by the Rev. J. B. Davies, assisted by the Rev. T. C. Earp, Precentor of Holy Trinity, Hull. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Messrs. A. M. C. Field 1—2, P. J. Johnson 3—4, W. Hare 5—6, and T. S. Morton 7—8. As the party left the grave the words of the ringers' poet, Mr. G. F. Margetson, formed a fitting tribute to our old friend:

Above his pillow, in that narrow cell,
Ring those soft changes which he loved so well.
His gentle spirit breathes in their responsive sound,
And bids us calm our sorrow in the peace he's found.

P. J. J.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Brigg on Saturday, August 20th. The attendance was only small, owing, no doubt, to the harvest operations being in full swing. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Stedman. A short service was held, conducted by the Rev. F. Burgess (Vicar).

Tea was provided at the Church House, and was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. F. F. Linley presided, and read an interesting paper on 'Bells.' Apologies for absence were announced from the Rev. Canon Hicks, the Rev. H. T. Parry, Mr. J. W. Seamer (general secretary), and Mr. H. Haigh, Worksop.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, the ladies for the excellent tea they had provided, and all others who had helped towards making the meeting such a success, were unanimously passed, and duly responded to by the Vicar of Brigg, who gave a very hearty welcome to the Guild.

Ringers were present from Gainsborough, Kirton-Lindsey, Scotter and Bigby, in addition to the local company; and, apart from the attendance being so small, the meeting proved very successful and enjoyable.

LADIES' GUILD.

A meeting of the Southern District was held at Worplesdon on Saturday, August 20th, when about 25 ringers were present. Touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob were rung before the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Bruce, Rector of Worplesdon. After the service, the members were invited to the Rectory garden to enjoy the generous hospitality of the Rector and Mrs. Bruce.

At the business meeting, Mrs. Bruce and Mrs. Blackman were elected members, and Wokingham was selected for the next quarterly meeting.

Ringers were present from the following towers: Aldershot, Guildford, Haslemere, Sandhurst, Shere and Worplesdon. It is hoped to hold the district annual meeting at Aldershot on Sept. 24th.

DRY WEATHER EFFECT ON BELL FITTINGS

To the Editor.

Sir,—Having noticed a loose bolt through the wooden headstock of one of our bells, I made a thorough investigation of the whole fittings, which terminated in the tightening up of nearly two hundred bolts, the cause of which no doubt is the continuous drought. Every bolt passes through wood, and as they are now as tight as they can possibly be, I ask, is anything likely to happen when change of weather occurs, and moisture sets in? Perhaps some expert will reply. The bells were rehung 25 years ago, and there was not a single bolt that did not require tightening. Hoping you will find space for this slight warning, which I hope towerkeepers will take advantage of.—Yours truly,

G. EDWARDS.

Penshurst, Kent.

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**CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.
MIDDLETON'S ACHIEVEMENT REIGNS SUPREME.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—Curiously enough when your leading article urging the study of the theory of Cambridge Surprise appeared a week or two ago, I had been engaged for some little while in an investigation of the method, with the special object of discovering if any other peal, preferably a longer one than Middleton's, was feasible. The inquiry has just been concluded, and has resulted in the emergence of the fact that there are not more than twenty-five available courses, and that consequently Middleton's achievement reigns, and will reign supreme. Of course, his peal, which is in five parts, might conceivably be thrown into other forms, such as a one-part or a three-part, or it might be shortened, as has already been done with it by Johnson by the introduction of bobs B, and may possibly still be done by rearranging it into twenty-four or twenty-three courses. But practically there is not, nor can there ever be, more than one peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, and that peal is Middleton's.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

P.S.—By the way, can someone give some account of Middleton? I never knew anything about him.

OXFORD VERSUS CAMBRIDGE.

**THE EFFECT OF METHOD EXTENSION ON
LEAD ENDS.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read with much interest the two articles by Mr. Trollope and Mr. George Baker, but I fear that I must ask for the forbearance of your readers while I go back to some very elementary rules of extension before I can reply to them effectually.

Let us consider the method of Double Bob on four bells. There are two different ways in which this method can be extended on to six bells. The first is known as Double Bob with 156342 as lead end. The second is Double Oxford, and has 142835.

Now the casual observer might say that the second variation is the right one, because it keeps the right lead ends, and the other is wrong because the 5th makes second's place at the lead.

This brings us to the consideration of the true nature of a method. In every method the coursing order of the bells must be the same at the lead end, the treble having taken up a fresh position amongst them. To do this the treble must either gain or lose upon the other bells.

But in a plain method the treble is plain hunting, this is to say, she is going at the fastest pace that a bell can go at; therefore she must gain upon the other bells.

Now, in Double Bob on four bells she gained two places; that is to say, she passed over the 3rd and 4th. But in Double Bob Minor she passed the 3rd and 5th. Therefore, Double Bob Minor is the correct extension on what I call the Cambridge Extension. But in the Double Oxford extension the treble has been made to pass over two more bells, 3, 5, 6, 4. Consequently fresh work has been introduced into the method. To my mind it is not the same method, but we may call it the Oxford Extension; or adopt Mr. Wm. Snowdon's term and call it the extension of stagnation.

The difference between the two can best be seen by comparing the work of Double Oxford with the work of Cambridge Surprise. In the one the bells are kept dodging for a longer time in every place, that is the stagnation. In the other the bells reproduce their work at exactly the same length in every place. Is there a double dodge in 7-8 in Major, there is also a double dodge in 9-10 in Royal to take its place; it does not develop into a three pull dodge.

Let us consider the extension of Double Oxford Minor from six bells to ten. We have the ordinary Oxford extension that we all know, with its lead end 1426385079; but if we extend by the Cambridge principal we shall have to make 2nd's and 9th's as the treble leads and lies, and Court places in 5, 6, as she passes through, and the lead end will be 1907856342. You see she passed over 3, 5, 6, 4 in Minor, and she has passed over 3, 5, 7, 9 in Royal.

Now turn we to Treble Bob. No longer is the treble going at her fastest pace; so now the other bells can go faster than her, and in Oxford and Kent Treble Bob she always loses one place; therefore, the lead end always commences 1426; but if the treble was losing at such a rate as to bring 135264 for the Minor lead end the Major would be 17856342, and the Royal 1089674523, the treble being left behind by four bells every time.

In Cambridge and Superlative the other bells are losing two places on the treble in every lead, as they are moving slower than she is. In London the treble loses one place.

Now if you turn to Mr. Baker's extensions of Double Norwich you will see what he has done. He has used the Oxford extension instead of the Cambridge, and has come to the conclusion that it

must be right. For my part, I say Cambridge for ever, the Oxford rule only leads to stagnation.

And now I have cleared the ground sufficiently to be able to discuss the two methods set forth by Mr. Baker and Mr. Trollope, but first of all I see that Mr. Trollope has modestly refrained from giving his figures. Let me supply them, as I fear that I cannot pursue the argument without them—half a lead will be sufficient for my purpose.

Now, after what has been said it will be obvious to all that this is an extension on the Oxford principle.

In London the other bells are certainly moving faster than the treble, but here the others are obviously being retarded until the treble not only regains the place that she had lost in London, but passes by all the other bells as well.

As Mr. Baker truly pointed out, it is an extension of London Minor, but an extension on the Oxford principle; and, therefore, to my mind useless. Mr. Baker, on the other hand, has grasped the essential fact of the two hunts, and has kept rigidly to them. The point that he seems to have overlooked is this: The bells are only allowed to do the treble bob hunt to enable them to pass the treble, consequently when he throws 930486 all into Treble Bob work at once, he is getting them ready to pass the treble long before they ought to do so.

The mistake into which they have both fallen is that of trying to apply the simple laws which apply to simple methods to a complicated structure like London Surprise. I do not think that we shall ever find a mortal man clever enough to do so. Mr. Trollope has surmounted his difficulty by adopting an Oxford extension, and has crowded into the method a pile of extraneous matter which is utterly foreign to its nature. Mr. Baker, in his efforts to confine the monster to his simple rules, has turned traitor to his lead ends.

The only connection that I can see between London Minor and London Major is this, they neither allow any other work than the plain hunt backwards, and the treble bob hunt forwards. Furthermore, they are the only two methods that I have ever seen on six and eight bells that conform to that rule; and, as the treble is moving more slowly than the other bells, they both have the same lead end 1426. I consequently set to work to marshal the bells so that they should all be ready to change with their proper partners when the treble lay behind; taking care that they should never move in any other path than the two hunts aforesaid. When I find that there is one method, and only one, that will conform to that rule, I have no hesitation in asserting that that method must be London Surprise Royal.—Yours sincerely,

E. BANKES JAMES.

P.S.—Mr. Baker's remarks about the in and out of course rows in my method are quaint. The rows in Grand sire Triples are half in course and half out; but in Grand sire Caters they are all in course. Are we to take it that Grand sire Caters is not the right extension? According to Mr. Baker it is sufficient proof.

METHOD COMPOSITION.

Sir,—I said at the Council meeting what I have said many times, that there is no such thing as a 'new' method, that there is no such thing as ownership of methods or copyright in methods, and no such thing as authorship of methods. I repeat it here.

The number of possible methods on eight bells is large, but it is limited. Mr. Law James has a formula, which will go on half a sheet of notepaper, by which any intelligent schoolboy could, without any knowledge of ringing, write out in time the whole lot. By such a formula the whole of the six bell methods have been written out; and, as everyone knows, are published. All the plain hunting treble eight bell methods are in MSS., and a large proportion of the Treble Bob methods. It is only a matter of time and patience and they will be completed. On the higher numbers similar formulae can be prepared in a few minutes, although I do not suppose anyone will undertake the perfectly useless task of writing out all the methods. I have several formulae, each of which will give thousands of methods.

But as I also said at the Council meeting, that does not mean that men should not try and work out good methods. For instance, the particular work Mr. Bankes James does, is not in the least affected, because after he has published a good method someone may find it buried among scores of indifferent or bad ones. It does mean this, that it is useless to produce methods unless you know that you are getting something that is of practical worth, or of some theoretical interest. Change ringing is a science, and like all sciences you must study its laws and learn before you begin to talk. Unfortunately, the less some people know about the theoretical side of ringing the more ready they are to offer their opinions on methods.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

NEWPORT ISLE OF WIGHT.—At the Parish Church, for Matins, on August 21st, 672 Stedman Triples: W. Chambers 1, W. Scott, senr., 2, H. Phillips 3, J. Bacon 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, J. Leal 8. Also 168 Grand-sire, A. Callaway conductor. For evensong, 378 Grand-sire Triples: J. Simmonds 1, W. Chambers (conductor) 2, T. Scannell 3, W. Scott, senr., 4, J. Bacon 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, W. Upton 7, J. Leal 8. Also 209, W. Upton conductor.

LLANDUDNO.—At Holy Trinity Church Ringers Guild, Llandudno, on Sunday, August 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples (1,260 changes): T. Barrow 1, J. Ferry 2, *T. Lodge 3, *R. W. Thompson 4, S. Brown 5, A. Fairlie 6, S. A. Cullington (conductor) 7, T. Lowe 8. * First quarter-peal. The ringer of the 2nd was a visitor from Brewood, Staffs.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—Ely Association.—On Sunday, August 21st, for evening service, at the Church of St. Vigors and All Saints, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 52 mins.: E. Webb 1, J. Page 2, C. Hall 3, J. Giddens 4, J. Stalley 5, A. Page 6, C. E. Patten (conductor) 7, G. Bridge 8.

BURSLEM, STAFFS.—On Sunday, August 14th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 720 Violet Treble Bob, A. Lees 1, T. Hurd 2, L. Pennington 3, W. P. Deane 4, J. Hurd 5, W. Bourne (first in the method as conductor) 6.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, on August 14th, for morning service, 420 and 116 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, F. Bird 2, G. Jordan 3, W. T. Prior 4, W. Prior 5, T. Jordan 6, T. J. Watts (conductor) 7, J. Prior 8.

BEVERLEY.—Yorkshire Association.—At the Minster, for morning service, on Sunday, August 14th, 305 Grand-sire Caters: A. Bot-ham 1, C. P. Bradley 2, W. Gibson 3, G. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerby 5, A. H. Foster 6, O. G. Constable 7, J. E. Constable 8, W. Middleton 9, G. M. Daggitt 10. For evening service, 503 Grand-sire Caters, W. Gibson 1, C. P. Bradley 2, H. Ringrooe 3, J. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerby 5, A. H. Foster 6, O. G. Constable 7, J. E. Constable 8, W. Middleton (conductor) 9, G. M. Daggitt 10.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, for a O.E.M.S. service, a 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. Webb 1, E. H. Spice 2, Thos. Jull 3, G. H. Spice 4, W. E. Spice 5, W. Spice, senr., 6.

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SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

A most successful and well attended meeting of the Salop Archidiaconal Guild was held at Clive on August 13th. At the outset, owing to the extra strength of one or two members in trying to get the tenor up, the rope broke, but after this had been put in order, ringing commenced about three o'clock. All the standard methods were rung during the afternoon, and 21 ringing members sat down to tea. A course of Grand-sire Caters was admirably rung on handbells by five members of the Guild. Afterwards, the visitors took a look at the most picturesque views of the surrounding districts, which are to be had in the neighbourhood, and which are well worth travelling many miles to see. The scenery from the rocks was delightful, and here a course of Double Court was rung on handbells.

At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next meeting at Stanton-on-Hine Heath, on September 10th, members from that district expressing the opinion that they were entitled to one there after having been so long in the Guild. Further ringing afterwards took place in the tower, when good striking was maintained in a variety of touches. The Vicar was on holidays, but the thanks of the Guild are extended to him for his permission to hold the meeting at his church, and also to all those who helped to make the meeting such a success.

THE EXTENSION OF DOUBLE NORWICH.

To the Editor.

Sir,—By all means let us have as much fresh light as possible on the principles of method extension, but a change of name of 'the methods hitherto known as Double Norwich Royal and Maximus,' as proposed by Mr. E. Barnett in his letter in your issue of the 19th, would cause confusion—and quite needlessly. These methods have become standard methods. History and records would be upset; and sentiment has a claim to consideration. Ringers who have known and practised the methods as they are, as they have been, and as they are likely still to be, would own an attachment to the old names, and would doubtless prefer even the old methods to the perfect extension.

If these new extensions on ten and twelve bells should ever be practised, it would be quite sufficient to refer to them as New Double Norwich Royal, and New Double Norwich Maximus.—Yours faithfully,
G. P. BURTON.

Norwich, 20th August, 1921.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The available space in 'The Ringing World' is far too valuable to be wasted, and half a column this week is absolutely wasted. If Mr. Fidler had asked a friend to analyse his new method before publishing he would not have sent you a worthless composition. In the lead he sent you the treble strikes, four blows at the back, three out of course, and only one in, so that a 720 is impossible.

If Mr. Barnett had read the late Jasper Snowdon's book on Double Norwich he would have known that the original method was Royal, and the first peal rung was Royal, so that the Royal has first claim upon the name, and that the Major was produced from the Royal by Mr. Porter, of Norwich, who had previously produced the Royal, Major, Royal and Maximus are all the same method, but a far finer variation of Maximus exists with the places in 5-6 and 7-8.—Yours,
Surfleet.
H. LAW JAMES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Wigan Branch was held at Upholland on Saturday, August 13th. The Vicar (the Rev. G. F. Wills) presided at the meeting, and extended a warm welcome to the members.—The Secretary gave a report of the committee meeting held at Bolton, and Newton-le-Willows was chosen as the next meeting-place on September 3rd. Mr. Jenkins, late secretary of the Framlingham district of the Norwich and Ipswich Association, was present, and the members of the Wigan Branch extended a warm welcome to him to visit any of their meetings during his stay in Lancashire.

MR. H. TORBLE'S ILLNESS.

We have been asked to announce the following contributions to the fund to help Mr. H. Torble, who, in consequence of his long illness, is still unable to follow his employment. Thanks are extended to all the gentlemen who have already contributed, as below: H. Flanders 2s., W. Riches 2s., F. Scholes 1s., A. T. Rayner 2s., A. Scambler 1s., W. Clark 1s., A. Hardy 2s., E. Andrews 2s., C. F. Winney 2s. 6d., E. F. Pike 2s., G. Hayden 2s., collected at meeting of Essex Association 2s. 3s., W. Miller 2s., G. L. Joyce 2s., G. Dawson 2s., A. D. Butler 2s., F. C. Newman 2s. 6d., W. Watson 2s., G. F. Margetson 2s. 6d., A. T. Neale 2s. 6d., G. W. Faulkner 2s., F. Freestone 2s. Any other ringers wishing to contribute to this fund should send to G. Hayden, 29, Maryland Street, Stratford, E.15, by whom all sums will be gratefully acknowledged.

FETE IN AID OF BELL FUND.

On Saturday last, a motor-cycle gymkhana, organised by the East Midland Centre, A.C.U., and a fete were held in Stanford Park, near Loughborough, in aid of the fund for the restoration of Stanford Church bells, upon which £80 has recently been spent for overhaul. Sports and a variety of games were enjoyed, and the 'side-shows' included bowling and skittling for pigs and fowls. There was a guessing competition, and draw for a number of prizes, the first of which was a young pig. The winning numbers were as follow: 838, 2169, 2321, 352, 785, 767, 911, 3524, 314, 3625, 3877, 1023, 1106, 4053, 226, 2555, 826.

The ringers wish to thank all who subscribed to the fund, and they are pleased to be able to announce that they have raised about £40 towards the cost of the restoration.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.—On Thursday, August 4th, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Doubles, in 45 mins.: R. C. Underwood 1, Miss C. Wilma Lawson 2, W. E. Coles 3, G. Guest 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 5. First quarter-peal by Miss Lawson Rung in honour of the visit of the Bishop of Oxford (Dr. Burge) to the Blechley Rural Deanery.

PEALS TAPPED ON HANDBELLS.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I see in your last issue there appears a letter signed by two members of the Harwich band complaining of the decision of the annual meeting of the Essex Association not to book peals tapped on handbells. Now, as one who was present, I can assure your correspondents in the first place they are very wide of the mark. Judging by the tone of their letter they appear to have jumped to the conclusion that these performances were rejected because they were worthless, and that doubts were expressed as to the genuineness of the performances. No doubts were expressed by anyone respecting the genuineness of the performances, and everyone who spoke had nothing but admiration for Mr. Morris. The position was this: At the last meeting of the Central Council they decided that peals tapped were not to be recorded, and the officers of the association wanted the decision of the members whether the peals were to be recorded in the Peal Book or not, as they did not feel justified either in booking or leaving them out without authority for doing it.

Personally I fail to see how any other decision could have been arrived at. If we refer to Rule 1 of the Essex Association's Report, it states plainly enough that the object of the association is 'the promotion of change ringing and bell chamber reform. In the first place these peals are tapped and not rung. That alone justifies the association in not booking them. In the second place, they are of no educational value to anyone else, being individual performances, and in the third place they do not assist bell chamber reform; so that they are outside the objects for which the association was formed.

I think it is a great pity that the Harwich band was not represented at the meeting. They would then have been able to have seen for themselves, and also to have spoken in favour of it.

As regards the opinions of the umpires of these performances it would not make any difference, as the genuineness of the performances is not disputed.

I may add that in my opinion the greatest exponent at tapping is Harry Withers. I have seen him tap London Major. He is open to tap Stedman and to allow anyone to call it, and call what they like; in fact, I believe he could tap almost any method, but he does not tap peals. Although I have never heard him say so, I have no doubt that his only reason for not doing it is because he realises that tapping is not change ringing.—Yours, etc., W. PYE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to the 'tapping' of peals, may I say the one had the pleasure of witnessing was, to the best of my judgment, a fine performance. Mr. Morris himself called the bobs, and I ticked off the course ends. With regard to the decision of the Essex Association not to book these performances, I would advise my friend, Mr. Morris, not to trouble about it. Perhaps 'tapping' is outside the domain of our ringing associations, but we can read of his performances in 'The Ringing World,' and appreciate them, and I personally congratulate him on his achievements, and would encourage him to go on. I hope to have the pleasure of seeing a peal of London Surprise tapped by him in the near future.—Yours faithfully, T. MANNERING.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**PENHOW BELLS TO BE AUGMENTED.**

A well-attended quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association was held at Magor on Saturday last, the towers of both the Monmouth and Llandaff Archdeaconries being well represented. The Vicar welcomed the members as they arrived, and the bells, a light ring of six, were soon off to touches in various methods. Service was conducted by the Vicar, and immediately afterwards tea, very kindly provided by the Vicar and his wife, Mrs. Price Davies, was partaken of. Several more were present than were expected, but all were amply catered for.

The business meeting followed, and a few well-chosen words of welcome were extended by the chairman. Instructors' reports were received, good progress being reported at Bassaleg.

Proposed restorations and augmentations were the next mentioned, followed by a discussion as to where the next Monmouthshire meeting should be held. Bedwas was proposed by the conductor of the ringers there, and it was unanimously decided that the meeting should be held there.

New members were elected and subscriptions paid, and, replying to a vote of thanks for his kindness and hospitality, the Vicar said it was quite a pleasure to have the association there, but he regretted that his bells were not rung for the services as he would wish. He had been there but a few months, but he was hoping to start a new band of ringers, and would gladly accept the offer made to him by the officers of the association to teach change ringing.

Taking advantage of a kind offer made by Mr. Vincent Davies, of Carleon, to take a party across to Penhow Church to try the bells there, the car was soon off, the party including the well-known en-

thusiast, Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon. On arrival at Penhow, permission to ring was readily obtained. The bells, a light musical ring of five, by Evans, of Chepstow, were found in excellent ringing order, having a few years ago been rehung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and it was gratifying to learn from the Rector that he is placing an order with Messrs. Taylor to add a new treble to make a ring of six.

Refreshments were served by the Rector's wife, and a return then made to Magor. The meeting was most enjoyable, and can be best described as a huge success.

NOTICES.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the North-East Division will be held at Great Bentley, on Saturday, August 27th. All ringers welcome.—H. T. Pye, Dist. Sec., 49, Wickham Road, Colchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.

—The Annual meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be served in the Sandgate School, at 5 p.m., price 1/3 each. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Prior to the meeting a presentation will be made to Mr. T. Redman, of Burnley, in recognition of his long and devoted services to the branch. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.

—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Upham, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells available at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea kindly inform me by August 23rd.—W. T. Tucker, Dist. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.

—A meeting will be held at Willington on Saturday, August 27th. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers cordially invited.—H. L. Harlow, Dist. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting to be held at Calverley, August 27th.

Bells open from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m.—M. Moorhouse, Hon. Sec., 10, Mitford Rd., Armley, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.

—The Yearly Branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Business: Election of officers and other important business. A good attendance is requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The August meeting will be held at Conisborough on the 27th.

Bells (8) 3 to 8 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30 at 1/6 per head to those who notify Mr. M. C. Fowler, 26, North Cliff Road, Conisborough, before the 24th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Aug. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30. Business very important. — E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Beccles Branch.—A meeting will be held at Beccles on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (10) from 2 p.m.—R. J. Goate, District Secretary.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A Special meeting will be held at Brixworth on Saturday, August 27th. Usual arrangements.—S. J. Laurence, Dist. Sec., 7, Castilian Terrace, Northampton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practices: Mondays 7.30 p.m., Bishopsgate 29th; Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement's 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate 2nd and 4th. Summer outing, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Full particulars later. — A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The Annual meeting of the above will be held at Wye, by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. Edgar Lambert, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Ringing commencing at 2.30. A Special service in the Church at 4.30. Tea (free) to all those who notify me of their intention of being present not later than Tuesday, August 30th. Business meeting after tea for the election of officers, &c. Ringing again till 8 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dist. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Next meeting at Seend, September 3rd, at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. F. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, September 3rd, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. All ringers invited.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Northern District will be held at Royston on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service in Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapstone District.—A Special meeting will be held at Sudborough on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—J. Nickerson, Dist. Sec., Halford St., Thrapstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells ready 3.15. Meeting at 7.15 p.m. A good attendance is requested as the business is important.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at New Church, near Warrington, on Saturday, 3rd Sept. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Rd., Bolton.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Aldenham (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meat tea at the "Three Compasses" at 5 p.m., 2s. per head. All ringers welcome. Those attending would greatly oblige by notifying me previously.—H. Eden, Hon. Sec., Western District, 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than August 31st.—A. E. Austin, District Sec., 4, Hill View, Great Shelford, Cambridge.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—A meeting of this society will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Those who require tea please notify Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover, as early as possible.—Sam Thomas, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting is to be held at Wragby on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided for those applying to Walter Jackson, Station Road, Wragby, before Sept. 6th.—C. D. Potter, Sec., Barnsley.

SELBY ABBEY.—Unveiling of Ringers' War Memorial will take place on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Service at 4 p.m. Ringers are invited to this service. Tea (2/- each) can be arranged for those who make application not later than Tuesday, Sept. 6th, to the Secretary—W. Arthur Hall, 34, New Lane, Selby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Great Brickhill on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. All those intending to be present please notify me not later than Sept. 5th, so that arrangements can be made for tea.—W. Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Hampton on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Ringing from 3.15. Will arrange tea for all who let me know by the 6th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, Sept. 10th. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and the peals of 8 at All Saints', St. John's and St. Maries will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Wolstenholme Hall, beside the Cathedral, at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head, and applications for same must reach Mr. C. Harrison, 53, Baltic Road, Sheffield, not later than first post Tuesday, Sept. 6th. Members are hereby reminded that annual subscriptions of 1s. 6d. are due from all resident ringing members, and should be paid before Sept. 30th.—P. J. Johnson, General Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall, near Bristol, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and the annual business meeting, at which it is hoped all members will be present, and any subscriptions still owing should be paid. All ringers are welcome, and, if requiring tea, should please notify me not later than Sept. 19th.—Edith Smith, Sec., 16, West Park, Clifton, Bristol.

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Now that the autumn is drawing on and 'summer-time' will soon be banished, the longer evenings will enable ringers to devote more attention to the belfries, and it is now that those who hope to do something more than merely mark time should lay their plans. Unfortunately, in the majority of cases, ringing companies are very prone to leave progress more or less to chance. They very seldom set out on a preconceived scheme of making headway. With the practice season coming on, it would be a good thing if bands would seriously draw up a plan of campaign for the winter. Not only could they determine upon what they will set out themselves to accomplish, but they could do a great deal of valuable work by arranging exchange of visits with neighbouring towers, and particularly with towers not so well advanced as themselves.

Where schemes for combined practices have been carried out excellent results have been obtained. Equal good would be the outcome of inter-tower visits by bands whose belfries are within walking or cycling distance. It would not only help to raise the standard of ringing, but would promote good fellowship. A visiting ringer is always welcome in a tower, but there are very few places where any systematic attempt is made for such an interchange as here suggested. It is not for lack of goodwill or desire, but merely because no attempt is made to organise. What is required is a definite objective. There should be a determination on the part of each band to progress themselves and to assist some less advanced company to get over one more stile. If there is the will to do it, a way will be found, but the step should be taken now. It should begin among those well up the campanological ladder and it can extend to those on the lowest rung. Even the band that can ring only Grandsire Doubles can advance to Bob Minor—or another Doubles method if they have not got six bells—and can help into the art the ringers at some other tower who have not got beyond the limits of call changes. Indeed, the greatest of all services that can be rendered to the Exercise is to bring in those who are outside it.

There are many bands whose practices fall away badly, and sometimes are ultimately abandoned, because of all absence of endeavour to get on. Now that the time of year is advancing when the belfry holds out more attractions than in the long hours of daylight and the heat of the summer, there is opportunity for the leader of a tower to show real leadership, to lay his plans for a progressive programme, and to instil into his men who lack keenness a feeling that, if only as a point of honour, it is up to them

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 43 cwt. 1qr.

GEORGE H. CROSS Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 7
FRANK R. COPEMAN 2	JOHN E. BURTON... .. 8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS ... 9
GEORGE P. BURTON 4	RICHARD F. DEAL 10
CHARLES E. BORRETT... .. 5	GEORGE MAYERS... .. 11
BEN S. THOMPSON 6	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. Tenor

Composed by the late CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Messrs. T. H. Taffender and R. F. Deal were elected members of the above Association previous to starting the peal.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

REGINALD BROUGH Treble	RICHARD BEVAN 7
*BENJAMIN FOSKETT 2	GEORGE CARD 8
ARTHUR J. NEALE 3	*HARRY SEAR 9
JOHN W. CORNFORD... .. 4	ERNEST E. DAVIS 10
†WILLIAM ROGERS 5	*FRANK SMITH 11
THOMAS NEWMAN 6	JOHN D. MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

* First peal of Bob Maximus. † First peal on 12 bells, and hails from Northampton. 200th peal by A. J. Neale. 100th peal by H. Sear, who hails from Bletchley. E. E. Davis belongs to Gloucester.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. approx.

JOHN T. RICKMAN Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES 5
HERBERT J. SKELT 2	ALBERT HARMAN... .. 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	OLIVER SIPPETS... .. 7
GEORGE ELLIS 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, August 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HENRY CHANCE Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	CHARLES CANN 6
FREDERICK STANTON ... 3	ERNEST GIBBS 7
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HORSMONDEN, KENT.—On August 19th, 720 Bob Minor: W. H. Lambert 1, R. E. Lambert 2, F. J. Lambert 3, E. C. Lambert 4, B. T. Lambert 5, F. J. Lambert, senr., 6.

BASFORD, NOTTINGHAM. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 25, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes, ON THE WAR MEMORIAL BELLS AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODIGARIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Basford peal, including Tenor 14 3/4 cwt. and names like Frank Johnson, Albert Coppock, etc.

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by A. COPPOCK. First peal on the bells.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, August 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Erdington peal, including Tenor 15 cwt. in F. and names like William C. Scrivens, James George, etc.

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by A. T. SCRIVENS. This is the first peal by the ringer of the treble, son of the conductor, it being rung on his 14th birthday, and the band wishing him many happy returns. He was elected a member of St. Martin's Guild prior to starting for the peal.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Chester peal, including Thurstan's Four-Part and names like Arthur Newell, Robert Sperring, etc.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Right Rev. Francis John Jayne, D.D., Bishop of Chester and President of Chester Diocesan Guild. Several of the band were confirmed by the late Bishop.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Burton-on-Trent peal, including Middles-ton's and names like Maurice Swinfield, John H. Swinfield, etc.

The ringers of Treble and 2nd are members of St. Paul's Society, 3rd hails from Derby, 4th and 5th Loughborough, 6th Midsomer Norton, 7th and Tenor, Leicester. * First peal of Cambridge Major.

BRITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes, AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Brith peal, including Tenor 17 3/4 cwt. and names like Edwin Barnett, Sen., Frederick M. Mitchell, etc.

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Jeffries, and also to the mother of Mr. G. H. Daynes on her eighty-second birthday.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES; Tenor 16 cwt.

Table listing names and positions for the Hingham peal, including names like George Whitehand, Fredk. J. Howchin, etc.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS. Messrs. Sharman, Hobbs and Harris were elected members of this Association previous to starting for the peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

NEWHALL, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Newhall peal, including Tenor 11 cwt. and names like John H. Swinfield, Maurice Swinfield, etc.

Being seven 720's each called differently. * 50th peal. Rung as a farewell peal to the ringer of the 3rd, who is going to Canada.

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Denby peal, including Tenor 9 3/4 cwt. and names like Percy Weston, J. Arthur Orgill, etc.

* First peal. Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1921, in Two Hours Forty-Two Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Emberton peal, including being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. and names like Charles Cockings, Herbert Robinson, etc.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and positions for the Burgh peal, including Being 720 each of Woodbine and Oxford Delight, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. and names like Charles Ablitt, Joseph Last, etc.

This peal was rung after meeting short at a neighbouring tower for Major.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Tuesday, August 9th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung at the Parish Church as a compliment to Mr. Fred Hancock (Eckington's oldest ringer), who attained his 73rd birthday on that day. Mr. Hancock has been a ringer at the above church for 56 years. The quarter-peal was rung in 55 mins. by the following ringers. (Tenor 16 1/4 cwt.): Fred Hancock (Eckington) 1, *A. Johnson (Eckington) 2, H. Greaves (Killamarsh) 3, J. Humphries (Eckington) 4, J. Morton (Eckington) 5, J. Howes Smith (Eckington) 6, P. Jervis (Eckington) 7, H. Turton (Killamarsh), conductor, 8. Conducted by H. Turton. * First quarter-peal.

BITTESWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Grandsire and four 720's of Plain Bob, each differently called. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*WILLIAM HECTOR Treble	*ARTHUR CATTELL 4
†FRED COTTON 2	†HAROLD POOLE 5
*ARTHUR MANNING 3	ERNEST MORRIS... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Quickest tower bell peal by the Association. A birthday compliment to the 3rd ringer. * First peal in two Minor methods. † First Minor peal.

BICTON, SHROPSHIRE.

ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY, SHREWSBURY.

On Saturday, August 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 120's of Canterbury Pleasure, twenty of Plain Bob and twenty of Grandsire. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*FRANK NEWBERY Treble	DENIS J. BOUCHER 4
JAMES E. LILLEY 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY... .. 5
REGINALD R. POLE 3	*RICHARD R. FAULKNER ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, which were put in by J. Warner & Son in 1889. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. H. Faulkner, of Ightfield Rectory, Salop, who belongs to the local band. The rest are from St. Chad's.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY).

On Thursday, August 25, 1921, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5004 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

ALLEN F. BAILEY 1-2	JAMES M. BAILEY 7-8
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 9-10
CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6	EDGAR H. BAILEY 11-12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.
Umpire: H. PEARSON. Witnesses: L. TITTERTON and L. EDWARDS.

First peal of Stedman Cinques by all. First peal 'in hand' in the method in the county, and for the above Association. The umpire ticked off every course end.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, August 25, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

ALBERT WALKER... .. 1-2	THOMAS RUSSAM 7-8
FRANK W. PERRINS 3-4	ALBERT E. NORMAN 9-10
GEORGE F. SWANN 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by A. WALKER.
Referee: J. NEAL.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5600 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by the Performer.
Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

Witness: LEWIS WISZMAN, Sible Hedingham.

This is the first peal in the method to be tapped on handbells in the history of ringing. The performer had only on one occasion rung the treble to London before.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The following peals were rung, during a week's holiday at Surfleet, Lincolnshire, for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild:—

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
ON THE LAWN AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Size 17 in A.

KATHLEEN A. JUTSON... .. 1-2	RUPERT RICHARDSON 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	GEORGE W. STEERE 7-8

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Witness: MISS L. RICHARDSON.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Sunday, August 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH, -

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Size 16½ in B flat.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS 1-2	RUPERT RICHARDSON 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	WALTER AYRE 7-8

FRANK I. HAIRS 9-10

Composed by E. FRANCIS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Umpires: REV. E. BANKES JAMES and GEO. W. STEERE.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Sunday, August 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Size 15 in C.

KATHLEEN A. JUTSON... .. 1-2	RUPERT RICHARDSON 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	ALFRED H. PULLING 7-8

GEORGE W. STEERE 9-10

Composed by E. FRANCIS. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.
First peal of Royal 'in hand' as conductor. These peals of Royal were rung as a birthday compliment to Rupert Richardson.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Monday, August 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty Nine Minutes,
AT THE VICARAGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Size 11 in G.

REV. E. BANKES JAMES 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Witnesses: MISSES JUTSON and BUTTERS, and MESSRS. G. W. STEERE and W. AYRE.

* First peal of Stedman.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Monday, August 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
ON THE LAWN AT GLYN GARTH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5059 CHANGES;

Size 15 in C.

KATHLEEN A. JUTSON... .. 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	GEORGE W. STEERE 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Umpires: F. I. HAIRS and ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MISS C. L. BUTTERS.

First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Tuesday, August 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Size 11 in G.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	KATHLEEN A. JUTSON... .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Tuesday, August 9th, at All Saints' Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. W. Watts 1, W. Watts (conductor) 2, A. Cooper 3, H. Tomsett 4, A. Tomsett 5, G. Tomsett 6, F. Willie 7, E. Patching 8. Rung in honour of the conductor's birthday.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Wednesday, August 24, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER H. WOOD 2	TREBLE	TOM TEBBOTT 5
ALFRED H. PULLING 2		REV. E. BANKES JAMES 6
MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 3		WALTER AYRE 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4		RUPERT RICHARDSON 7

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.

This is A. H. Pulling's and R. Richardson's 50th peal together. They live 140 miles apart and rang their first peal together on August 13th, 1919.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

On Thursday, August 25, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Size 13 in E.

KATHLEEN A. JUTSON... .. 1-2	RUPERT RICHARDSON 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3-4	MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Umpires: MISS E. B. BRANDON and W. AYRE.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Friday, August 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
ON THE LAWN AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Size 14 in D.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 1-2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3-4	WALTER AYRE 7-8
GEORGE W. STEERE 9-10	

Composed by J. ROGERS.

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Witnesses: MRS. AND MISS RICHARDSON and MISS BUTTERS.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Friday, August 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Size 14 in D.

RUPERT RICHARDSON 1-2	*KATHLEEN A. JUTSON 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3-4	GEORGE W. STEERE... .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Umpire: FRANK I. HAIRS.

* First peal on an inside pair.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Size 18 in G.

KATHLEEN A. JUTSON... .. 1-2	RUPERT RICHARDSON 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3-4	WALTER AYRE 7-8
GEORGE W. STEERE 9-10	

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Umpire: FRANK I. HAIRS.

Witnesses: MRS. RICHARDSON, MRS. POLLING, MRS. F. I. HAIRS, MISS RICHARDSON and MISS BUTTERS.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Southern District of the London County Association held a pleasant meeting at Isleworth on Saturday, August 20th. Despite the fact that a good number of members are away on holidays, there was a numerous attendance of members and their wives and friends. Tea, for which Mr. T. Beadle had kindly made arrangements, was partaken of at the London Apprentice. The fine-tone bells were rung in various methods during the afternoon and evening.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TOUCHES.

At Tunstall, Kent, on Aug. 13th, after the unveiling and dedication of the tablet recording the names of the Tunstall men who gave their lives in the great war, and also the dedication of the new O.E.M.S. Hall, erected by Mr. Charles Homewood, the following touches were rung with the bells half-muffled: 720 Plain Bob, 720 Double Oxford, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, by: J. Webb, E. H. Spice, Tho. Jull, G. H. Spice, E. J. Dobbie, W. Walker, W. E. Spice, W. Nye and W. Spice, senr.

RINGERS' OUTING IN NORTH DEVON.

AMONG ISOLATED TOWERS.

The first outing (for ringing purposes) for at least 27 years of the Bampton (Devon) ringers took place on Saturday, August 13th. A most comfortable charabanc, appropriately named 'The Cosy,' was chartered from the Tiverton Motor Company, and at 8.15 a.m. a party of 15, consisting of the ringers (including the Vicar), their wives and friends, set off in pouring rain for a 50-mile round of six-bell towers, where only call changes are rung. Punctually on time, a halt was made at Stoodleigh, where some six scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung. The next call was Rackenford, where the Rector (the Rev. J. A. J. L. Beazor) welcomed the band. As the bells were being raised in peal, the eyes of one of the local 'stone' men were fixed on the ringer of the tenor, and he was not disappointed! However, the bells went excellently when once 'up.' A most picturesque spot awaited us at Roseash with its delightful church and village green. On entering the west door of the church, the floor struck us as quaint, and on inquiry we ascertained that it was made of slates set up on their ends in squares. The church is well worth a visit, if only for the purpose of seeing the exquisite pew-ends, the work of Messrs. Clatworthy, of Witheridge, in 1888. The carvings represent emblems of the betrayal, denial, and Passion of our Lord. After ringing here, we all assembled on the village green, seeing that the rain had quite cleared off, and enjoyed a picnic lunch, thanks to the seats provided on the green and the provision of hot tea from the one and only shop.

On leaving, we encountered the most thrilling part of the journey, for the only road to Romansleigh was exceedingly narrow, atrociously pot-holey, and culminated in a terrific descent of 400 feet to Odam Bridge, on the Witherbridge-South Molton main road. The driver compared the hill with the famous Countisbury Hill (Lynmouth). A little further on, we discovered that it would be best to get out and walk up to Romansleigh, as the ascent was both very steep and twisty. We were told that an old postman used to say of this hill, that 'it was three-quarter mile up and half-mile down!' It was well worth the climb, and the striking here was practically faultless throughout.

The church is dedicated to St. Rumon, who appears to have been a notable hermit or bishop of the sixth and seventh century, and much honoured in Cornwall and Brittany. Every legend of him connects him with a forest called 'The Nemeen,' or the forest of Nevet, a corruption of an ancient Irish word, Nemed, which was used to express a sacred grove. This accounts for the number of places in Devon and Cornwall, in which the prefix Nymet, or something like it occurs; as, e.g., Nymet Rowland, Bishop's Nemet (or Nympton), Kingsampton, etc. About the year 960, his bones were removed to the newly-built Abbey of Tavistock which was dedicated in his honour to 'the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Rumon.' The patron was changed later, but the name was retained in the county by the Church of Rumonsleigh, or Romansleigh, a little to the south of Bishop's Nympton. (Extracted from 'Studies in Church Dedications,' F. Arnold Forster.) 'Revel' Sunday is always the first Sunday in September, the village feast taking place on the following day.

The lack of sign-posts or their illegibility did not help to make the road to West Worlington any easier to find, and had it not been for Bartholomew's map we should have probably lost our way, especially so as grass-covered roads did not necessarily mean that we had struck the wrong route! On arrival we found the old sexton waiting to show us the way to the church of a beautifully situated village. With a list of rectors, dating from 1261, and very fine 15th century pew-ends, and some ancient screen work, the church well repays a visit. The treble and 4th ropes come down very near the wall here, a fact which handicapped us a little at first, but we soon settled down to some well-struck six scores. An adjournment was now made to the Stucley Arms for tea. And what a tea! Some of us had heard of the real old Devonshire teas, but had never seen one till now. There was everything you ever saw on a tea-table, besides Devonshire cream and junket. Mr. and Mrs. Edworthy, who have only recently come to West Worlington, know how to make you want to revisit the place. Whilst we were at tea, the Rector's wife came round to give us a welcome and to invite us to have a pull on the East Worlington bells before we left. We had not included this tower, as a list of the church bells of Devon only gave four bells. We accepted the invitation gratefully, and made a short call there on our way to Thebridge. At this latter place, ringing unfortunately seems at a low ebb owing to the scattered nature of the parish. Despite the flatness of the treble and the roughness of the ropes, we finished the day's ringing with a good 360, which drew forth the remarks from an old ringer that he had not heard such ringing there since the Crediton men came 10 years ago. One of the churchwardens was outside to welcome us, and to offer some liquid refreshment before departing for home. The record for the day was 3,240 Grandsire Doubles, and not a single 120 attempted was lost. A good run through Tiverton brought the outing to a successful end at 9.15 p.m., and everybody went home with a firm resolve to repeat such an outing next year. E. V. O.

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

MR. BAKER'S CLAIM FOR A NEW METHOD.

Dear Sir,—The Rev. E. B. James knows perfectly well that every Minor method must have equal numbers of odd and even changes in proper succession if the extent is to be obtained.

London Surprise Minor produces the extent; the Minor of Mr. James' method will not produce the extent, and it only needs eight changes of the method to prove this statement.

123456	Even
213546	„
125364	Odd
215634	„

251643	Odd
526143	„
521634	„
256134	„

Now, if we compare the succession of Even and Odd rows with the Royal, I do not think anyone will have the audacity to pretend the Minor and Royal are not the same method.

1234567890	Even
2135476980	„
1253749608	Odd
2157394068	„

2513790486	Odd
5231970846	„
5213798064	„
2531978604	„

It should be known to everyone who aspires to method composition that Treble Bob or Surprise methods of Minor or Royal never have more than one false row (the simple transposition row) to each lead, provided that the method is properly constructed and the Even and Odd changes are equal.

In presenting the following methods of Royal and Maximus to the Exercise, I do not pretend they are the same construction as London Surprise Minor and Major, but I do assert most strongly that they are nearer the mark than any others I have yet seen.

To begin with, there is no alteration at all from the strict method in either the Royal or Maximus until the Treble is striking her last dodging blow in 7-8 going up; and the succession of rows are such, that there are no false rows in the Royal beyond the simple transposition row until the Treble is in 9-10. Perhaps Mr. James will now understand that his method of Royal is not the same construction as London; the false rows of his method are in 3-4.

The extra work in 1-2 in Royal, and 1-2 and 3-4 in Maximus in the method here given is absolutely London work, as will be seen by anyone who will take the trouble to examine it, and there is no better way of doing that than by drawing a skeleton diagram of the plain course.

If I am asked why I have not presented these methods before, I have a good reason, they were only discovered to-day, the 28th August, 1921.

ROYAL.

- 1234567890
- 2135476980
- 1253749608
- 2157394068
- 2517930486
- 5271394068
- 5217930486
- 2571394068
- 5273190486
- 5723914068
- 7532190486
- 7352914088
- 3725941608
- 3279546180
- 2397451808
- 3284756180
- 3249576810
- 2345967801
- 2435698710
- 4236589701
- 2463859071
- 4268395017
- 4628930571
- 6429803517
- 6492083157
- 4690281375
- 6409823157
- 6048921375
- 0684912735

MAXIMUS.

- 1234567890ET
- 2135476980ET
- 1253749608ET
- 2157394068ET
- 2517930486ET
- 5271394068ET
- 5217930486ET
- 2571394068ET
- 5273190486ET
- 5723914068ET
- 7532190486ET
- 7352914088ET
- 3725941608ET
- 3279546180ET
- 2397451808ET
- 3294756180ET
- 3249576810ET
- 2345967801ET
- 3254596718T0
- 23456897810T
- 3245679801T
- 3426578890T1
- 4325678091T
- 423658709T1
- 24838597ET91
- 2648305E7T19
- 624380E5T791
- 64283ET5719
- 4628E3T05179

- 0864197253
- 8046912735
- 8406197253
- 4801892735
- 8410987253
- 8401692735
- 4810967253
- 4180692735
- 1486029375
- 418203957
- 1462830597

1426385079

- 6482ET301597
- 4628ET035179
- 64280E31597
- 64208E13957
- 4620281E9375
- 64082E13957
- 604821E8375
- 06841E2E3957
- 08641E2E3975
- 80461E2E3957
- 84061E2E3975
- 48016E2E3957
- 8410E6E29375
- 84016E2E3957
- 4810E6E29375
- 4180E2E3957
- 148802E3E597
- 4168203E5E79
- 1462830E5E79

1426385079ET

In conclusion, just a few words about the Double Norwich Royal and Maximus extensions: these have been known to me for the past seven years, and several experts have agreed with me that they are absolutely correct.—Yours faithfully,
GEORGE BAKER.

ANOTHER VARIATION.

Sir,—An examination of this half-lead will show that it differs only very slightly from Mr. Baker's apparently true extension. I hope to prove that the variations from Mr. Baker are vital and necessary for a correct extension to Royal.

This half-lead has equal numbers of odd and even changes, correct lead ends and all the working bells come to the lead in each lead, and in correct order, as in Minor and Major. Now for the variations from Mr. Baker.

First, in Minor, the 5th on its way down to lead, makes a place immediately before crossing the treble's path: it is prevented from making the place under the treble, as this would cause the 2nd to lead three blows. However, it overcomes the difficulty by striking a single blow in 2nd's as the treble completes its dodge in 3-4.

Secondly, in Major, the 5th works as in Minor, and in addition the 7th on its way down to lead make a place immediately before crossing the treble's path.

So, in Royal, the 5th and 7th work as in Major, and in addition the 9th must make a place immediately before crossing the treble's path.

Again in Minor, the 5th makes the place when the treble lies its whole pull behind: in Major it is the 7th, and in Royal it must be the 9th.

These shunts alone will not give correct lead ends. Now in Major a departure from the rule, that a place must be made, next to, and under the treble occurs when 7 is dodging with the treble in 3-4 with 5 leading; so in Royal a similar departure is made when 9 is dodging with the treble in 5-6 with 7 leading; in each case 2nd's place is made.

A peculiar feature to this extension is the dodging in the odd bell positions of 4-5 and 6-7 caused by the 9th making 3rd's place when the treble lies its whole pull behind. Having stated my case I leave it to the Exercise to judge whether this is the correct extension to Royal. In any case the musical properties should be of a high order, and give a method which is well worth ringing.

I have not been able so far to extend to Maximus. The 11th must, of course, take the part of 5, 7 and 9. This brings it to be the last to lead in the half-lead, and consequently unable to make the place as the treble lies its whole pull behind.

A possible solution might be obtained by making the 9th make a place at each side of crossing the treble in 4-5, thus taking up the work of the 3rd, at the same time bringing down the 11th to dodge with the treble in 5-6.—Yours truly,

Tower House, Penwortham, Lancs.
WILLIAM TAYLOR.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' PEAL.

With reference to the allusion in our leading article on August 19th to the fact that a method rung as London Surprise Royal by the College Youths was afterwards accepted as a new method and officially designated 'Stepney,' Mr. W. T. Cockerill writes that the peal, which was rung on November 11th, 1907, at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, was booked by the College Youths as London Surprise Royal.

We were writing from memory, but many of our readers will remember the discussion at the time, and while the College Youths may not have accepted the alteration of title, we believe the Central Council declined to recognise the method as 'London Surprise.' If, however, the College Youths' peal is to stand as 'London,' another phase of argument will enter into the present discussion: What is the Rev. E. Bankes James' method to be called?

HUDSON'S 'NEW LIGHT' ON TREBLE BOB.

Sir,—In your issue of July 22nd, Mr. Lomas, of Sheffield, writes saying that the Ilkeston Variation of Treble Bob is really the composition of William Hudson. Now, I beg to differ. The idea may be the same as regards keeping the tenors out of the slow. I do not dispute that, but as regards to the composition there is as much difference as between chalk and cheese. A hundred years ago people travelled to London by the old coach and horses, now we travel by motor-car and aeroplanes. We cannot say that we all travel the same way, although we go to the same place. We go in a much better way nowadays.

In your issue of July 8th you will find that I stated what kind of conveyance I travelled by, but in the issue of March 18th, 1921, our Sheffield friend does not state what conveyance Mr. Hudson travelled by, whether by Kent Bobs or Double Norwich Bobs. I find out now, after studying Mr. Hudson's figures, that he travelled by the 6th's place bobs, also with bobs at the Oxford leads.

No doubt Mr. Hudson was the first to get the idea of keeping the tenors out of the slow, but when we get to the Worcester, Granta, Gonville, and the Ilkeston Variations, they are all great improvements on Treble Bob. We cannot let our Sheffield friend claim the whole lot. I should be very much obliged if he would allow the Editor to have Mr. Hudson's MS. for publication. Enclosed is the peal of Hudson's New Light put in order, OxB for Oxford Plain lead, being the 3rd lead of every course, and OxB for Oxford Bob lead, the bob effecting the three back bells as in Double Norwich. Compare these figures with the Ilkeston Variation.—Yours, etc.,

E. C. GOBEY.

5184 'NEW LIGHT.'

23456	OxB	OxP	H	34256	OxB	OxP	H
35426	--		2	45236	--		2
23564	--		1	46325	--		
64352	--			25634	--		
52436	--			34562	--		
56342	--			62453	--		
42635	--			53246	--		
45362	--			56423	--		
62534	--			23645	--		
34256	--			25463	--		
				63542	--		
				42356	--		

Repeat the last eleven courses.

SITTINGBOURNE RINGERS' OUTING.

A KENT TRIP.

The following party of ringers had a very enjoyable and satisfactory charabanc trip in the Weald of Kent on a recent Saturday: Messrs. W. Spice, W. E. Spice, P. J. Spice, G. H. Spice, E. H. Spice, E. J. Dobbie, S. B. Dobbie, T. Jull, F. Hollands and S. Taylor. Most of the ringers were accompanied by their wives, Mrs. G. H. Spice being the only lady ringer of the party. Leaving Sittingbourne at 8 a.m., and picking up the 'Spices' at Tunstall, it was full steam ahead for Leeds—the resting-place of the famous James Barham. Here a halt was called, and after raising the peal of ten, a touch of Treble Bob Royal was tapped off, also a touch of Stedman on the back eight, and a well-struck course of Cambridge Surprise Major.

The next stop was Headcorn, where the party found their old friend, Mr. Phil Hodgkin, waiting to welcome them. Here another good course of Cambridge was rung, also Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire. After lowering this splendid eight in peal, tracks were made for Tenterden. Here Mr. Tribe had everything in readiness, and the first item at this pretty little country town was a good long touch of 'Knife and Fork Surprise' (not on the bells). After this the visitors were able to climb the fine old tower, and set the bells going to the tune of Stedman, Grandsire, Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise. Without a doubt this fine ring of eight deserves all the praise that visitors always have for it.

Next on the programme was Charing, the birthplace of the young 'Spices,' which was reached about 5 p.m. An excellent tea was partaken of at Mrs. Feakins' tea-rooms, and after a course or two of Grandsire Triples on handbells and a saunter round the village, the tower was visited, and touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and Plain Bob Minor were brought round. Mr. Wallace Good, who had very kindly made arrangements here, joined in the ringing.

Leaving Charing about 7.30 p.m., the party's last stop was Lenham. Here the stay was short, it being the general opinion that a visit by bell hangers instead of bell ringers would be nearer the mark. The ladies of the party were pleased, anyhow, and many thanks are due to them for their patience and assistance at the tables.

Sittingbourne was reached at 9.30, and everyone agreed that it had been a very enjoyable and successful day. The ringers take this opportunity of tendering their thanks to the various incumbents for the use of the bells, and to those who made the necessary arrangements.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Whatever may be the feeling of ringers as to whether peals tapped on handbells should be recorded by the associations for which they are performed, no one will deny the merit of such achievements, and Mr. Arthur T. Morris has now accomplished the unique feat of tapping a peal of 5,600 London Surprise Major. This is a most remarkable performance, and we should like to see it repeated in the presence of independently appointed referees. We have not the slightest doubt as to the genuineness of any of Mr. Morris's achievements, but such a peal as London Surprise tapped before officially appointed witnesses would at once and for ever silence any criticism upon the subject.

The Bailey brothers, of Leiston, have scored another success, by adding to their achievements a 'family' peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells. By this performance they have put up another record. They are the first band of brothers to ring a peal of Cinques, and they have now scored Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, and Kent Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus.

There is not much left for this wonderful company of brothers to achieve, except tower bell peals in some of the higher methods, and these we have no doubt will all come in good time.

The Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques have all been rung within the last ten months, and would probably have been completed before but for the hot weather and the harvest. Some time ago three-quarters of the peal was rung, and then it was left alone until last week. These men have made ringing history.

Among the coming young men is undoubtedly Albert E. Norman, of Birmingham. Although only 19 years of age, he has just recently called a peal of Stedman Caters on handbells, and this, we learn, at only four hours' notice, prior to which time he had not even seen the composition. There are not many youths who could successfully take on a task of this kind. Among his other performances are peals of Cambridge Major, Royal and Maximus.

A correspondent (Mr. J. W. Moorhouse) informs us that the one part peal of Grandsire Triples by Mr. Louis Head, in our issue of August 5th does not contain any new feature. Peals were published in 1907 with only three bells 'before,' with the minimum number of calls with this quality.

In the quiet village of King's Norton, Leicestershire, an old ringer and churchwarden, Mr. W. Webster, has suffered a great loss by the sudden death, on August 12th, of his youngest son Walter, aged 30 years, so quickly after the death of Mrs. Webster (mother of three ringing sons). The fine tower containing a beautiful toned peal of eight, by Eyres, losses a regular service ringer, respected by all.

The peal rung at Bungay on August 4th, has appeared twice, sent up by two different correspondents.

There is a 'lock-out' of ringers at St. George's, Bristol, we read. The Vicar complains that the ringers failed to attend service, and dismissed them. It is stated that the ringers are submitting their case to the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

A DEBENHAM STORY.

COMMITTED MURDER, THEN CALLED A LONG PEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As you publish anniversary notices of long peals, first peals, etc., perhaps the following will be of interest:—

There is a peal board at Debenham on the east wall of the tower, well made, excellently written, but faded. It commemorates a peal of Bob Major rung in 1767 (six years after the bells were augmented to eight), 10,600 changes, in 6 hrs. 1 min. The tenor man called the peal, and his name was Jas. Wilson (I quote from memory). Would this peal be the longest length then rung in the method? I forget the rest of the account on the board, as it was always difficult to read the last few lines. Perhaps a Debenham friend would send it for publication.

The old blind ringer, the late John Brady, of Debenham, told me that in his young days this peal was commonly regarded as a unique performance, as the tenor man was supposed to have committed a murder on the road to Debenham to call the peal. It could not, however, be brought home to him at the time, for being arrested on coming home again, he proved an alibi, to the satisfaction of the court. His having been ringing at Debenham for six hours cleared him, but on his death-bed, years after, so the story goes, he confessed that he did commit the murder on his way, and managed to get to Debenham quickly enough to prove the alibi. A cool customer, I imagine. It would be interesting to know if all this is true. The man must have been known fairly well as a ringer. He was from Norwich, I believe. The rest of the band were local, I think.

Wishing 'The Ringing World' and the Exercise in general the best of luck.—Believe me, yours,
PETER LAFLIN.
45, Innes Avenue, Toronto.

BRISTOL AND SUPERLATIVE ROYAL.

A CHALLENGE TO MR. TROLLOPE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Revs. Bankes James and Law James speak frankly in last week's issue; the former as to the surfeit of bluff, and the latter as to the wasting of space in your valuable columns. Perhaps these shafts have gone home to our honourable friend on the 'Opposition Bench'; or perhaps he is now conscious of the futility of his attempt to lay down a series of 'rules' for the production, ad lib., of complicated structures such as London; or perhaps, again, he has now realised that in the absence of practical illustration (preferably by means of the actual figures), it is purposeless to give vent to expression in vague phraseology and meaningless platitudes. But, whatever may be the reason for it, the fact remains that Mr. Armiger Trollope has not furnished an answer to the problem—(of the kind which he has already avowed himself capable of solving in 30 minutes)—the problem which I propounded in your issue of August 5th, as to the extension of Bristol; neither has he expressed his willingness to accept the challenge to prove that any one of the first three methods submitted to the Records Committee, C.C., has been produced previously; and yet (vide last week's issue) he still speaks of 'no such thing as a new method' and again 'no such thing as authorship of methods.' Pray, sir, how does Mr. Trollope reconcile this with the fact that the late Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart., M.A., was known to the Exercise as 'a skilled change ringer, conductor, composer and author,' and whose memory will ever be cherished by the Exercise as such?

But to revert to the Bristol problem; this is a question of such universal interest as to call for a ready answer; and Mr. Trollope claims to be able to settle such questions in a few minutes; therefore, we as in all seriousness, Can he produce Bristol Royal? Yes or No. And if his answer be in the affirmative, will he be kind enough to give us the figures of half a lead of his method, in preference to his somewhat uncertain 'Rules for extending'?

Perhaps he will give us also the true version of Superlative Royal, if he considers that to be possible, since he has proclaimed repeatedly his ability to do these things with ease.

In all fairness to the question, may I be pardoned for adding that I have already formed my own conclusions on these matters (and am prepared to publish them), but then I am only *E Pluribus Unum!* and meanwhile the Exercise awaits the evidence of Mr. Trollope's expositions.—Very truly yours,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

TAPPING OF PEALS.

MR. OLAVE BROYD'S OPINION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—My opinion of the peal which I umpired for Mr. A. T. Morris tapped on handbells, I consider a wonderful performance, and quite worthy of record. If two men rang a peal of Major with four handbells each, I suppose it would be recorded. It is impossible for Mr. Morris to ring eight handbells, so, therefore, he taps his peals. Judging by the splendid and confident way in which he tapped this peal, I look for Mr. Morris to come out with far more wonderful performances in the future.—Yours faithfully,

O. BROYD.

A WONDERFUL PIECE OF WORK.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I feel I cannot let pass without some reference the remarks of Messrs Bernard and Taylor, of Harwich, re the tapping of peals and non-booking of same by the Essex Association. I, like them, cannot quite fathom the reason why the association decided not to book any further peals. I had the honour to umpire a peal tapped by Mr. Olave Broyd, of Gestingthorpe. I considered that performance a wonderful piece of work. The hobs were called by the performer, and ticked off by myself and my brother and compared with the composition at the end of the peal, and were found to be correct in every detail. Whether eight bells are more difficult to tap I do not know. Doubtless the performer has some method of doing it that I do not myself understand, but at the same time it must require a great deal of skill, and I for one certainly congratulate Mr. Morris, whether right or wrong from a campaniologist point of view. Perhaps those responsible for the booking, or rather the non-booking, of these peals think it might be possible to ring anything and just have the bells right when the hobs are called and course ends come up, but if anyone disputes the peals they are, as Messrs. Bernard and Taylor state, at liberty to witness a peal being tapped, and if they think it worth while can 'tick off' portions anywhere, apart from the actual calls and course ends, and then pass their own opinions. I hope that some steps may be taken to rightly recognise this most skilful bit of work.—Yours faithfully,

Belchamp Walter, Essex.

H. W. CATTERWELL.

THE POSITION IN SUFFOLK.

WEST SUFFOLK'S ATTITUDE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—After reading the two letters in last week's 'Ringing World,' under the heading 'Position in Suffolk,' I would make the following facts plain. West Suffolk, late Sudbury Branch of the Ely Association, left that Association not because of the 'neglect of the Parent Society'—the Ely Diocesan Association has never given West Suffolk cause to accuse it of 'neglect'—but because, Suffolk having become a diocese, and having its own Bishop, it was the opinion that there was a just claim for an Association for Suffolk; hence the separation, which our Ely brethren were quite expecting, and did accept in good faith. Not wishing to impair that faith, I emphatically state that at no time has West Suffolk entertained the idea of amalgamating with any other society. West Suffolk, having formed an Association, intends to carry it on as a separate society for Suffolk.

I ask our brother ringers in East Suffolk carefully to consider the matter, and trust they will see that the claim is right and proper, and to join with us in building up a society which will justify itself. Anyone who will carefully study the matter, will, I think, agree with Mr. Dennis that there is ample room for a separate society to be carried on in each of the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk.

Our appreciations are due to the two correspondents of last week for their manly attitude throughout their respective letters. I trust, whatever the outcome, nothing that has, or will be said, will alter that friendship which has hitherto existed between us as brother ringers.—Yours, etc.,

Lavenham.

S. H. SYMONDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As you say, the position is quite altered by the letters you have published from the representative members of the Ely Diocesan Association, and I quite agree with you that they ought to be consulted in any arrangements that are proposed.—Yours very faithfully,

H. DRAKE.

DRY WEATHER EFFECT ON BELL FITTINGS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—No matter how well seasoned timber is in a bell frame, or in the head stocks, during a period of dry weather—such as we have recently experienced—the timber will always shrink, and I do not think that there is any danger whatever of a bolt getting too much load to carry when wet weather sets in. Unless the bolt is very badly rusted and thin, the wet weather will not affect it. Great care should be taken in tightening up the gudgeon shoe bolts always to pull up the inside ones first, as when a bell is down the tendency is for the gudgeons to tip upwards; also when they are tightened up the inside ones should be considerably tighter than the outside, in order to keep the gudgeons lineable.

Care should also be taken to pull up equally the head stock bolts that hold the bell. If one side is pulled up more than another, the bell will become false struck.—Yours faithfully,

J. H. B. HESSE.

DEATH OF VETERAN EAST LONDON RINGER.

It is with much regret that the St. Mary, Bow, Middlesex, Society, record the death of an old and much respected member, viz., Mr. Thomas Cranfield, who passed away on Friday, August 5th, aged 71 years. Deceased was well known to East London ringers, and will be greatly missed at Bow, and also West Ham, where he was regular in his attendance.

The funeral took place on Friday, August 12th, and in the evening the 'whole pull and stand' and a touch of Treble Bob was rung with the bells half-muffled at Bow. The following ringers took part: G. Hayden, A. Neale, F. Newman, R. Sanders, A. Scambler, J. Scholes, W. Theobald, R. Turner and J. Waghorn.

BRISTOL RINGERS' WEDDING.

On Saturday, August 20th, the marriage took place at St. Anne's Church, Brislington, Bristol, of Mr. Edwin J. Brown and Miss Maud A. Jordan, two highly respected members of the St. Philip's Guild. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar of St. Anne's (the Rev. H. S. Urch), assisted by the Rev. M. E. Thorold, Vicar of St. Philip's, and Past Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. Mr. W. A. Cave, another P.M. of the Association, was also present.

After the ceremony the bridal pair proceeded to Bournemouth for the honeymoon, where a little programme of ringing had been arranged for them by Mr. W. A. Cave.

In the evening, in honour of the event, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Philip's unfortunately came to grief, and afterwards 816 Double Norwich was rung by: F. Poreh 1, Miss A. Brown 2, F. W. Wade 3, P. C. Williams 4, G. Wiltshire 5, H. T. Howell 6, J. Long 7, A. E. Reeves (conductor) 8. The Guild wish the pair every happiness in their married life.

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HORNCHURCH BELLS.**RINGERS ABUSED.**

Hornchurch, Essex, is having its turn with a storm in a teacup, stirred up by one who most vehemently protests against the 'intolerable nuisance' of the 'nerve-racking tintinabulation of the bells.' The correspondence has appeared in the 'Romford Recorder,' and the gentleman who finds his peace disturbed goes to the length of nearly half a column of sheer abuse. Among other suggestions for ending the ringing he suggests that the ropes might be used by the ringers to hang themselves with.

The ringers have responded with vigour, and, as might only be expected when an attack of this virility is launched, have hit out pretty strongly. They reciprocate by offering the gentleman an old rope to enable him to take a short cut in escaping from the torture which he seems at present to be enduring, and they make other kindly suggestions, Mr. Dale, the captain, adding, by way of encouraging him, we imagine, that he is arranging a peal of 20,160.

If the gentleman who objects to the bells thought that abuse of the ringers was the way to get his grievance (whether real or imaginary) given serious consideration, he must have other opinions by now. At any rate, if the correspondence is still going on, the public of Hornchurch are having some entertaining reading.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Bedford District was held at Willington on Saturday, August 27th. Members were present from Bedford, Kempston, Elstow, Biggleswade, Great Staughton, Roxton, Clapham, Dunstable, and the local company. At the business meeting, held in the tower, with Mr. F. Webb in the chair, it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Elstow on Saturday, Sept. 24th.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for use of the bells, and to the local company for having everything in readiness, was accorded.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Monk Bretton on Saturday, August 13th. The bells at this tower are very good. The ringing room, although small, is neat and nice, and the whole is a credit to all concerned. Ringing went on merrily from 4 to 9 p.m. The outstanding feature of the meeting was the welcome given to the association by the Vicar (the Rev. John E. A. Mercer), who presided at the business meeting held in the vestry. He gave an address, outspoken yet eloquent, and rich in tender appeal. He praised and admired the bells and their music, and said he held great regard for their influence on men at early morn or dewy eve. He besought change ringers with earnest pleading to aspire to the very highest in their art. By doing this their sounds would travel far, and ascend to the Great Creator of all that is divine. Merit is sometimes slow to be recognised by the National Church, but if ringers are any judge this young clergyman must attain higher rank in the church he serves so well.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company for all arrangements made, ended the meeting.

Members were present from towers near and far. The next meeting is to be held at Wragby, near Wakefield, on Saturday, Sept. 10th.

WALLASEY RINGERS ENTERTAINED AT LIVERPOOL.

At the invitation of the local band, ringers from St. Hilary's, Wallasey, Cheshire, visited St. James' Church, West Derby, Liverpool, for an afternoon's ringing. A well-struck 720 of Bob Minor was first rung, followed by other touches. The party then adjourned for tea, at the conclusion of which Mr. Walters thanked the St. James' ringers for their kind hospitality in providing them with tea, which they had all enjoyed.

Mr. Hargraves replied for the St. James' ringers, and referred to the friendly feeling which had grown up between the two towers as a result of the efforts of Mr. George Rogers. That was the second year of these social meetings, and he hoped the friendship which had been established would last for years to come.

Mr. G. Rogers also spoke, and referring to the intimate relations which had sprung up between the towers, said he could not realise how it had been brought about, but he hoped it would long continue.

After tea the visitors inspected the relics to be seen in the old village, and then returned to the tower where several touches in various methods were rung until eight o'clock.

Mr. Donnelly, of Liverpool, and Mr. H. Ashton, of Ramhill, were present also at the gathering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ROCHESTER DISTRICT MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Rochester district of the Kent County Association was held at Rochester, on Saturday, August 20th, and from the point of numbers was highly successful, although the ringing never reached a very high standard. At 3 o'clock a good party had mustered outside the Cathedral, where the new ring of ten by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, had been placed at the disposal of the district through the kindness of the Dean. Some of the visitors, whose first visit it was to Rochester, were very interested in the approach to the belfry, and more than one had cause to remember it through a sore head—caused by coming into contact with the low beams. Ringing took place until 4.45, when a halt was called for tea, which was served in the beautiful gardens of the Tea Table Cafe, and 53 sat down.

The business meeting followed, and was of a hasty character, owing to the service being fixed for 6 o'clock.—The District Secretary (Mr. Fred M. Mitchell, Milton-next-Gravesend) was unanimously re-elected, and thanked for his services during the past year, one member returning thanks for the 'buckshee' teas he had been instrumental in getting the district.—The representatives on the Central Committee (Messrs. E. A. G. Allen, Frindsbury, and W. Spicer, Tunstall) were also re-elected.—Swanscombe was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, on Saturday, December 3rd, and the meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean of Rochester for the use of the bells, also to the Vicars of St. Margaret's, Rochester, and Frindsbury for allowing their towers to be open, and to Mr. W. Haigh for presiding over the meeting.

The ringers' service followed in the Cathedral. The service was not definitely fixed until the forepart of the week, so could not be advertised, and it was a very small congregation of ringers that listened to an excellent address by Canon Arnott, who took his text from 1 Corinthians x. 31, 'Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.' He reminded the ringers that their service in the church was as important as the choristers' or the clergy's, and said that the service to the church should also be followed by service to God. He remarked on the large number of ringers that had, during the afternoon, passed through that ancient Cathedral on their way to the belfry to ring, but how few had attended to pay their service to God.

It certainly was not very encouraging to the organist, who attended, and to the clergy, and a little excuse can be offered for those ringers who had to leave to catch an early train.

Ringers were afterwards again indulged in until 9 o'clock, when the bells were lowered, and a successful meeting terminated.

During the evening, the towers at St. Margaret's, Rochester, and Frindsbury were open for ringing, and the district is to be congratulated in having such a fine peal of ten, as the Cathedral now possesses, which is the only peal of ten in the district.

In addition to the ringers from the towers of the district there were visitors from Canterbury, Lewisham and Maidstone districts, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Croydon, Staines, and Prittlewell.

VICAR'S WIFE AS PRACTISING MEMBER.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Farningham, on Saturday, August 6th. The tower was open at 3 p.m., and the bells, a ring of six, were set going to Grand sire and Stedman Doubles, College Single, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Service was conducted by the Rev. F. N. Snaith (Vicar), who also gave an interesting address, taking for his text the words, 'A three-ply cord is not quickly broken,' illustrating life with the colour of the sally, red, white and blue.

The Vicar very kindly entertained the company to tea at the Lion Hotel, and over forty sat down, including several ringers' wives.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar, who was unanimously elected an hon. member. Nine practising members of Farningham tower were also duly elected. They include Mrs. Snaith (the Vicar's wife) and Capt. and Mrs. Sheldon.

St. Luke's, Bromley Common, was chosen as the place for the annual district meeting in October.

A hearty vote of thanks was then accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, his address, and the tea; also for presiding.—The Vicar, replying, said it had been a great pleasure to him to have the association there, also to hear the bells ringing again. Any time they were that way, and would like to ring on the bells, he should be most happy for them to do so.

A course of Grand sire Triples and Caters, and Stedman Triples, was then rung on handbells, after which the tower was again visited.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting was held at Calverley, on Saturday, August 27th, ringers being present from Leeds, Buxley, Idle, Pudsey, and the local company. Touches of Grand sire Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major were indulged in in the evening. At the business meeting, in the absence of the secretary, Mr. Gerald Moorhouse, his brother, performed the necessary duties.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CLAPHAM, BEDS.—On Sunday morning, for Divine service, several 8-scores of Doubles were rung with the bells half-muffled for the Vicar's warden who met with a fatal accident owing to his motor bursting into flames. The ringers were: F. Dawson 1, H. Smith 2, S. Smith 3, Bland 4, R. Shimmans 5, H. L. Harlow 6, who went to Clapham to help the local company on this sad occasion.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, August 28th, for morning service, 546 Grandsire Triples: V. Corden 1, S. Stone 2, C. A. Greenfield 3, R. W. Picton 4, P. H. Doick 5, E. Elliott 6, A. Greenfield (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8. Messrs. E. Elliott and R. W. Picton were on a visit from Watford.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Collegiate Church, for morning service, on August 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, consisting of 1,299 changes, in 55 mins.: H. Knight 1, F. W. Perrens (conductor) 2, C. Beech 3, G. Tudor 4, T. Roden 5, H. Farlow 6, W. A. Cooper 7, E. F. Mitchell 8, W. H. Lawley 9, T. Smith 10.

FULHAM.—At All Saints', on Sunday, August 28th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: H. Belsher 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hoilier 3, W. H. Joiner 4, A. Cutmore 5, J. W. Driver (conductor) 6, A. R. MacDonald 7, G. C. Iles 8, A. Harling 9, M. A. Smith 10. Rung as a compliment to M. A. Smith on his 67th birthday.

DARTFORD.—Kent County Association.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, August 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: H. Audley 1, F. Ellis 2, R. Morgan 3, E. Brown 4, J. H. Cheesman (conductor) 5, E. Bates 6, J. Wheadon 7, H. Simmonds 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, August 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 48 mins.: F. J. Trappitt 1, *C. Kippin, junr., 2, T. Talbot 3, A. J. Plowman 4, J. W. Trappitt 5, W. H. Hewett 6, A. J. Trappitt (conductor) 7, R. Whittington 8, C. W. R. Grimwood 9, J. Fowler 10. * Longest length in any method.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, August 28th, at St. John the Evangelist's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Law 1, J. Crowder 2, T. A. Easterby 3, G. Simmonds 4, H. Norgate 5, A. Bradley 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, 28th August, at St. Margaret's Church, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. J. Lambert, senr., 1, J. L. Harris (Halling) 2, R. T. Lambert 3, F. Butchers 4, F. J. Lambert 5, E. G. Lambert (conductor) 6. Also 720 of Canterbury, Double Bob and Oxford Bob: R. E. Lambert 1, J. A. Lambert (Merton) 2, R. T. Lambert 3, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 4, F. J. Lambert 5, F. J. Lambert, senr., 6.

MARKET DEEPING, Lincs.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on August 28th, 360 Cambridge Surprise: A. Riggall 1, E. Wright 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, H. Holmes 4, W. A. Day 5, G. Wells 6. Also 360 of Double Court: A. E. Sneath 1, A. Riggall 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, G. Wells 4, J. Landon 5, E. Wright 6.

HULL.—Yorkshire Association.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, August 21st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. C. Field 1, A. B. Cook 2, G. F. Williams (conductor) 3, J. Highfield 4, J. Chamberlain 5, J. H. Howell 6, T. Morton 7, A. M. C. Field 8. Also a short touch for matins. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect and esteem to the late Mr. O. Jackson, for over 50 years a ringer in this tower.

BREWOD, STAFFS.—On Sunday, August 28th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (being 10½ six-scores each called differently), in 48 mins.: F. Wakelam 1, G. Walford 2, N. Wakelam 3, H. E. Wakelam 4, J. Perry (conductor) 5, L. Swift 6, E. Speake 7, A. G. Hunt 8. Rung, with 7, 6, 8 covering, to celebrate the golden wedding of the Rev. Prebendary and Mrs. Dunkley.

LLANDUDNO.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, August 28th, for evening service, in 49 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Appleton (first quarter) 1, T. Barrow 2, T. Lodge 3, R. W. Thompson 4, S. Brown 5, A. Fairlie 6, S. A. Cullington (conductor) 7, T. Lowe 8. First quarter-peal by local band.

FOLKESTONE.—On Sunday, August 28th, for evening service, at the Parish Church of SS. Mary and Eanswyth, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Copins 1, W. Lawrence (Ealing) 2, E. E. Bridges 3, A. G. Kedwell (conductor) 4, N. E. Hope 5, J. Henley 6, T. Farley 7, W. Knight 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, August 21st, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. W. Boud 1, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 2, W. G. Cook 3, H. Lewis 4, F. J. Lewis 5, J. Hope 6, H. C. Boud 7, J. Hayward 8. Composed by H. G. Miles, and taken from 'The Ringing World.'

ASHCHURCH, GLOS.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, August 21st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: G. Taylor 1, A. Taylor 2, H. Wakeford 3, R. Harris 4, E. Wallace 5, W. Crooks (conductor) 6.

HERTFORD.—Hertford College Youths.—On Sunday, August 21st, at St. Andrew's Church, for Divine service, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major: V. Neale 1, A. E. Creasey 2, R. Dore 3, A. Wright 4, H. J. Gray 5, G. Gray 6, J. Ladley 7, Col. H. Baker 8. Conducted by the Master (Colonel Baker), who is to be congratulated on the band's progress in this method, after two months' tuition. All the ringers are resident members of the society.

BRABOURNE, KENT.—On Sunday, August 21st, for evening service, 120 of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles: S. Finn, L. Finn, E. Cheeseman, A. Castle (Elham), H. Parkes (Mersham), G. Cheeseman.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.—For evening service, on Sunday, August 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: V. G. A. Bartlett 1, H. Coombes 2, W. E. Coombes 3, F. R. Coombes 4, A. Miles 5, R. G. Miles 6, H. Miles (conductor) 7, G. Bartlett 8. For evening service, on Sunday, August 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: Miss Eva N. Belcher 1, V. G. A. Bartlett 2, W. E. Coombes 3, F. R. Coombes 4, G. Bartlett 5, A. Miles 6, H. Miles (conductor) 7, Evans Mace 8.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday, August 14th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 352 Bob Major, 168 Grandsire Triples, 305 and 216 Grandsire Caters: J. Megan, G. W. Tembey, W. Fisher, T. Gilmour, E. Bumphrey, E. Counce, T. Hammond, junr., J. Martin, Claude Davies, W. Davies, A. Lindsay taking part. Arranged for Mr. Tembey, of Cumberland; he also rang on the new peal of eight at St. Francis Xavier's several courses of Grandsire Triples with the local band, for morning service.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.—At the Church of St. Leonard, for evening service, on Sunday, August 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: J. Hollows 1, J. H. Haydock 2, W. Berry (conductor) 3, T. K. Driver 4, F. Berry 5, T. Ogdin 6, S. Holt 7, D. Renshaw 8. Rung as a compliment to J. H. Haydock, who hails from Ramsbottom. The composition was taken from 'The Ringing World.'

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234567	1	2	3
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325467	S	S	
534627	S	S	
458237	S	S	
Repeat four times.			
234567	2	3	
354267	—	—	
524367	—	—	
432567	—	S	
326574	—	—	

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24153	—	—
25134	—	—
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23145	7	12
23145	—	S
24135	—	—
25314	—	—
21345	—	—
25431	—	—
23415	—	—

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23456789	
63452789	97S
43265	1S-97
24365	7 in 3
32465	7 in 3
23465	7 in 3
23465	1-4-5S
42365	9 in 3
34265	9 in 3
43265	1-3-4
24365	8 in 3
32465	8 in 3
53264	8 in 3S
23465	96
42365	8 in 3
34265	8 in 3

G. Hollis.

NOTICES.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

(established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on September 1st, 15th and 29th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on September 6th; Southwark Cathedral on September 13th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on September 20th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on September 22nd, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgely Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The Annual meeting of the above will be held at Wye, by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. Edgar Lambert, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Ringing commencing at 2.30. A special service in the Church at 4.30. Business meeting after tea for the election of officers, &c. Ringing again till 8 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dist. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.

—Next meeting at Seend, September 3rd, at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. F. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, September 3rd, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. All ringers invited.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Northern District will be held at Royston on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service in Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapstone District.—A special meeting will be held at Sudborough on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—J. Nickerson, Dist. Sec., Halford St., Thrapstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells ready 3.15. Meeting at 7.15 p.m. A good attendance is requested as the business is important.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at New Church, near Warrington, on Saturday, 3rd Sept. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Rd., Bolton.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Aldenham (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meat tea at the "Three Compasses" at 5 p.m., 2s. per head. All ringers welcome. Those attending would greatly oblige by notifying me previously.—H. Eden, Hon. Sec., Western District, 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (8) available afternoon

and evening.—A. E. Austin, District Sec., 4, Hill View, Great Shelford, Cambridge.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch (North and South).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shroton on Saturday, September 3rd (6 bells). Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30; address by Rev. R. H. Gundry. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting. A quarterly meeting will be held at Swanage on Saturday, September 10th (8 bells). Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30; address by Rev. W. R. Parr. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Buckland-Newton on Thursday, September 8th. Bells from 2 p.m. Guild service at 4.30, followed by tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

SELBY ABBEY.—Unveiling of Ringers' War Memorial will take place on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Service at 4 p.m. Ringers are invited to this service. Tea (2/- each) can be arranged for those who make application not later than Tuesday, Sept. 6th, to the Secretary—W. Arthur Hall, 34, New Lane, Selby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Great Brickhill on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. All those intending to be present please notify me not later than Sept. 5th, so that arrangements can be made for tea.—W. Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 1, Church Street, Middleton. (Please note change of address.)

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Meeting at Sherfield on Saturday, September 10th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45, followed by business meeting. Sixpence towards tea allowed to all members informing me by September 3rd.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. District Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Hampton on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Ringing from 3.15. Will arrange tea for all who let me know by the 6th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, Sept. 10th. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and the peals of 8 at All Saints', St. John's and St. Maries will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Wolstenholme Hall, beside the Cathedral, at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head, and applications for same must reach Mr. C. Harrison, 53, Baltic Road, Sheffield, not later than first post Tuesday, Sept. 6th. Members are hereby reminded that annual subscriptions of 1s. 6d. are due from all resident ringing members, and should be paid before Sept. 30th.—P. J. Johnson, General Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall, near Bristol, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.

Service at 4.30, followed by tea and the annual business meeting, at which it is hoped all members will be present, and any subscriptions still owing should be paid. All ringers are welcome, and, if requiring tea, should please notify me not later than Sept. 19th.—Edith Smith, Sec., 16, West Park, Clifton, Bristol.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Summer Outing, Saturday, September 10th, at St. Albans.—St. Michael's, 2 p.m.; the Abbey, 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.; St. Stephen's, 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at The Creamery, Chequer Street. Names for tea to be sent in by September 3rd.—A. D. Barker, Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The postponed annual meeting will be held at Ripon on Saturday, September 10th. Committee meeting will be held at the Black Bull Hotel at 3 p.m. sharp. Business as in previous circular. Tea will be provided at the Black Bull Hotel at 4 p.m. sharp. Members, 2/-; non-members, 3/-. Those intending to be at tea, please notify the Secretary not later than Tuesday, September 6th.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, September 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. Neville G. J. Stiff, at the Church Room, West Hill. Will those intending to be present at tea please inform Mr. J. Crawford, 2, Woodcote Side, Epsom, not later than Wednesday, September 7th?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. District Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Harworth (Bawtry Station) on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Visitors welcome. Tea at 5 p.m., 1/- per head to members, 1/9 to non-members, who advise Mr. O. Revill not later than Wednesday, September 7th.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Woodbridge District.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ufford, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (8), by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. H. Drake), available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. All ringers invited.—Chas. E. Fisher, District Sec.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Wragby, near Wakefield, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready early. Tea, 1/- each, to those applying before Tuesday, September 6th, to Walter Jackson, Old Engine House, Nostell, near Wakefield. A good meeting is desired by local company. Members please note and apply early for tickets.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Desford on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) available from 4 till 7 p.m.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at St. Martin's Tower, Leicester, on Thursday evening, September 15th. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend. Ringing from 7.30 p.m.—H. E. Norman, Local Sec., 52, Ivy Road, Leicester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsterstone on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) open all day. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 at a nominal charge

on the Vicarage Lawn, if fine. Business meeting after. Nearest station is Deepcar (G.C.). Also a motor bus service from Middlewood Tram Terminus to Moor Hall Lane or Deepcar.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Peering on September 17th. Service, with address, at 4 o'clock, followed by tea at the Bell Inn at a moderate charge. Will members kindly notify me of their intention of being present not later than Monday, September 12th?—Bert Redgwel, Rayne, near Braintree.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bewdley on Saturday, September 17th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Members requiring tea will be able to get same close to church. Election of officers will take place at this meeting.—A. Davies, Branch Sec., 29, Hampton Street, Netherton, Worcestershire.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the above will be held at Crowland on Saturday, September 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please inform Mr. A. Holland, Abbey Cottage, Crowland.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Hadleigh on Saturday, September 17th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. Symonds, Hon. Sec., 41, Market Lane, Lavenham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, September 24th. Ringing from 2 o'clock. Committee meeting in Schools at 4 o'clock. General meeting after tea. Mr. F. Cotton, 4, Gladstone Terrace, Hinckley, will arrange for tea at the Tea Rooms, Market Place, at 2/6 each, for those who advise him by September 21st.—Alfred C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—I shall be glad to have particulars of any 1921 peals not already rendered as soon as possible. In every case either the composition (if new) or the M.C.A. number should be given. Peal report forms provided free.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Sidney J. Lawrence has removed to 60, Harlestone Road, St. James's, Northampton.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MR. T. REDMAN'S LONG SERVICE RECOGNISED.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Blackburn branch was held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, last Saturday, over 40 members, many of whom brought their wives, attending. Ringing in the afternoon was followed by tea provided in the Sandgate School. At the subsequent meeting, the Rev. T. H. Foulds, curate of Holy Trinity Church, presided, and gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Holy Trinity. He hoped before long he would have the pleasure of seeing them again in Burnley.

Mr. Rennie Hartley was elected Branch President and Ringing Master for the ensuing 12 months.—Mr. Wm. Aaron, of Church Kirk, was elected a performing member, and the Rev. T. H. Foulds was elected an honorary life member.

The following members were elected as nominees for the various positions in the Lancashire Association: Vice-president, Mr. W. E. Wilson, Blackburn; ringing secretary, Mr. J. H. Banks; auditors, Mr. Greenhaigh and Mr. Barnes.

Accrington was chosen as the place for next meeting, to be held the week following the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association.

During the evening, a presentation took place to Mr. Tom Redman, of Burnley, in recognition of his long and devoted services to the branch. The gift took the form of a divan 'easy chair, and was presented, on behalf of the branch, by Mr. W. E. Wilson, who spoke of Mr. Redman's many excellent qualities, and of the high esteem in which he was held by all the ringers of the association, and particularly of the Blackburn branch.—Mr. Redman suitably responded.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, also to the Rev. T. H. Foulds for presiding.



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LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

The discussion in our columns on London Surprise Royal has now arrived at the stage when all those who have produced methods, worth considering as extensions approximating to the Major, have placed their figures before the Exercise, and what has now to be decided is, which of the various extensions is to be accepted as that entitled to the designation of London Surprise Royal. It is fairly obvious that this question will not be mutually agreed between the rival claimants, and the thought that may occur to some is that the matter should be settled by the Central Council as the final body of appeal. In the end it may be well if the Council set the seal of their authority upon what is to be recognised as the acceptable extension of the method, but the Council, as a whole, could hardly be expected to decide the merits of the question. Yet it ought to be decided. Who, then, is to adjudicate upon the matter?

We would suggest that a small body of, say, five members of the Exercise—preferably from within the Council, so that eventually their finding might go out with the endorsement of the Council—should be appointed to examine the claims. We believe that such a committee, with the requisite knowledge and impartiality, could be found from among the experts who have watched the controversy with detached interest. The committee might consist of two members who specialise in the theory of methods, and two men of wide practical experience in the ringing of London Surprise Major, with a chairman appointed by themselves. Such a body, we believe, could arrive at a decision on the subject, whereas the full Council could not be expected to deal with it. Indeed, were it referred to the Council as a whole, the result would probably be similar to that which attended the proposal made by the Rev. H. Law James in 1913 to recognise Shipway's method as the correct extension of Superlative Surprise. After adjourning the subject for a year, and having an amendment before them that the Council did not feel competent to decide the question, Mr. James' motion was ultimately withdrawn, largely to save the Council from putting themselves in an awkward position, and, as the President urged, to avoid 'making fools of themselves.'

After all, a matter of this kind cannot be settled satisfactorily and with knowledge by a large body of members, many of whom have not even rung a peal of London Surprise Major. But a small committee of experts, such as we suggest could decide the question for them and, with the co-operation of the rival claimants, who would have full opportunity of stating their case, the arrangement ought to work well. But by the time the next Council

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meeting is held much of the interest in the discussion will have evaporated, so far as the general body of the Exercise is concerned, and we would suggest that the interested parties should agree straightaway upon a committee, submit their respective cases and let a decision be come to, so that when the next Council meets a resolution can be moved and the finding of the committee endorsed. All that would then remain, it seems to us, would be for the College Youths, if they desired to do so, to prefer their claim to the name for the peal rung by them at Stepney, which stands in their records as 'London,' but which is classed by the Council as 'Stepney.' The question of prior right to a name is a question which the Council would be fully competent to decide; the question of the closest extension of the method from Major to Royal is one which they could not be expected to answer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Thursday, August 25, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

MISS C. THORP Treble	J. MELLOR 5
H. HRAP 2	P. ADAMS 6
T. JAKEMAN 3	S. BOOTH 7
W. JAKEMAN 4	B. THORP Tenor

Composed by HARRY JOHNSON. Conducted by B. THORP.

This peal was arranged to celebrate the 29th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jakeman, who are at present on a visit from America.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY 5
DOUGLAS HARRIS 2	WILLIAM E. BASON 6
EDMUND J. HOBBS 3	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 7
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, LEISTON).

On Monday, August 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILFRED W. BAILEY Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
JAMES G. RUMSEY 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Sept. 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN E. BIBBY Treble	CYRIL RADDON 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	FRANCIS BIBBY 6
HENRY RANGLES 3	THOMAS H. LIGHTFOOT 7
HARRY COLLYER 4	WILLIAM BIBBY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except ringers of 2, 4, 5. This composition, Author's No. 207, is now rung for the first time.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	CHARLES WINSER 5
WILLIAM HARPER 2	WILLIAM DUDLEY 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 7
HERBERT ADDSLEY 4	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

OAKHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*ELSIE B. BRANDON Treble	WILLIAM H. WALDRON 5
PHYLLIS HARE 2	TOM TEBBUTT 6
RUFERT RICHARDSON 3	†HUGH BEECHEY 7
†FRANK ROWLINSON 4	‡SIDNEY H. TOWELL Tenor

Conducted by HUGH BEECHEY.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.
‡ First peal as conductor. § First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*ERNEST BARTRAM, M.M. ... Treble	HARRY BROUGHTON 5
GEORGE CLEAL 2	SAMUEL COTTON 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	WILLIAM E. SMITH 7
*PRYCE TAYLOR 4	JOHN OLDHAM Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Superlative. First peal in the method as conductor.
J. Oldham has now rung every bell in the tower to a peal.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, Sept. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALBAN DISNEY Treble	ROWLAND BARROW 5
WILLIAM HECTOR 2	*WILLIAM H. CLARKE 6
ARTHUR J. BALLARD 3	ARTHUR CATTELL 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	*EDWARD WHITEHEAD Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Triples. Arranged for the treble ringer, who is the son of the Vicar of Belgrave, and home on holiday from school at St. John's, Leatherhead, Surrey.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, Sept. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10¼ cwt.

HARRY BARTON Treble	ALBERT CALLAWAY 5
*MISS B. N. MILLS 2	*WALTER SCOTT, JUN. 6
WILLIAM CHAMBERS 3	HENRY JENNINGS 7
*MISS H. F. MILLS 4	RICHARD WARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

* First peal. Also first peal for the Isle of Wight District. Rung especially for the Misses Mills, of Aldershot, who were spending their holiday on the Island, and as a birthday compliment to Walter Scott. First peal on the Island in which ladies have taken part.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, Sept. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND, R.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM G. ELLIS Treble	GEORGE ROBERTS 5
JAMES GEORGE 2	OLIVER G. NORMAN 6
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 3	BERNARD W. WITCHELL 7
ABRAHAM WILKERSON 4	ALBERT E. NORMAN Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER G. NORMAN.

This peal was specially arranged and rung as a compliment to the Right Rev. Ansgar Hockelmann, on the 22nd anniversary of his appointment as Lord Abbot of Erdington Abbey.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 20, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

comprising 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN ADKINSON Treble	JOHN H. HAYNES 4
ARTHUR PALMER 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR 5
HARRY SQUIRES 3	ARTHUR MACKREARS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKREARS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. John Hoyes, who was a ringer at All Saints' Church for 40 years, and was buried in the churchyard on August 16th.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

consisting of New London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANK CLAYDON Treble	DAVID ELLIOTT 4
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 5
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM ... 3	WILLIAM ELLIOTT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung to celebrate the 60th birthdays of Mr. & Mrs. W. Elliott, who, at the conclusion of the peal, kindly entertained the band at Brunswick House. First peal in 7 methods by the Association, also first on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, and first peal since the Diamond Jubilee (June 22nd, 1897), in which peal both the conductor and tenor ringers took part.

MAXEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 31, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

ANNIE M. DALE Treble	ELSIE B. BRANDON 4
*PHYLLIS HARE 2	HORACE M. DAY 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal in five methods.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

being four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 15½ cwt.

HAROLD PALMER Treble	*WILLIAM E. CLARKE... .. 4
†FRANK STAFFORTH 2	ARTHUR H. PALMER... .. 5
ARTHUR SWAIN 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal. † First peal with Treble Bob included. The conductor was proposed a member of the Guild previous to starting for the peal.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

being 720 each of London Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR LINTOTT... .. Treble	GEORGE LUNT 4
JOHN WILKINSON 2	JAMES MARTIN 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Edward Caunce.

HANDBELL PEAL.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PETER MANCFORT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

CHARLES E. BORRETT... .. 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
JOHN E. BURTON... .. 3-4	DOUGLAS HARRIS... .. 7-8

Composed by the late HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand' by all except the conductor.

THE EXTENSION OF DOUBLE NORWICH.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Since I pointed out in 'The Ringing World' that Mr. H. W. Wilde had previously produced the same extension of Double Norwich Maximus as that given by Mr. G. Baker, I have received a pamphlet by Mr. J. S. Pritchett, of Birmingham, which is an extract from 'The Bell News' of twenty-five years ago, giving exactly the same Maximus extension with instructions how to ring the method. This is certainly interesting, coming as it does from three independent sources, and each arriving at the same conclusion as to what is the true extension of the method.

While writing I should like to endorse what you say in your leading article of August 19th, 'that we ringers owe everything to those who spend or have spent their labour in research.' Our scope for ringing would have been narrow indeed without them.

How interesting, too, is the correspondence going on in 'The Ringing World' by some of the experts of to-day, much of which is beyond the average ringer, but nevertheless highly interesting, and we are grateful to them for giving us of their time and labour in solving some of the 'knotty problems' which have been baffling the Exercise for years, and thereby opening up a still wider field for ringers' enjoyment.—Yours, etc.,
E. BARNETT.

DEATH OF A LINCOLNSHIRE RINGER.

The Southern Branch of the Lincoln Guild loses one of its oldest members, by the death of Mr. John Hoyes, of Hough-on-the-Hill, who passed away on Saturday, August 13th, at the age of 67 years. Deceased had been a ringer at All Saints for 40 years, and was well known and much respected in South Lincolnshire.

The funeral took place at Hough-on-the-Hill on August 16th, deceased being carried to his last resting-place by four of his brother ringers: Messrs. J. Cragg (Caythorpe), A. Mackears (Long Bennington), J. H. Haynes and H. Squires (Hough-on-the-Hill). After the funeral the bells were rung muffled.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETINGS BY ROTA IN PRESTON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Preston Parish Church, on Saturday, August 27th, about 40 members attending, and making good use of the fine ring of eight bells. The business meeting was held in the spacious ringing chamber. Mr. W. Heald, of Preston, was voted to the chair, and several important propositions were carried. The first of these was that the whole of the towers of the branch be put into a fixed order, and visited in rotation without voting at every meeting. This idea is intended to save time, and the list will be drawn up by the branch secretary and submitted for approval at Leyland in October.

Next it was decided to support the Rossendale Branch in their proposition to reduce the general committee, and only one representative was elected, instead of two as previously.

Mr. J. R. Taylor gave an account of the committee meeting at Bolton, also the arrangements for the annual general meeting at Todmorden.

Mention was made of the deputation to St. Luke's Church, Preston, with regard to their hemispherical bells, but the authorities are determined to go on with their scheme.

At the close of business, the Vicar and wardens were accorded a hearty vote of thanks for the use of the bells. The bells were again brought into use, and ringing kept up till about 8.30. Standard methods, with the addition of Double Norwich and Superlative, were the methods rung during the afternoon.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Prestwich, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who presided, said how pleased he was to see such a large gathering of ringers present, and also to note the variety of methods rung, which had ranged from rounds for the learners to London Surprise. The good striking had been a prominent feature of this meeting.

Nominations for the officers of the association were: Vice-president, Mr. A. Trippier; ringing secretary, Mr. J. H. Banks; auditors, Mr. S. Greenhalgh and Mr. A. Barnes.

Flexton was selected for the next meeting, on Saturday, Oct. 1st.

A discussion took place on whether it was possible to arrange a tea at these branch meetings, and it was left to Mr. J. Collier to see if one could be arranged for the meeting at Flexton, in order that the branch secretary may give due notice in 'The Ringing World.'

Votes of thanks to church officials, the local ringers, and the chairman, closed the meeting, and further ringing took place on this grand ring of bells.

DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD.

MEETING AT WEST BROMWICH.

A quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, August 20th, when over forty members, representing various towers in union with the Guild, attended. The fine peal of 12 bells was at the disposal of the members from 2.30 until service time. The beautiful Guild service was conducted by the Rev. J. Goodacre, M.A., M.C., who also gave a very interesting and eloquent address, in the course of which he gave the members a right hearty welcome to Christ Church.

At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the Parish Hall, where a bountiful tea was in readiness, kindly provided by the Vicar. Afterwards the business meeting took place, presided over by Mr. John Goodman, Junr. (Ringing Master), in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, who had other engagements to fulfil. An apology was read from the secretary, regretting his inability to be present at the meeting, as he was away from home on a holiday.—Several new members were elected to the roll.

The arrangements for the next quarterly meeting were left in the hands of the secretary to make what arrangements he could, as no invitation had been received.

It was proposed that the quarterly peal for the Guild be attempted at Christ Church, West Bromwich, and that the method be Stedman Cinques, the necessary arrangements to be left in the hands of Mr. Jesse Screen.

At the close of the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of West Bromwich for his great kindness in consenting to the Guild holding its meeting at Christ Church, for conducting the service, for his eloquent address, for the use of the tower and bells, and of the Parish Hall, as also for the bounteous tea he so generously provided.—A vote of thanks was also accorded to the ladies who prepared and served the tea, and looked after the comforts of the members; to Mr. Jesse Screen and the local ringers for making the necessary arrangements, and to all who had assisted in any way in making the meeting such a successful and happy one.—Thanks were also extended to the Ringing Master for presiding at the meeting. The bells were again utilised in the evening, while some of the members visited the town and park before returning home.

PEALS TAPPED ON HANDBELLS.

MR. MORRIS REPLIES TO CRITICS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In his recent letter, Mr. Pye makes the assertion that the education received through tapping of peals is of no value except to the performer. As this seems to me to be the kernel of the whole thing, may I, through a little illustration, try to show that he is quite wrong. My brother ringers will have noticed that I was at last successful in tapping a peal of London. Now I maintain that it is quite possible for me to teach any young band that method, and in the process of teaching, the education I have received entirely through tapping is distributed amongst them, and, therefore, becomes the property of eight or nine ringers instead of only one, as Mr. Pye asserts. If I am wrong will someone please point it out and convince me. I should take that as a great kindness, and I would promise that 'The Ringing World' would be troubled no more with my performances; but if I am right, I think the Essex Association, in the passing of that resolution, has committed a great error of judgment. I should like my brother ringers to know that personally I do not care two straws whether or no there are points given or records kept; but the point, to my mind, is, will such action be likely to deter any ringer from trying to educate himself in a similar way? My opinion is it will. My object is to try and educate myself to fit any situation I may find myself in. I had a plan of entirely reconstructing the Harwich band, by the addition of six or eight youngsters; but I must confess the thought has arisen, if, after I have done my best to teach them what little knowledge I have, they will turn to me and say that my education is of no value to anyone but myself. To my brother ringers who have sent me their congratulations and kindly words of encouragements, the umpires, our Editor for the publication of the records, the composers who have so kindly sent me peals, and to Mr. W. Pye for his most candid letter, I tender my most sincere thanks, for these are things which, in my estimation, really count.—I remain, yours truly,

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

P.S.—I note your remarks in 'Belfry Gossip,' and I quite see the point; but I would point out that recently I have had the services of several competent outside umpires, one of whom conducted one of the peals, another who has tapped a peal or two himself.

THE EDUCATIONAL VALUE.

Dear Sir,—Should space permit I should like to make reply to Mr. Pye's letter in your issue of August 26th, re the booking of peals tapped on handbells. Mr. Pye hits the nail right on the head when he states that we jumped to the conclusion that the members of the Essex Association responsible for the passing of the resolution referred to considered the performance of tapping peals on handbells worthless. We did; and Mr. Pye further endeavours to substantiate his case that they are worthless by giving three apparently sound reasons why they should not be booked. I will answer them very briefly, as they are stated.

For the purpose of booking, why should we discriminate between tapping and ringing? I submit that in ringing a handbell peal it is not the fact that the ringers engaged in the performance continue to strike their bells up and down that makes the performance worthy of note, but that they keep their bells in place and their mind concentrated on the method. A tapper goes further, he keeps eight bells in place. Surely this is a greater achievement! The fact that he does not ring them obviously enough is because it is a physically impossible feat.

The second reason given is more important. Mr. Pye states that, being individual performances they are of no educational value. Now, Mr. Morris has only once rung a course of London. He was, however, successful in tapping a peal in this method. The advantage derived here is that should Mr. Morris at any time go to a tower where London is rung he could at once become a useful member of that band. Also, Mr. Morris is and has been for years an enthusiastic teacher of change ringing to youngsters wishing to learn, and when his next batch of pupils come along in the winter months there is not the slightest doubt that he will find his exercises in tapping of great advantage in his teaching.

I think that the third point mentioned in Mr. Pye's letter can hardly be raised in protest against the booking of these peals, as handbell peals rung by three or more members are booked, and these can hardly be said to assist 'Bell Chamber Reform.'

If the resolution was passed for reasons no stronger than those mentioned by Mr. Pye, I would repeat that the matter never received sufficiently thoughtful consideration. To express an opinion as to who is foremost in the vogue of tapping is to beg the question raised.

Thanking you, sir, for the hospitality of your columns.—Yours faithfully,

53, Church Street, Harwich.

T. H. BERNARD.

TAPPING, NOT CHANGE RINGING.

Sir,—In your last issue, another correspondent, Mr. Broyd, who has done some peal tapping, complains of these peals not being re-

cognised. He also says if two persons had rung four bells each they would be booked. Quite true, and deservedly so. Could Mr. Morris ring four handbells retained in hand to a peal, say, of London Surprise? I doubt it very much. If he can, perhaps Mr. Broyd being a peal tapper would ring the other four. Such a performance would rank as the greatest on record. I see Mr. Morris has tapped a peal of London, and without ever ringing an inside bell in the method. I hope Mr. Morris does not think he has strengthened his claim for recognition by doing this; if so, he has made a great mistake, for he certainly has shown us that the system he adopts to tap peals does not apply to change ringing. I may say that I have known two persons who used to tap touches who could not ring two handbells to the method. That convinced me that from a change ringing point of view there was not so much in it as many people think there is.—Yours faithfully,

W. PYE.

WHY HAS DISTINCTION BEEN MADE?—AN ENQUIRY.

Dear Sir,—I consider the Essex Association quite justified in not booking any further tapped peals. This is not change ringing as I have always understood it. Tapping is not ringing, but why book one and not more? I believe there was a previous one tapped by Mr. O. Broyd, and booked. Now, Sir, I should like to know why these two peals which were tapped and not rung have been booked? I can find nothing in the rules of the Essex Association to allow them to be booked. I am quite aware the rules of the Association have been set at defiance on more than one occasion; but that was to suit one individual, and Messrs. Broyd and Morris are only ordinary members. I hold no brief for either. They may be wonderful performances—undoubtedly they are—but that does not turn the performances into change ringing. You, Sir, mentioned in 'Belfry Gossip' that you would like to see this performance repeated in the presence of competent witnesses (I refer to the peal of London tapped by Mr. Morris), and as I am able to repeat a peal of London (or any other method on 7 or 8), change by change and call the bobs, I should be quite willing to act as one umpire, providing this meets with your and Mr. Morris's approval.—Yours truly,

Rye Mill, Feering.

W. KEEBLE.

TWO QUESTIONS.

Dear Sir,—Without in any way detracting from the merit due to Mr. Morris for the various peals he has tapped, I would like him to answer two questions: (1) Can he ring an inside bell on tower bells and conduct a peal in all the methods he has tapped? (2) Can he also ring any pair of handbells retained 'in hand' and conduct all the methods? My reason for asking is that I have known of cases where a person can tap changes but cannot ring a pair of handbells in the same method. In my opinion tapping peals is not advancing change ringing, for which all associations were formed.—Yours faithfully,

Taunton.

J. HUNT.

ACTON GUILD'S EXCURSION.

Backed up by fine weather, the St. Mary's, Acton, Guild, held their annual outing on Saturday, August 27th, when a visit was paid to the two churches at Staines, and one at Egham. Under the guidance of the captain (Mr. Robt. Holloway) the visitors made their way to St. Peter's, Staines, where the peal of eight (tenor 15½ cwt.), by Warner, were soon off to Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. Owing to the ambitious route set out, however, a long stay could not be made, and no matter how charming a place may be, or how delightful the bells, there always seemed a pleasurable anticipation of the next stopping-place. So the party moved on to the parish church at Staines, where the bells with their tenor (approximately 1 ton) were set going, and made good use of during the short stay, when the same methods as above were indulged in.

The next stop was for a splendid and well-earned tea. Soon after this the band found themselves at Egham, which has a ring of eight (tenor 17 cwt.) by the Croydon foundry. It was not long before these bells were off to the harmonious changes of a well-struck touch of Bob Major, followed by Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

Lowering the bells in peal at 9 o'clock, the visitors returned by train to London, where they arrived about 11 p.m. after a most enjoyable excursion.

The thanks of the Guild are extended to the respective clergy and local ringers, who so kindly assisted in making such excellent arrangements, and placing the bells at their disposal. The visitors included: The Misses D. Feltham, N. Williams and I. L. Hastie, Messrs. Robert Holloway (captain), L. H. Page, R. H. Bodington, R. A. Fardon, H. Wincote, J. W. Fruin, C. Brown, S. D. Breeze, F. Goodfellow, and M. England.

BURSLEM, STAFFS.—On Tuesday evening, August 2nd, at the Parish Church, 720 of Violet Treble Bob was rung. This was brought round after several unsuccessful attempts, the ringers being: *R. Welsby 1. *A. Lees 2. F. Triner 3. J. Hurd 4. T. Hilditch (conductor) 5. W. Bourne 6. * First in the method. Other ringers taking part in Woodbine and Burslem Delight were T. Hurd, L. Pennington and W. P. Deane.

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.
THE REV. E. BANKES JAMES ENTRENCHED.
To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In his letter of Sept. 2nd, Mr. Baker says:—
'Perhaps Mr. James will now understand that his method of Royal is not the same construction as London.'

In my letter of August 26th, I said:—

'The only connection that I can see between London Minor and London Major is this, they neither allow any other work than the plain hunt backwards, and the Treble Bob hunt forward.'

I think I may safely say that I do understand that simple fact as well now as I did when I wrote that letter.

Meanwhile, Mr. Baker does not explain how his infallible rule failed so lamentably in the case of the Grandsire method.

Here is another method for his consideration. The first 12345678 four changes are here given, and you continue as in 21435687 Oxford Treble Bob until you come to the last four, when 12436878 you duplicate the places. Now, half the changes are even 21346587 and half are odd. When we extend to ten bells, we have 24 even changes and 16 odd!

Of course, I quite agree with Mr. Baker that you must have equal numbers of odd and even changes if you want to ring a 720 of Minor, and I am also prepared to allow the same argument if you want to ring a peal of 3,628,800 of Royal; but then I have no ambition to start for such a peal, and as I know that far better methods can be obtained if we disregard such a rule, I do not think that the Exercise ought to be bound by it for the purpose of pleasing Mr. Baker.

But the war has advanced to such a point now that I think it is time to dig in. Here are my trenches, and everyone is welcome to inspect them.

1. There are two methods, known as London Surprise Minor and London Surprise Major, which defy all the efforts of the experts, with their simple laws of construction, to trace the connection between them, and yet show such a marked resemblance to each other that the Exercise is justified in calling them by the same name.
2. That that likeness is entirely due to a higher law which overrules all other considerations in their construction, the law of the two hunts.
3. That I have produced a method on ten bells, which conforms to that higher law, that it is the only method that can be produced on ten bells which will do so, and that it is as closely connected with London Minor and London Major, as they are with one another.
4. That as long as the Exercise retains the names of London Surprise Minor and London Surprise Major, they must, to be consistent, recognise my method as London Surprise Royal.

There is my camp, safely guarded by its four trenches, and to hold that position I am ready to fight, tooth and nail, cat and dog, until the fur and feathers fly; but I am not to be drawn outside to contend with any stray side issues which may be advanced. If they think that they can apply their little simple rules to such a complex monster as London Surprise, by all means let them try. I will allow them a lifetime to show any other connection between London Minor and London Major than the one that I have made use of in my trenches.

The two methods published this week are both obviously Oxford extensions, and are both unlike London in that they have internal places with treble bob on both sides of them, a feature that is entirely wanting both in the Minor and the Major. The resemblance, too, has vanished, as soon as the great law is broken.—Yours faithfully,
E. BANKES JAMES.

MR. TROLLOPE'S FORMULA.

Dear Sir,—I have to thank Mr. Baker for pointing out to me a clerical error in my formula for extending London. No. 2 should read, 'make a place at every cross section above the treble's path, except when she passes into the hindmost dodging position but one.' This on eight and all other numbers.—Yours truly,
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

PROGRESS AT WORCESTER.

On Sunday, August 21st, at All Saints' Church, Worcester, for evening service, three courses of Cambridge Surprise Royal, in which J. Morris, F. W. Neate, J. R. Mackman, G. Hinton, junr., S. Holt, T. Walters, W. Lewis, W. Page, W. C. Jones, J. J. Jefferies and R. G. Knowles took part. On Monday, August 22nd, at St. Helen's, for practice, two courses of London Surprise Major, by: T. Walters, F. W. Neate, W. C. Jones, S. Holt, J. J. Jefferies, G. Hinton, junr., W. Lewis, W. Page and J. R. Mackman. Both the above are the longest rung in the methods by a local hand at Worcester. On Tuesday, August 23rd, at St. John's 720 of London Surprise Minor: W. Page (conductor) 1, S. Holt 2, T. Walters 3, J. J. Jefferies 4, W. Lewis 5, J. R. Mackman 6. First 720 in the method by all except Messrs. Page and Holt.

A WEEK ON A FARM.
RINGING—NOT HARVESTING.

On Saturday, August 20th, ringers began to congregate by various means at a small Lincolnshire village, yeolpt Surfleet. Mr. Rupert Richardson was responsible for collecting all these 'mad' people together, ostensibly for a handbell ringing week. Some of them, however, had recollections of cutting corners with a scythe in a harvest field the previous summer, so they went prepared for a few aching backs, as well as happy hours with handbells. Imagine their relief, therefore, when it was found that all the harvesting was finished, and all that remained to be done was to sit down and ring peals on the lawn, with a few wasps and umpteen flies tickling their noses.

As far as ringing was concerned, Saturday was a quiet day, as everybody was busy greeting somebody else, and discussing the state of the roads, etc.

Sunday was the great day of the week, namely, Rupert's birthday, and right well it was celebrated, by the ringing of two peals of Bob Royal in honour of the auspicious occasion.

Monday and Tuesday passed without much excitement, except a peal or two, to keep one's hand in. Wednesday morning saw a Ford, and a few motor bikes and side-cars leave Surfleet in full travelling order for Everby, where a peal of Stedman Catens was attempted, but abandoned, owing to one of the party becoming indisposed. Lunch was the next item on the programme, but as half the band suffered from indigestion for the rest of the week, nothing more need be said about that. In the afternoon, a peal of Double Norwich was successfully brought round at Heckington. Then the fun began. One member of the company had 'wind up' about a 'dud' tyre on his machine, so he started, with numerous helpers and advisers, to put a new one on. Work continued until after dark, when it was carried on by the aid of matches, one would-be helper eventually producing a candle. When the job was finished, and all were ready for home, one member was missed. He appeared later, correctly attired, as to his goggles and mackintosh, but his overalls were reversed, with toes pointing over the heels of his boots. His excuse was that he had put them on in the dark, and could not see which way he was going.

Eventually a start was made, and all went well for about a mile, when Frank stopped, with a flat tyre on his side-car. A lot was thought, but nothing said, as he had a parson with him. The tyre being repaired, the journey was resumed for a few miles; then Frank's lamp went out, but this did not cause a serious delay. On starting a third time (everybody hoping it was the last) all went well for a few more miles; but it was not to be, for Frank then thought it time to have another rest, so he broke his driving chain. This extinguished any further active interest which Frank had in the journey, and he was towed home by a well-known conductor.

On Thursday afternoon, the convoy moved off to Peterborough, where everyone enjoyed themselves to the full, thanks to the kind hospitality of Mr., Mrs. and Miss Jutson. Some interesting reunions took place between old friends at the tea-table, and someone was heard to remark 'that he wished he was staying there a week.' Nothing of special interest occurred on the return journey to Surfleet, as Frank had left his 'bus' behind.

Friday was a quiet day, with a couple of peals added to the score, and on Saturday afternoon the party began to break up. A ringer, who had his fiancée with him, was sent off in fine style from Spalding with an old boot attached to the back of the car, much to the amusement of the boys on the street corners, and to the remainder of the party.

With the departure of a 'Trusty Triumph' and side-car, loaded up with three other popular members of the party, nothing was left for the rest, but to bemoan the fact that a very happy and pleasant week had come to an end. The 'bag' included ten handbell peals and one tower bell peal.

THE LOST SHEEP.

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A meeting of the above society was held at Conisborough on Saturday week. About 40 ringers were present, representing about a dozen towers. Touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung during the afternoon and evening. A short service was held, and was conducted by the curate, in the absence of the Vicar. Tea was partaken of in the Parish Hall.—Mr. Smith (one of the churchwardens) was voted to the chair at the business meeting which followed.—Votes of thanks were accorded the chairman for his services, and to the local band for making arrangements for the meeting and providing the tea.

Conisborough bells are a grand peal of eight, and are considered by the experts to be the best light peal in the Doncaster district. They were cast about seven years ago by Messrs. Taylor and Co. at their famous Loughborough Foundry. The weight of the tenor is about 14 cwt., and its note F sharp.

A SCARBOROUGH MEMORIAL.

On Sunday, Aug. 23th, before morning service, the Vicar of Scarborough (the Rev. Canon C. Cooper) unveiled and dedicated a tablet, erected in the belfry of St. Mary's Parish Church, to the memory of two ringers who made the supreme sacrifice during the great war. The tablet, which is of polished slate background and inset panel of white marble, bears the following inscription:—

In memory and in honour of Corporal A. Rayner, 5th Yorks; Private H. Ferguson, Royal Fusiliers, ringers of this tower who gave their lives in the great war, 1914—1918.

After the dedication, the ringers of St. Mary's Guild rang a plain course of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled.

Quite a goodly number were present, including Mr. Rayner, senr., father of the late Corporal A. Rayner, and family; Mr. Ferguson, senr., father of the late Private H. Ferguson, and family; the churchwardens, Messrs. Bourne and McConkey; 10 of the local ringers: Mr. P. L. Wright, of Burton-on-Trent; and Mr. George Hatton, senr., of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire, who were visiting Scarborough.

In the evening, for Divine service, and in connection with the above, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 50 minutes, by: H. Priest 1, G. Hatton, senr., 2, P. L. Wright 3, H. Ferguson 4, A. Coates 5, H. Gibson 6, J. R. Barton (conductor) 7, J. R. Fryers 8. Mr. Coates cycled from Whitby to take part in the ceremony to the memory of his brother ringers.

The tablet, which was subscribed for by the local ringers, was designed and executed by Mr. Fred Dove, sculptor, Dean Road.

CLIFTON RINGERS' TRIP.

On Saturday, August 20th, the Clifton (Bristol) ringers held their outing, Minehead and Dunster being the places visited. After a most enjoyable trip by boat, Minehead was reached at 11.15 a.m., where the party were met by Mr. G. Atkins, who conducted them to St. Michael's tower. Here the splendid peal of ten bells were soon going to Stedman Caters, Bob Royal and Cambridge Surprise. A good dinner was partaken of at Stevens' Cafe, and a pleasant drive by motor was afterwards enjoyed through the country to Dunster. After a good pull on Dunster bells, the return journey was made to Minehead, and boat taken to Bristol, which was reached about 9 o'clock, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The members wish to thank Mr. Atkins for his kindness in making all arrangements and conducting the party; also Mr. Thrush for having the Dunster bells ready, and the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Michael's, Minehead, and St. George's, Dunster, for the use of the bells.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD OUTING.

The members of the Romney Marsh and District Guild visited Chatham and Rochester for their annual outing on Saturday, August 13th, the journey being made by motor charabanc. Arriving at St. Mary's, Chatham, at 10.30, they were kindly met by Mr. W. Haigh, of Gillingham, who acted as pilot for the day. After an hour's ringing at this church, the party went on to Gillingham for another hour's ringing in various methods. After lunch, the meeting-place was Frindsbury to test the new peal of eight, by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. The tone and 'go' were satisfactory, and another hour's ringing was enjoyed before proceeding to St. Margaret's, Rochester, but the ringing here was cut short by the late arrival of the prominent members. At 4.30 all sat down to a really good tea at the Tea-Table Cafe, High Street, the party numbering 43. At 5.30 the pilot conducted the visitors to the Cathedral tower, and the new peal of ten by the Croydon foundry were soon set going, and gave great pleasure to all the party. The three lady ringers seemed to be quite at home on the Cathedral ten.

Later the party heard, from terra firma, a well-struck touch of Stedman Caters rung by London ringers and the Cathedral band. At 8.30 p.m. the return journey was begun, and with a brief stop at Maidstone home was safely reached, after a perfect day. The party desire to thank Messrs. Haigh, Allen and Kidd and all others who assisted in making the day so thoroughly enjoyable.

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED.

At St. Nicholas' Church, Deptford, on Tuesday, August 23rd, 1921, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: John W. Billing 1, David F. Ward 2, George W. Harris 3, Thomas Easterby 4, Richard Riches 5, William H. Daynes 6, George H. Daynes 7, William H. Billing 8.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Stretton, mother of the ringer of the tenor, and grandmother of the ringer of the treble, and who attained the ripe old age of 87 years on this day.

On Sunday, August 23th, 1921, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 41 mins.: John W. Billing 1, David F. Ward 2, Frederick Barnes 3, George W. Harris 4, Richard Riches 5, William H. Daynes 6, George H. Daynes 7, William H. Billing 8.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. Daynes, mother of the ringer of the seventh, and grandmother of the ringer of the sixth, and who attained the age of 82 years on this day.

Both the quarter-peals were composed and conducted by G. H. Daynes, and, with the exception of Mr. Easterby (St. John's, Deptford), were rung by the local band, with their hearty congratulations.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Among the very early peals of Grandsire Triples was one recorded at St. Mary's, Coddendam, Suffolk, where lived Theodore Ecclestone, who had an estate at Coddendam, and gave the bells at his parish church, and also the peal of ten at Stonham Aspall. The 180th anniversary of the peal at Coddendam occurs to-morrow.

The ancient tablet records: 'On Thursday, September ye 10th, 1741, was rung in this steeple by ye Crowfield Society of Ringers a compleat peal of five thousand and forty of Gathrine's Triples, being the first true peal that ever was pricked with two doubles only, it was completed in three hours and seven minutes by ye men whose names are under-written: Theodore Ecclestone, Esq., 1, Daniel Horsham 2, John Foster 3, Samuel Cullum 4, Samuel Keeble 5, John Leggett 6, Stephen Garnham 7, Samuel Anderson 8. John Foster call'd the bobs.'

It is assumed that this peal was Garthou's peal of Grandsire Triples, and the same Jphn Foster (or a namesake) called the peal again at St. Peter-at-Archies, Lincoln, in the year 1756, when it was described in the records as 'Catharan's Tripples.'

On Sept. 9th, 1750, a peal of Bob Triples, conducted by John Holt, was rung at St. George's, Southwark; and Sunday next is the anniversary of the first peal of Double Norwich in Cheshire, which was rung at Christleton in 1844.

Eighty-one years ago next Monday, viz, on Sept. 12th, 1840, Charles Henry Hattersley was born at Sheffield.

The Dean of Chester, in an appeal, states that only by making a big effort will Chester Cathedral be restored. There are big cracks and deteriorating stone in the edifice. The bells can no longer be rung, as the tower will not stand the strain. There is much that must be done at once, and it is a case of everyone helping by giving a little, because few can help largely.

Prior to 1867 there were five bells at Chester Cathedral believed to have been cast originally by Henry Oldfield, of Nottingham, in 1608. In 1867 Messrs. Warner added three trebles. The present eight have a tenor of 29 cwt.

Clever as Mr. A. H. Pulling is in ringing on handbells, he has not yet aspired to ringing two pairs at once, and the ringer of 7-8 in the second peal at Surfleet on August 21st was Walter Ayre.

A PEAL ATTEMPT IN VANCOUVER. VISIT OF AN OLD GUILDFORD RINGER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is now quite a while since I have been able to give you any news of our doings here, and the following may be of some interest to you and readers of 'The Ringing World.' You may imagine my surprise and delight in receiving a visit from no less a person than Mr. Charles Willshire, senr., from Montreal, Quebec (formerly of Guildford, Surrey), who was spending his vacation in a tour through the Rockies. He arrived in Vancouver on Friday last (August 5th). I at once had the wires hot, summoning the best ringers I could reach, for a ring for Sunday evening, when we had a very satisfactory and pleasant time. Amongst other touches was one of 572 Grandsire Triples by the following: A. C. Limpus 1, Charles Willshire, senr. (conductor), 2, John Dunaway 3, W. R. Warner 4, George W. Foster 5, John C. Dearlove 6, H. Whiteman 7, John Parkinson 8. Indeed, so satisfactory was the ringing that it was decided to ask permission for a peal attempt on Monday. This was promptly given by Father O'Boyle, and at about 10.15 a.m. we started for a peal of Grandsire Triples. All went very well, and we had good striking for 1 hour and 17 minutes, when Father O'Boyle reluctantly had to break his way in and request us to stop, on account of sickness in an hotel opposite.

Well, I suppose it just couldn't be helped, but we all felt a keen disappointment, as everyone was fully confident that the peal was ours could we have been left to ourselves. However, it will probably be of interest to those at home, and more particularly to the Guildford ringers, to know that those taking part were as follows: A. C. Limpus 1, G. W. Foster 2, Charles Willshire, senr., 3, John Parkinson 4, William Sampson 5, John C. Dearlove 6, Herbert Whiteman 7, Farrington Jones 8. Mr. Willshire was conductor, and started for Holt's Original. On taking his leave for Montreal, on Monday evening, Mr. Willshire told me he had enjoyed his trip out here past all expectations, and he has all but promised to return next summer, when it is hoped we may capture the first peal of Stedman away from the British Isles.—Yours very truly,

A. C. LIMPUS.

1237, 8th Avenue E.,
Vancouver.

August 10th, 1921.

P.S.—Mr. Willshire's present address is 11, Broadway Avenue, Montreal East, Quebec, Canada.

THE BAILEYS OF LEISTON.

UNIQUE RECORD OF A WONDERFUL FAMILY.

The unique record set up by that family of talented ringers, the brothers Bailey, of Leiston, Suffolk, has been crowned by the peal of Stedman Cinques rung by six of them on handbells and recorded last week. For several years they

monopolise the tower, where there is a united and progressive company of some sixteen members. Indeed, we think it probable that the Leiston company practise more Surprise methods than any local eight-bell band in the country.

We give here a photograph of the six brothers who scored the peal of Stedman Cinques on August 25th, and it is noteworthy that both Allen and Frederick have rung Cinques 'in hand' before they have rung Triples.



The six brothers who rang the peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells.
Allen 1-2, Ernest 3-4, Charles 5-6, James 7-8, Frederick 9-10, Edgar 11-12.

have been steadily progressing, and our readers must have noticed how, one after the other, these brothers, as they grew up, were drawn into the Exercise. This alone is a remarkable thing, and it must be almost unique in itself for eight brothers to take enthusiastically to the same pastime. The first 'family affair' was a peal of Bob Major on tower bells about eight years ago. Since then, in addition to the 44 handbell peals which they have rung, there have been peals of Double Norwich, Superlative Surprise and Stedman Triples on tower bells. These latter have been achieved by the six brothers who took part in the Stedman Cinques on handbells, with the help of Leonard and Wilfred. Providing nothing occurs to break this family circle, we may look for still further peals by the eight brothers. It must be added, however, that while forming the backbone of the Leiston band, they do not

Appended is a list of the 'family' handbell peals:—

	Edgar.	Charles.	Ernest.	James.	Fredk.	Allen.
Bob Major	1	3	3	3	1	1
Bob Royal	2	6	6	6	4	6
Bob Maximus	1	1	1	1	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	7	11	10	10	3	3
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3	7	7	6	5	7
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	3	3	3	3	3	3
Oxford Treble Bob Major	—	4	3	4	1	4
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	—	3	3	3	3	3
Stedman Triples	3	3	3	3	—	—
Stedman Caters	1	2	2	2	1	2
Stedman Cinques	1	1	1	1	1	1
	22	44	42	42	23	31

All the peals, both on tower and handbells, have been conducted by Charles F. Bailey.

CHORLEY RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 6th, the ringers from the Chorley Parish Church, along with their wives, and a few friends from Standish, held their annual outing by charabanc to Lytham and Bispham. Starting from the Town Hall, Lytham was reached about 3 o'clock, when the bells of the Parish Church were soon going merrily to Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, and successfully brought round. The party continued the journey through leafy Lytham, St. Anne's, and breezy Blackpool, on to Bispham, which was reached shortly before 5 o'clock. Tea had been arranged at Ivy Cottage. After tea, Mr. J. Booth and his daughter from Standish gave a few handbell selections, which were much appreciated.

The musical ring of Bispham Church were soon going to Grandsire and Bob Major, and successfully brought round. Interest was shown in the arrangement on the clappers by Mears and Stainbank, which are a very good improvement. The return journey commenced at

eight o'clock, Chorley being reached at 10.30, after a very enjoyable afternoon.

The thanks of all are due to the Vicar and ringers of both churches for permission to ring, and for having everything ready for us.

EAST SUFFOLK RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Dennis, in his letter of the 26th August, wishes that the Norwich and Ipswich Association should release East Suffolk. Does he think we are retained against our wishes; if so, he is greatly mistaken, as by far the greater majority of East Suffolk ringers wish to remain connected with the association they helped to raise to its present position, and what is more, they will not be cut away just because the diocese is altered.—Yours truly,

Stoke Ash, Eye. ERNEST F. POPPY.

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THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

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WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

DEATH OF MR. HARRY FLANDERS. PASSING OF A WELL-KNOWN LONDON RINGER.

It is with the utmost regret that we announce the death of Mr. Harry Flanders, of West Ham, at the comparatively early age of 55 years. The deceased had suffered from heart trouble for some time past, which caused him to give up peal ringing, his last peal having been rung on August 2nd, 1920, when he almost collapsed near the end. He was, however, a regular attendant at West Ham church, and as late as Sunday, August 14th, he was in his place, and rang for evening service. He was, however, far from well, and on the following Wednesday had to cease work. He took to his bed on the following Friday, and passed peacefully away on Tuesday, August 23rd.

The funeral took place at West Ham Cemetery on Monday week, the first part of the service being read at West Ham Church. Owing to the time of the funeral, few ringers were able to be present, but the following were able to attend to pay a last tribute of respect: Messrs. W. Pye, G. R. Pye, W. Miller, J. Moule, E. J. Butler, H. Torble, A. J. Baynes and O. Smith. A large number of wreaths, including a handsome one from the West Ham and Leytonstone ringers, was placed on the grave, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by the following: J. Moule 1-2, W. Pye 3-4, G. R. Pye 5-6, W. Miller 7-8.

In the evening, at West Ham, the usual 'whole pull and stand' was rung with the bells half-muffled, followed by four courses Stedman Caters and a course of Treble Bob Royal, the following taking part: A. J. Neale, A. Scambler, W. Theobald, W. Miller, J. Scholes, A. Pryor, C. Smith, E. Andrews, A. J. Baynes, G. Potter, G. Hayden, E. Wightman, R. Sanders and W. Pye.

Until ill-health prevented him, there were few more enthusiastic ringers than Harry Flanders, as his peal record proves. His employment was not one of the most favourable for peal ringing, but he was one of those who believed that where there is a will there is always a way, and the times that he failed to turn up could be counted on the fingers of one hand. Among his peal records are some notable achievements, and he once, in company of the Brothers Pye and I. G. Shade travelled from London to Guildford and rang three peals in a day. Among the societies to which he belonged were the Middlesex Association, with which he rang the majority of his peals; the Essex Association, the Kent County Association, the Norwich and Ipswich Association, the Hertford County Association, and the Royal Cumberland Youths. The list of his peal performances is as follows:—

Grandsire Triples	2	
Stedman Triples	37	
Stedman Caters	59	
Stedman Cinques	30	
Bob Major	2	
Bob Maximus	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	15	(including a 10,464).
Kent Royal	9	
Kent Maximus	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	
Oxford Royal	1	
Double Norwich Major	20	(including a 15,072).
Superlative Surprise Major	52	
Cambridge Surprise Major	12	
Cambridge Royal	6	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	3	
London Surprise Major	2	
New Cumberland Surprise Major	1	
Duffield Major	1	
Total	255	

RINGER UNDER NINE VICARS.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM LAW, KILDWICK.

Mr. William Law, one of the oldest inhabitants of Kildwick, Yorks, passed away on Wednesday, August 17th, after a long illness, at the advanced age of 79 years. Mr. Law had been the village blacksmith for over 50 years, having worked at the forge up to a few years ago. At the time of his death he was one of the bell ringers at 'the Lang Kirk o' Craven,' and up to fairly recently had never missed taking his place in the belfry on Sundays. He had been a ringer at Kildwick Church under nine vicars, and for a period of about sixty years, and was one of the oldest ringers in the Keighley district.

The deceased was also at the time of his death one of the trustees of the local Lodge of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, a position he had held for a very considerable number of years. He had lived in the village practically the whole of his life, and was a most interesting personality. By reason of his occupation he was known to all in the village, old and young alike, and was highly respected, being a man of the highest integrity. He belonged to the old generation of sturdy Yorkshire characters, of which there are unfortunately few survivors.

At the funeral on Saturday, August 20th, the coffin was borne to

the churchyard by the local ringers. After the funeral several muffled touches were rung, as well as on the following day for both services, as a last token of respect to an old veteran.

The deceased's only son, Mr. Charles Law, is at the present time leader of the ringers at Kildwick, where he has been a ringer about thirty years.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Thursday, August 25th, at Yateley, Hants, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, in honour of the wedding of the daughter of Mr. Barzillai Hawkins, a well-known ringer of this district, who has done a great deal to further interest in change ringing. The peal unfortunately, however, came to grief, and time was too short for a second attempt, but not to be outdone, the ringers scored a quarter-peal of Bob Major: Miss Robinson (Wokingham), longest length of Major, 1, Miss B. M. Mills (Aldershot) 2, W. Haynes (Farnborough) 3, Miss H. F. Mills (Aldershot) 4, F. Nye (Bagshot) 5, G. Miles (Camberley) 6, S. Riddle (Yateley) 7, Sergt. Gilbert, R.E. (conductor), 8.

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MARRIAGE.

EBBERSON—ADCOCK.—On August 27th, 1921, at the Parish Church, Wells (Norfolk), by the Rev. G. H. N. Ingle, Cecil Victor, eldest son of W. J. Ebberson, Fakenham, Norfolk, to Annie Elizabeth, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Adcock, Wells (Norfolk). Mr. Cecil V. Ebberson's address is now 119, Malvern Road, Kilburn, N.W.6.

LATE NOTICES.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION. — Guisborough District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Watford to-morrow (Saturday), September 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—W. Bott, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER. —A meeting will be held at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, on Friday, September 16th, at 7.15 p.m., for business of importance. Members are urgently requested to attend.—James E. Davis, Hon. Sec., 70, Wooler Street, Walworth, S.E.17.

AVERAVON, GLAM.—On the occasion of the anniversary of St. Mary's Church, Aberavon, on Saturday, August 6th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins.: F. Stone 1, E. Stitch 2, W. Nurton 3, D. Rees 4, J. Hammond 5, H. Perry 6, A. Pitman (conductor) 7, J. Wethersby 8. Also 630 Grandsire Triples: A. Hatton 1, E. Stitch 2, D. Rees 3, W. Nurton 4, A. Pitman 5, J. Hammond 6, F. Atwell 7, W. Pring 8.

SOUTH WIGSTON.—Midland Counties Association. — On Sunday evening, August 14th, after service, at St. Thomas' Church, as a last token of respect to the late Rev. David Dewar, M.A., of Loughborough, who was for 14 years Vicar of the above church prior to going to Loughborough, the local ringers rang several touches with the bells half-muffled, including a well-struck 336 of Stedman Triples: L. Willars 1, Albert Bell 2, C. Randle 3, W. H. Humberstone 4, S. Cox 5, H. Brown 6, E. J. Jelley (conductor) 7, J. Clarke 8.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Sept. 4th, for evening service, at St. John's, South Hackney, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: W. H. Pickett (conductor) 1, E. E. Holman 2, J. Lee 3, H. Franks 4, J. R. Gammon 5, R. Chappelle 6, I. J. Attwater 7, W. Rushton 8. First quarter of Stedman by the ringer of second; also first quarter as conductor.

CROYDON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 4th, for evening service, 1,179 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. Clark 1, Miss Nora Shorter 2, C. Dean 3, H. J. Skelt 4, W. Bulpitt 5, J. Sparrow 6, D. Wright 7, A. W. Clark (conductor) 8, R. Brough 9, G. Burt 10. Longest length of Caters by the ringers of the treble and 2nd.

HITCHIN.—On Sunday, Sept. 4th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): G. Croft 1, H. Else 2, A. Pratt 3, F. R. Bacon 4, E. J. Newell 5, J. Have (conductor) 6, L. Fidler 7, W. Croft 8. For afternoon service, 560 Grandsire Triples: E. Day 1, H. Else 2, C. Cannon 3, F. R. Bacon 4, E. J. Newell 5, J. Have (conductor) 6, W. Croft 7, L. Fidler 8.

EALING.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday morning, Sept. 4th, 630 Grandsire Triples was rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. Maynard, M.A., who paid a visit to the tower, and gave a short address. He hoped the ringers would continue the same as they had previously done, and he wished them every success. 504 Stedman Triples was then started for, but owing to the variation of service time stand was called with half a course to run. The band was: Messrs. H. Belcher, C. Edwards, H. Folkard, E. Harris, A. Harding, W. H. Hollier (conductor), F. Hayes (Gravesend) and J. Rootes.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—On Sunday, Sept. 4th, at the Church of St. Vigor and All Saints, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): E. Webb 1, J. Page 2, C. Hall 3, J. Giddens 4, C. E. Patten (conductor) 5, A. Page 6. — Ward (Melbourn) 7, B. D. Buttress 8. For evening service, 720 Bob Major: E. Webb 1, J. Page 2, C. Hall 3, J. Giddens 4, W. Sermons (Barley) 5, A. Page 6, C. E. Patten (conductor) 7, G. Bridge 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Prior 1, Miss W. King 2, G. Upshall 3, R. Hasted, junr. 4, E. Claphaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted, senr. (conductor) 7, A. King 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, Sept. 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: R. A. Fosdike 1, A. Bradley 2, H. Norgate 3, J. Law 4, E. J. Pannett 5, T. A. Easterby 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, F. W. Swayne (Winchester) 8.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, for evensong, on September 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: E. Waller 1, R. Dale 2, W. Short 3, J. Birdfield 4, S. Paice 5, J. Whitehead 6, H. Mance (conductor) 7, G. Dibley 8.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 28th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. J. Langston 1, J. C. Newman 2, J. Sadler 3, R. Fisher 4, C. J. Rogers 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, Sept. 3rd, for early celebration, 720 Plain Bob: R. Porter 1, H. J. Langston 2, J. C. Newman 3, R. Fisher 4, C. J. Rogers 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6.—For morning service, 1,264 Bob Major: H. J. Langston 1, W. Mellins 2, J. C. Newman 3, R. Fisher 4, J. Sadler 5, W. Butler 6, C. J. Rogers 7, W. Keeble (composer and conductor) 8.—For evening service 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. Wiffen 1, W. Mellins 2, J. C. Newman 3, F. Claydon 4, W. Keeble (conductor) 5, R. Fisher 6, C. J. Rogers 7, W. Elliott 8.—After service, 1,280 Bob Major: W. Keeble (composer and conductor) 1, H. J. Langston 2, J.

C. Newman 3, F. Claydon 4, J. Sadler 5, R. Fisher 6, C. J. Rogers 7, W. Elliott 8.

EDGBASTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 28th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Johnson 1, W. Simkiss (Harborne) 2, H. Wilson (Manchester), conductor, 3, V. Hemus 4, H. Hastings 5, H. Withers 6.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—For matins, at the Parish Church of All Saints, on August 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Shufflebotham (conductor) 1, G. Lindridge 2, G. F. Williams 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, J. Redgwell 5, W. H. Hammond 6.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 28th, at the Parish Church, Long Eaton, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Harrison 1, J. Andrews 2, E. C. Chasty 3, A. Hickton 4, J. Bailey 5, H. Green 6, C. Wilkinson 7, R. W. Drage (conductor) 8.—On September 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. N. Widdowson 1, H. Hickton 2, E. C. Chasty 3, H. Green 4, T. Hutchinson 5, C. Geary 6, J. Bailey (conductor) 7, J. Andrews 8.

GRANTHAM.—For evening service, on Sunday, August 28th, at the Church of St. Wulfram, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: E. Mounter 1, J. Wheelstone 2, E. Nidd 3, P. Turner 4, S. Proctor (conductor) 5, H. Thorpe 6, W. Thorpe 7, A. Parker 8, F. Turner 9, H. Daniels 10. Arranged for E. Mounter, who hails from Bromley, Kent.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 28th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 240 London Surprise Minor: W. Powell 1, J. Bevan 2, W. T. Poston 3, J. Blake 4, R. E. Summers 5, W. Poston (conductor) 6. First touch of Loudon for all.

ASHFORD, KENT.—For Sunday morning service, on August 28th, 798 Grandsire Triples, in 27 mins., taken from Louis Head's peal published in 'The Ringing World': A. Webb 1, E. C. Ruck 2, H. C. Castle 3, P. Page 4, E. Powell 5, C. W. Everett 6, W. Wenban (conductor) 7, T. Tabrett 8.

MALINS LEE, SALOP.—At St. Leonard's Church, 720 Bob Minor, on August 28th, after evening service, for the choir and bell ringers' festival: G. Harley 1, H. Garbett 2, E. Attwood 3, E. Woodvine 4, F. Mole 5, A. Woodvine (first as conductor) 6.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, August 28th, for evening service, 720 and 216 of Oxford Treble Bob: Ernest Bailey 1, Albert J. Naunton 2, Edgar Bailey 3, Albert J. L. Naunton 4, Harry Chapman (Manchester) 5, Francis W. Naunton (conductor) 6.

RODMELL, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Sunday, August 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. W. Hoatber 1, E. J. Pannett (first in the method) 2, R. J. Dawe 3, F. Bennett (conductor) 4, G. Piper 5, A. J. Turner 6.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: W. E. Emery 1, F. W. Edwards 2, T. Lincoln 3, F. G. Radley 4, W. Lincoln 5, A. Head 6, H. Head (conductor) 7, W. Collett 8. W. Collett hails from Oxford, and this was his first attempt on eight bells.

UPPER CLAPTON.—On August 14th, for evening service, at St. Matthew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Wilson (first quarter peal) 1, H. J. King 2, S. S. Dunwell 3, A. Coles 4, C. A. Gray 5, T. East 6, W. J. Kemp (conductor) 7, R. E. Pellatt 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sunday, Aug. 14th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 360 Double Court, 360 Oxford Bob, 240 Kent, 120 Oxford and 180 Plain Bob: Annie Dale 1, Elsie Brandon 2, F. Rowlinson 3, J. J. Jutson 4, W. Waldron 6, G. Barker (conductor) 7. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Barker on his leaving Peterborough for Ware. On Tuesday following, the St. Mary's ringers presented Mr. Barker with a pipe and pouch, wishing him and Mrs. Barker every happiness and prosperity.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1,264 BOB MAJOR.

23456	W	B	M	H
23564	1	—	—	—
52364	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	—
32546	—	—	—	—
24365	—	1	—	—
53246	—	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	—

J. A. Trollope.

504 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

231456	
132654	4 13
134256	13
436251	4
Repeated.	
S. G. Chaplin.	
413 STEDMAN CATERS.	
231456	
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134256	15
123456	15
134265	4 9 11 13 14

W. H. Barber.

1,200 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

23456	1	4	5	6
32654	—	—	—	—
26354	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—	—
52364	—	—	—	—
23564	—	—	—	—
32465	—	—	—	—
24365	—	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	—

F. W. Rogers.

720 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR.

23456	
35642	1
54263	1
32546	2
65324	2
52436	1
52364	3
35264	5
42356	2
42563	3
53642	4
34256	1
23456	5

H. W. Wilde.

NOTICES.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Swanage on Saturday, September 10th (8 bells). Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30; address by Rev. W. R. Parr. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

SELBY ABBEY.—Unveiling of Ringers' War Memorial will take place on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Service at 4 p.m. Ringers are invited to this service.—W. Arthur Hall, 34, New Lane, Selby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Great Brickhill on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m.—W. Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 1, Church Street, Middleton. (Please note change of address.)

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Meeting at Sherfield on Saturday, September 10th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45, followed by business meeting.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Hampton on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Ringing from 3.15.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, Sept. 10th. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and the peals of 8 at All Saints', St. John's and St. Maries will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Wolstenholme Hall, beside the Cathedral, at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head. Members are hereby reminded that annual subscriptions of 1s. 6d. are due from all resident ringing members, and should be paid before September 30th.—P. J. Johnson, General Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Summer Outing, Saturday, September 10th, at St. Albans.—St. Michael's, 2 p.m.; the Abbey, 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.; St. Stephen's, 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at The Creamery, Chequer Street. Names for tea to be sent in by September 3rd.—A. D. Barker, Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The postponed annual meeting will be held at Ripon on Saturday, September 10th. Committee meeting will be held at the Black Bull Hotel at 3 p.m. sharp. Business as in previous circular. Tea will be provided at the Black Bull Hotel at 4 p.m. sharp. Members, 2/-; non-members, 3/-.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, September 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. Neville G. J. Stiff, at the Church Room, West Hill.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. District Sec.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Woodbridge District.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ufford, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (8), by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. H. Drake), available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. All ringers invited.—Chas. E. Fisher, District Sec.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Wragby, near Wakefield, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready early.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Desford on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) available from 4 till 7 p.m.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on September 15th and 29th; Southwark Cathedral on September 13th ('Social' afterwards at Wheatsheaf, Stoney Street); *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on September 20th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on September 22nd, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at St. Martin's Tower, Leicester, on Thursday evening, September 15th. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend. Ringing from 7.30 p.m.—H. E. Norman, Local Sec., 52, Ivy Road, Leicester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsterstone on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) open all day. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 at a nominal charge on the Vicarage Lawn, if fine. Business meeting after. Nearest station is Deepcar (G.C.). Also a motor bus service from Middlewood Tram Terminus to Moor Hall Lane or Deepcar.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Feering on September 17th. Service, with address, at 4 o'clock, followed by tea at the Bell Inn at a moderate charge. Will members kindly notify me of their intention of being present not after than Monday, September 12th?—Bert Redgwell, Rayne, near Braintree.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bewdley on Saturday, September 17th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Members requiring tea will be able to get same close to church. Election of officers will take place at this meeting.—A. Davies, Branch Sec., 29, Hampton Street, Netherton, Worcestershire.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the above will be held at Crowland on Saturday, September 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please inform Mr. A. Holland, Abbey Cottage, Crowland.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Hadleigh on Saturday, September 17th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. Symonds, Hon. Sec., 41, Market Lane, Lavenham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The Quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday,

September 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea 5. Members requiring tea please notify Branch Sec. by September 12th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

NORWICH & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Beccles District.—A Practice meeting will be held at Bungay on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m.—R. J. Goate, Dist. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The next meeting will be held at Wonersh on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting. The bells at Bramley and Shalford will also be available.—Edward Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The Annual meeting of above will be held at Caythorpe on Saturday, September 17th. Tea on the usual terms to those who notify Mr. E. Wilcox, Caythorpe, Grantham, by Wednesday, September 14th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Service to be arranged. Usual business.—J. W. Seamer, Hon. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bethersden on Saturday, Sept. 17th. The bells will be available from 2 p.m. Tea at the Bull Hotel at 5 o'clock.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Tuebrook on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.30.—Walter Hughes, Hon. Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next monthly meeting of the Guild will be held at Exhall on Saturday, Sept. 17th next. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Will members please arrange their own tea? Certificates can now be supplied to all members requiring them at 1s. each.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Cotgrave on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Meat tea 4.30, 2s. each. Motor will leave Trent Bridge 2.30, 2s. 6d. return. All wishing to go by motor please notify the Hon. Sec. by Thursday, Sept. 15th.—T. H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Halsall, Branch Sec., 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting will be held at Stanmore, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1/6 per head at 5.30. Harrow Weald bells open for ringing after tea. Will all members requiring tea please advise me by September 21st?—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The Ladies' Guild of Church Workers of Cookham, has kindly offered to entertain the members and friends of this branch, at Cookham, Berks, on Saturday, September 24th. Evening choral service will be held at the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m., when the Rev. A. W. Batchelor, D.D., will give an address to the ringers. Tea on the Vicarage lawn will be provided at 5 o'clock,

followed by a social, when it is hoped the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., will preside. Tower bells will be available at 2.30 and after 7, subject to the supervision of the belfry keeper. It is important that the number of the honorary and practicing members who can be present, should be forwarded to Mr. J. T. Fowler, Dean View, Cookham Rise, Maidenhead, by the 20th inst.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, September 24th. Ringing from 2 o'clock. Committee meeting in Schools at 4 o'clock. General meeting after tea. Mr. F. Cotton, 4, Gladstone Terrace, Hinckley, will arrange for tea at the Tea Rooms, Market Place, at 2/6 each, for those who advise him by September 21st.—Alfred C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—The district annual meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Business: Election of officers.—H. T. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Cave on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service in church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Albion Hotel, at a charge of 1s. 9d. each, to those who notify Mr. J. T. Blanshard, Nordham, North Cave, by first post on Tuesday, Sept. 20th. Business meeting to follow.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Calverleigh (6) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available at 2.30; service, with address by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, at 4.45; tea 1s. each, at 5.15. Those who require tea should notify me not later than the previous Tuesday.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A by-meeting will be held at Bovinger on Saturday, Sept. 24th, by the request of the Rector (Rev. G. Ernest Day). Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector, 5.45. Will the secretaries of towers kindly notify me the number of their members who intend to be present by the 19th, so that arrangement can be made for tea? Nearest station Blake Hall, G.E.R. Trains leave Leytonstone 1.30 p.m. and Stratford 2.23 p.m.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, E.15.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Bolney (Haywards Heath Station) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation) 5, followed by business meeting. Those attending please notify the undersigned not later than Sept. 21st.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Western District will be held at Wetherby on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. to 9. Short service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately after.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Those intending to be present please notify me on or before Sept. 19th.—E. Steele, 109, George Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Brewood on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at Mr. Perry's at 5, 1s. each. Service in church at 6, with an address by the Rev. Preb. Dunkley, Vicar. A motor bus will be engaged to leave Station Drive (L. & N.W.R.), Wolverhampton, at 2, 2s. 6d. return. Please notify me by Tuesday, 20th inst., whether by bus or not. — H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall, near Bristol, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and the annual business meeting, at which it is hoped all members will be present, and any subscriptions still owing should be paid. All ringers are welcome, and, if requiring tea, should please notify me not later than Sept. 19th.—Edith Smith, Sec., 16, West Park, Clifton, Bristol.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.



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The concern of the Exercise in the question of peals tapped on handbells has risen above the phase in which these achievements are to be regarded as "freak" performances of merely passing interest. Hardly a week goes by but Mr. Morris accomplishes one or more of these peals, and both at the Central Council and at the Essex Association annual meeting the question of including them in the official records has been raised. The Council, or rather the Peals Analysis Committee, has decided not to give them official recognition; the Essex Association recorded the first of Mr. Morris's peals "as an interesting performance," but none of the succeeding peals have been included. In the discussion which has taken place in our columns some very interesting points have been raised, and there seems to be a general consensus of opinion that Mr. Morris's peals cannot be classed with ordinary handbell peals.

Whatever technicalities may stand in the way of giving them a place in the official records, no one can for a moment gainsay the fact that, by whatever system these peals are accomplished, they are a far greater performance than the ringing of a pair of handbells to a peal. The mental concentration alone is stupendous, whether the performer accomplishes his object by transposing the figures as he goes, by merely coursing the bells, or by actually following the method separately with each.

Whether such performances promote the art of change ringing may be a question of opinion, for men who are capable of such achievements are rare, and much depends upon the use to which they put their talents. If, for instance, Mr. Morris can turn his knowledge, gained by tapping peals, to use in instructing ringers in the methods which he taps, then undoubtedly his efforts promote the art. If, however, his system has no relation to change ringing as the ordinary ringer knows it, and cannot be utilised in teaching others, then the opposite view must prevail. The only other question that enters into the matter is as to whether the peals are "rung." It cannot be said that they are, if by ringing we mean sounded by their own clappers, but this would be a physical impossibility for one man, and the question of official recognition ought not to be governed, we think, by this alone. New departures cannot always be judged on old standards, and in ringing we must be prepared to march with the times. These peals by Mr. Morris are great achievements. They are unique, and therefore thought to be freakish; but they ought not to be ruled out merely on that account, or because they are performances beyond the capacity of the majority of ringers.

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On Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

*ROBERT W. WATTS Treble	*VICTOR R. WILLIAMS 6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 2	SIDNEY G. HICKS 7
WILFRED G. COOK 3	SYDNEY M. LOXTON 8
*WILLIAM C. CUSS 4	WALTER FARLEY 9
H. CHARLES BOND 5	*JOHN HAYWARD Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

* First peal of Caters. W. Farley hails from Wells.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

JOSEPH MELLOR Treble	SAMUEL WOOD 6
WILLIAM BRAMMER 2	SAMUEL BOOTH 7
HARRY HEAP 3	ALBERT ADAMS 8
THOMAS JAKEMAN 4	BENJAMIN THORP 9
WILLIAM JAKEMAN 5	THOMAS JACKSON Tenor

Composed by H. COOPER. Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

Rung in honour of Mr. William Jakeman, formerly a ringer at the Parish Church, who was on a pleasure trip to England from the U.S.A.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN T. HOLMES Treble	JOHN W. WOOD 6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 2	WILLIAM DICKINSON 7
F/Sgt. F.A. HOLDEN, R.A.F. 3	FREDERICK W. STOKES 8
†JOHN WALDEN 4	*JOHN A. FREEMAN 9
*GEORGE CHESTER 5	*WALTER H. WOOD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

* First peal of Treble Ten. † First peal on ten bells. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 4th who had never rung on ten bells before.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LOWESTOFT.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS FAULKNER Treble	THOMAS WALKER 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON 6
*CHARLES F. SAYER 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 4	NORMAN BAILEY Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, OLD TOWN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM D. SMITH Treble	EDWARD W. BRAY 5
ALFRED C. PANKHURST 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 6
ARTHUR GOWER 3	ERNEST GOWER 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	ALBERT A. HUGHES Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This was J. A. Trollope's 200th peal.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Sept. 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.	
WILLIAM PAGE Treble	*THOMAS WALTERS 5
JOSEPH BRETTELL 2	GEORGE HINTON, JUN. 6
FRANCIS W. NEATE 3	JAMES R. MACKMAN 7
*SIDNEY HOLT 4	WILLIAM LEWIS... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

* First peal in the method. Rung as an expression of thankfulness for the official declaration of the end of the war, and as a birthday compliment to J. Brettell.

HEBNE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Sept. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.	
BERT CHALLEN Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
*JOSEPH FARMER... .. 2	FREDERICK CRIPPS 6
ALFRED W. GROVES... .. 3	WILLIAM HILLMAN 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 4	EDMUND H. LINDOP Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in a Surprise method.

BUCKLAND, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Sept. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.	
REV. R. L. C. NEWHOUSE... Treble	NOBLE SPINDLOW 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK... .. 2	JOHN MONK... .. 6
HARRY HOLIFIELD 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
ALBERT E. LOCK... .. 4	*FRANCIS H. CARTER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

* First peal. The Rev. R. L. C. Newhouse kindly entertained the ringers to tea at the Vicarage after the peal. This was Mrs. A. E. Lock's 25th peal on tower bells.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 3, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.	
GEORGE GATLAND Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 5
BERT CHALLEN 2	FRANK BENNETT... .. 6
ALFRED W. GROVES 3	ROBERT J. DAWE... .. 7
ISAAC EMERY 4	EDMUND H. LINDOP Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Sept. 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.	
WILLIAM C. CUSS Treble	SYDNEY M. LOXTON 5
WILFRED G. COOK 2	WALTER FARLEY... .. 6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3	VICTOR R. WILLIAMS... .. 7
H. CHARLES BOND 4	CHARLES MUSTOW Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

This was the conductor's 75th peal and was rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the second.

ALFRED BOWELL,
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THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Sept. 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.	
FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	DOUGLAS HARRIS 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	JAMES BROUGHTON 6
EDMUND J. HOBBS 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN... .. 7
JAMES TANN... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.	
LEONARD P. BAILEY... .. Treble	EDGAR H. BAILEY 5
*FRANK L. FISHER 2	*CHARLES E. FISHER... .. 6
CHARLES F. BAILEY... .. 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday peal to C. Sampson, also as a compliment to E. Pizzy on the occasion of his wedding.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Sept. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.	
GEORGE DURLING Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5
REGINALD BROUGH 2	ERNEST B. CROWDER... .. 6
PERCY J. SPICE 3	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 7
HERBERT J. SKELT 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.	
WILFRED BOOTH... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
HENRY STALHAM... .. 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
HERBERT RANN 3	ROBERT J. DAWE 7
GEORGE ADES 4	ALBERT READ Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.	
*T. STANCLIFFE Treble	*L. J. WILLIAMS... .. 5
A. TOMLINSON 2	J. WATSON 6
*D. CAMPBELL 3	†R. HAWORTH 7
*F. CHAMBERS 4	†J. W. HEYS... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14½ cwt.	
PERCY HARRISON... .. Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
GEORGE CLEAL 2	SHIRLEY BURTON... .. 6
JOHN OLDHAM 3	THOMAS H. VALLANCE 7
HARRY BROUGHTON 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

HAWLEY, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.
* GEORGE W. A. GASSON ... Treble | GEORGE MILES 5
CHARLES HAZELDEN... .. 2 | BARZILLAI HAWKINS 6
WILLIAM PAICE... .. 3 | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 7
† EDWARD C. HAYNES... .. 4 | SGT. G. GILBERT, R.E. ... Tenor
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. GILBERT, R.E.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
(ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, ALLESLEY.)
On Saturday, Sept. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;
being 720 each of Double Court, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Oxford,
Grandsire, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6½ cwt.
GEORGE GARDNER Treble | JOHN TAYLOR 4
HARRY O. WHITE 2 | CHARLES AYLETT... .. 5
HUBERT SUMMERS 3 | JOSEPH H. W. WHITE... .. Tenor
Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

This is the first peal in seven methods on the bells, and was rung as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. C. Simmonds, M.A.) who is leaving the parish.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)
On Saturday, Sept. 3, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.
TOM ROBERTSHAW Treble | FRANCIS ROBERTSHAW 4
MISS ROSE BELL... .. 2 | WILLIAM CRABTREE 5
MISS MARTHA INGHAM 3 | HERBERT DAVENPORT... .. Tenor
Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

First peal by the ringers of 2nd and 3rd, who are the first ladies to ring a peal in Todmorden. They are regular service ringers at the above church. The ringers of treble and 4th hail from Heptonstall, 5th and tenor from Todmorden Parish Church.

NEWTOWN LINFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
On Monday, Sept. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;
Being 4 six-scores Old, 4 Plain Bob, 24 with Extremes, 10 Grandsire,
each differently called. Tenor 7½ cwt. approx.
CHARLES CATTELL Treble | REDVERS ELKINGTON 3
ARTHUR CATTELL 2 | ERNEST MORRIS... .. 4
WILLIAM H. CLARKE Tenor
Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Doubles. These bells were augmented to five in 1903, and the above is the second peal on them.

COSSINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;
Being 4 six-scores Plain Bob and 10 Grandsire, twice repeated.
Tenor 11½ cwt. approx.
EDWARD WHITEHEAD... .. Treble | WILLIAM H. CLARKE 3
ROWLAND BARROW 2 | ARTHUR CATTELL 4
ERNEST MORRIS Tenor
Conducted by ARTHUR CATTELL.

First peal as conductor. First peal on these bells, which are in a minor key, i.e., the front five of six. They were dedicated in Feb. 1914.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Worcester Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob & Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.
MISS D. M. ATKINS Treble | JAMES BUTLER 4
WALTER T. WILSON 2 | E. M. ATKINS 5
H. G. BENSON 3 | WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... Tenor
Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, August 31, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT 17, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 6043 CHANGES;
MISS OLIVE L. LOMLEY ... 1-2 | GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4 | MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 7-8
WILBY J. HAZELL 9-10
Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, Sept. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;
Tapped on handbells by
ARTHUR T. MORRIS.
Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by LEWIS WISEMAN.
Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Sept. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6072 CHANGES;
Tapped on handbells by
ARTHUR T. MORRIS.
Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by the Performer.
Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.
The above is a one-part peal which has never been rung, and is now tapped for the first time.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.
On Saturday, Sept. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
WALTER LAGO 1-2 | WILLIAM SAUNDERS 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4 | ALFRED S. BAYLEY 7-8
Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.
Umpire: WILLIAM WASE.

The umpire checked off every course end. It is the first peal of Triples retained 'in hand' by all. It is also the first handbell peal of Triples in any method to be rung by four ringers residing in the county of Salop or the Diocese of Hereford; also the first peal of Triples 'in hand' for the Salop Guild. The ringers were members of the Hereford Guild. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for Stedman Triples on the tower bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, Sept. 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT ST. MICHAEL'S, JOSEPH'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN PART.
WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 1-2 | CHARLES HAZELDEN 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 3-4 | MRS. MELVILLE 7-8
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
This was the 350th peal by W. Shepherd, to whom it was also a birthday compliment. Mrs. Melville's first peal on handbells.

LEICESTERSHIRE TOUR.

Last week's tour in Leicestershire, organised by Mr. W. Pye, resulted in the ringing of the following ten peals for the Midland Counties Association.

LEICESTER.

On Saturday, Sept. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE B. LUCAS Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 2	REUBEN SANDERS 6
THOMAS T. GOFTON 3	ALBERT W. COLES 7
ARTHUR MASON 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOV. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Bristol in Leicester.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, Sept. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	ARTHUR MASON 6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, Sept. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

JOSEPH A. GOFTON Treble	ARTHUR MASON 5
WILLIAM PYE 2	GEORGE B. LUCAS 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 7
REUBEN SANDERS 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, Sept. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEORGE B. LUCAS Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 5
JOHN OLDRAM 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 7
FRYCE TAYLOR 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

LEICESTER.

On Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2	THOMAS T. GOFTON 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	WILLIAM WILLSON 7
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of London in Leicester.

LUTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Wednesday, Sept. 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE B. LUCAS Treble	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 2	THOMAS T. GOFTON 6
ARTHUR MASON 3	WILLIAM WILLSON 7
REUBEN SANDERS 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Wednesday, Sept. 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	GEORGE B. LUCAS 7
ARTHUR MASON 4	ALBERT W. COLES Tenor

Composed by ERNEST PYE. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 3	REUBEN SANDERS 7
ARTHUR MASON 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE B. LUCAS Treble	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 5
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	WILLIAM WILLSON 7
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. A. GOFTON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES HARRIS Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
GEORGE B. LUCAS 2	EPHRAIM W. RANDS 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
ARTHUR MASON 4	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor

Composed by CHARLES T. COLES.

LUTON RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 27th, by the kindness of the Vicar and churchwardens, the Luton ringers, 15 in number, had their annual outing in delightful weather. A motor charabanc left at 9 a.m. for Woburn, via Dunstable and Hockerilffe, which was reached at 10 o'clock. The ringers were met by Mr. Cyril Herbert, and joined later by his brother Ernest, sons of that veteran, Mr. Charles Herbert, one of the founders of the Beds Association, and a vice-president. Woburn tower contains a peal of eight fine-toned bells by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and ringing was indulged in for upwards of an hour, the methods being Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Major, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major. The journey was then resumed, by way of Woburn Sands, Aspley Guise, Husborne Crawley, Ridgmont, Marston and Bedford, to St. Neots, which was reached at 1 p.m. A hot lunch was partaken of at the New Inn. The town has a beautiful old church, with a fine tower, which contains a grand peal of eight bells, with tenor about 29 cwt. Unfortunately the bells were unavailable, owing to illness of the Vicar (the Ven. Archdeacon T. Hodgson), and for some unexplained reason, which was a great disappointment to the visitors. After a look round this ancient town, the motor was again boarded for Biggleswade, and its handy ring of eight (tenor 13½ cwt.) recently rebung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. A meat tea was partaken of at the Royal Oak Hotel, after which the tower was visited, and the ringers were met by Mr. C. Pratt and a few friends. The bells were set going for about two hours to Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major. At 8 o'clock a start was made for home, via Baldock, the Garden City of Letchworth, Hitchin, and Offley, Luton being reached at 10 p.m., after a very enjoyable trip. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents, the Rev. B. V. White, of Woburn, and the Rev. G. C. Rolfe of Biggleswade, for the use of the bells; also brother ringers for their many kindnesses during the pleasant day's outing.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

The eleventh annual ringing week took place last week in Northamptonshire, when thirteen members met, and the bells of the following parish churches were rung, viz.: Burton Latimer, Rothwell, Desborough, Rushton, Kettering, Titchmarsh, Thrapston, Raunds; Northampton St. Giles, Holy Sepulchre, St. Peter, All Saints, St. Edmund; Earls Barton, Irthlingborough, Higham Ferrers, Finedon, and Isham. The number of towers visited—viz., eighteen—constitutes a record for the Guild week; and, although peals were not the main item on the programme, five were attempted, and three successfully accomplished.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, Sept. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

GRANTA VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt.

REV. H. B. WOOLLEY (Fitz. Hall) Treble	REV. H. LAW JAMES (Caius) 5
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) 2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 6
H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 3	REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 7
R. O. STREET (St. John's) 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN (Trin.) Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
* First peal on eight tower bells.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Sixteen and a half Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

REV. H. B. WOOLLEY (Fitz. Hall) Treble	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5
R. O. STREET (St. John's) ... 2	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 6
REV. H. LAW JAMES (Caius) 3	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE (Pembroke) 7
J. BUTLER (Fitz. Hall) ... 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN (Trin.) Tenor

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD (Trinity). Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, Sept. 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... Treble	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5
* J. BUTLER (Fitz. Hall) ... 2	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE (Pembroke) 6
H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 3	CANON H. J. ELSEE (St. John's) 7
R. O. STREET (St. John's) 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN (Trin.) Tenor

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

This is the first peal in the method on tower bells in the county.

* First peal in the method on tower bells.

EAST SUFFOLK RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is not necessary to stress the word 'release' as Mr. Poppy does. The difficulty is that the Ely Association has withdrawn from all its former territory that lies in the new diocese, while the Norwich Association has not.

Undoubtedly we all in East Suffolk do want, as Mr. Poppy says, to remain connected with our old association. But there are a great many who feel they ought to support an association connected with their new diocese. In the case of the clergy it is almost imperative that we must join an association which should become a real diocesan one, and not diocesan in name only.

What we are trying to arrange, is a scheme that will combine these, at present, conflicting interests. Of course they would cease to be conflicting if the two associations would agree to work side by side in East Suffolk, so that we could belong to both associations if we liked. But so far the Norwich Association does not seem inclined to 'release' its members, by allowing them to do this.—Yours, etc.,

HERBERT DRAKE.

FULBOURNE.—Ely Diocesan Association.—On August 8th, at St. Vigor, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 54 mins.: B. Buttress 1, Miss V. Shorter 2, Miss N. Shorter 3, A. Page 4, A. E. Austin 5, W. H. J. Hooton 6, O. Painton 7, R. Lathbury. Composed by the late A. J. Perkins. Conducted by R. Lathbury. Arranged for Miss N. Shorter on her visit to Cambridge.

NEW BELLS AT COALPIT HEATH.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 4th, four new bells, being part of a ring of six, for which the order has been given to Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were dedicated at Coalpit Heath by the Vicar of the parish, in the presence of a very large congregation. The tenor weighs just over 10 cwt., and is inscribed 'For Victory and for Peace after War, 1914-1919. E. J. Phillips, M.A., Vicar; A. S. Newman, G. E. Newman, churchwardens. Cast 1921.'

The preacher at the dedication service was the Rev. M. E. Thorold, M.A., Vicar of S. Philip's, Bristol, a past Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

After service, the first touch on the bells was rung by the officials of the association, Messrs. H. T. Howell (Master), E. Guise (hon. sec.), G. Condiek, junr. (hon. peal secretary), and P. C. Williams (hon. secretary of the Bristol Branch). The tone and 'go' of the bells were pronounced excellent, and there were a large number of delighted listeners in the churchyard and in the vicarage garden, some of whom, at least, were fired with a new enthusiasm to get the ring of six completed with the least possible delay.

BISHOPSGATE PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

ST. BOTOLPH'S RINGER-CHURCHWARDEN.

A very interesting ceremony recently took place in the belfry of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, London, where a board recording a peal rung on these bells was unveiled by Mr. Churchwarden A. C. Stanley Stone, C.C. The peal was rung on St. Thomas' Day, December 21st, 1920, to celebrate the return to office of the common councilmen for Bishopsgate, and also as a birthday compliment to the esteemed member of the ward, Mr. H. Weber Brown, B.A., C.C. It also had reference to the connection of Mr. T. Walker with the churchwardenship. The board records the name of Mr. Churchwarden Walker as one of the ringers of the peal, and he is most probably the first churchwarden of St. Botolph's to have achieved this distinction as a ringer while in office.

The ceremony, which was a simple one, opened with prayer by the Rev. G. A. S. Bullock, M.A., B.D. After Mr. Churchwarden Walker had explained the occasion of the peal, Mr. Churchwarden Stanley Stone unveiled the board, and in the course of a brief address, said that as bell ringing represented the secular side of the church service, it was only fitting that one of the civil officers should perform the ceremony. At the present time they might one and all take a lesson from the way in which 'a band' of bell ringers cordially pulled together to achieve their aim. The whole world, England included, was at present like a peal of bells cracked and out of tune. If a better state of things was to be brought about all classes should co-operate, as did the bell ringers. The board records the peal of Grand sire Triples by the Ancient Society of College Youths, conducted by W. A. Alps.

Mr. A. E. Pridmore, a past churchwarden at Bishopsgate, in a short and interesting speech, said he had taken an interest in ringing ever since his boyhood days, when his father used to take him to listen to the bells of his native city of Coventry, and it was always a pleasure to him when in office to do all he could to make the ringers comfortable in every way. Apart from its church and ceremonial uses, bell ringing was a useful and healthy art and hobby.

Mr. W. A. Alps, the conductor of the peal, in a few words, expressed the thanks of the ringers to the past and present churchwardens for the great interest they had always taken in ringers and ringing generally.

The company present included a number of ringers, members of the congregation, and Church Council, including the ringers' dear old friend, Sir Edward Zohrab, Bart.

After a short touch on the bells, a move was made to the Parish Room, where the churchwardens had provided light refreshments, and a delightful hour or two were spent in social intercourse.

During the evening, a course of London and a course of Bristol were rung upon the tower bells, touches of Stedman Caters and Stedman Triples and tunes on the handbells. One of the ringers very ably presided at the piano, and several also displayed their vocal abilities.

On the motion of Mr. Alps, seconded by Mr. E. Fenn, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the churchwardens and Councillor Weber Brown for their generous hospitality, which everyone present enjoyed very much.

Mr. A. S. Pettett moved that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the pianist and others who had given them such a musical treat.—This was seconded by Mr. Alps, and carried, and Mr. Nightingale responded on behalf of his friends and himself.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Tuesday, August 30th, on the occasion of the induction of Rev. — Windsor to the living of Drayton, by the Bishop of Lichfield, 420 Grand sire Triples: A. M. Hickman 1, T. Tudor 2, F. Montford 3, E. V. Rodenburst 4, J. Clark 5, H. Tyler 6, Wm. Weatherby (conductor) 7, G. Hall 8.

PRESENTATION TO WREXHAM RINGERS. FIRST TEN BELL PEAL IN SCOTLAND RECALLED.

The ringers of Wrexham Parish Church have just been made the recipients of a valuable gift, which recalls the first peal on ten bells in Scotland. On August 31st, 1886, a party of College Youths and members of the Wrexham Society visited St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, and rang 5,003 Grandsire Caters, in 3 hrs. 29 mins. The members who made the visit were Messrs. Joseph Field, Oxford; Richard W. Evans, Wrexham; Alfred Thomas, Birmingham; Jos. Williams, Wrexham; John Ellis, Wrexham; Francis E. Dawe, London; Edward Rowland, Wrexham; Thomas Newell, Wrexham; Edward Evans, Wrexham, and James Kendrick, Wrexham.

The peal was composed by Mr. Henry Johnson, Birmingham, and conducted by Mr. F. E. Dawe.

To commemorate that occasion, Mr. Richard Evans, Wrexham, had an illuminated record designed, and in the centre of the address was placed a group photograph of the performers, only four of whom survive.

Dr. Harry Evans, a son of the late Mr. Richard Evans, has now presented the record to the ringers of Wrexham Parish Church, and it is a coincidence that the presentation corresponds with the 50th year, during which Mr. E. Rowland, a member of the party, has been a bell ringer at the Parish Church. A plate has been attached to the address to mark the occasion of the presentation, and it will now be hung in the belfry at the church.

MR. H. TORBLE'S ILLNESS.

Mr. H. Torble, of Leytonstone, who has been ill for twelve months, is still unable to follow his employment. The fund which has been started to give him a helping hand will be closed on Sept. 29th, and all who are able to do so are invited to send subscriptions to Mr. G. Hayden, 29, Maryland Street, Stratford, E.15, before that date. Amount already acknowledged, £5 1s. The following additional subscriptions have been received: W. E. Garrard (Kensington), 10s.; W. Davies, 2s. 6d.; F. Smith, 2s.; B. Foskott, 2s.; G. Card, 1s. 6d.; W. Bottrell, 1s.; T. Scarlett, 2s. 6d.; F. Cornford, 2s.; S. C. Knowles, 1s.; Freenslade, 6d.; F. G. P., 2s.; A. W. Coles, 2s. 6d.; C. S. Basden, 2s. 6d.; T. Monle, 2s.; C. Fenn, 2s.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At St. Luke's Church, Bromley Common, on August 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Lyddiard 1, G. Durling 2, C. F. Keep 3, G. James 4, P. Spice 5, A. James 6, J. E. Keep (conductor) 7, G. Smith 8. The first quarter-peal at this church conducted by a member of the local band.

DEATH OF AN OLD ESSEX RINGER.

We regret to record the death, at the age of 89 years, of Mr. Elisha Radley, of Stisted, who passed away at his residence on August 23rd. The deceased had been a ringer at Stisted for over 40 years, and for upwards of 30 years he was a member of the Essex Association. He was an excellent ringer and conductor on six bells. He took part in the three peals rung on Stisted bells, two of which he conducted. He was a safe ringer of Major, and during a short time he resided in Bocking he regularly rang there on the ring of eight.

The funeral took place on the following Friday. The Rev. E. M. Farrar (Rector) officiated, and the chief mourners were the widow and several relatives. The deceased had no family. The bearers were his fellow ringers. There were also present: Mr. G. T. Bartram, J.P., C.C., Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association), Mr. H. F. Cooper (District Master), Mr. W. H. Hammond (Braintree), Mr. H. Fox representing Mr. Lionel Faudel Phillips, for whom the deceased last worked, and representatives of all classes in the village.

The Rector, in an address at the graveside, said the late Mr. Radley was a man of sterling character, and was held in the highest esteem in the parish. His loss would be keenly felt. Not only did he ring week by week the bells to summon the parishioners to worship, but he was a regular attendant himself at the services, and was, in many respects, a pattern man for the village.

Immediately after the service, Grandsire Doubles were rung on the bells, with the clappers half-muffled, and in the evening 720 Bob Minor, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and two 360's Bob Minor were rung, the following taking part: F. Clayton (Earls Colne), A. Saunders and O. Laver (Greensted Green), H. Redgwell (Rayne), A. Shufflebotham and F. Ely (Braintree), B. Ardley, A. Saunders, C. Duncombe, G. Chaplin and H. F. Cooper (Stisted), conducted by H. F. Cooper and A. Shufflebotham. On Sunday, August 28th, the bells were again muffled for evensong, the ringing including 720 Bob Minor: B. Ardley 1, O. Laver 2, A. Shufflebotham 3, G. Chaplin 4, H. Redgwell 5, H. F. Cooper (conductor) 6; and after service, with the bells open, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Shufflebotham 1, O. Laver 2, G. F. Williams (conductor) 3, G. Chaplin 4, H. Redgwell 5, H. F. Cooper 6.

NORWICH.—On August 16th, at the Church of St. Peter Mancroft, 244 Stedman Cinques: C. E. Borrett 1, F. R. Copeman 2, G. Sparks 3, A. Rought 4, G. P. Burton 5, S. Thompson 6, F. J. Howchin 7, J. E. Burton 8, F. H. Knights 9, G. Mayers 10, G. H. Cross (conductor) 11, F. W. Curtis 12. Also 224 Superlative Surprise on the back eight: B. S. Thompson 1, G. Sparks 2, G. P. Burton 3, F. J. Howchin 4, O. E. Borrett 5, F. R. Copeman 6, J. E. Burton 7, G. H. Cross 8. Tenor, 43 cwt. 1 qr.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

To-day is the anniversary of the first peal rung by the Society of St. Martin's Youths, Birmingham. This was a peal of Bob Major at St. Philip's, on Monday, September 16th, 1755.

On Sept. 22nd, 1826, that famous old College Youth, Matthew Wood, of Bethnal Green, was born. His grandfather, a Huguenot, was a silk manufacturer of Lyons, and when driven out of France, settled in Spitalfields, where, with his brother Samuel, he became interested in ringing. Matt. Wood's connection with ringing began in 1837, when he was taught by his father to handle a bell, and in 1845 he became a pupil of John Cox. For something like 75 years Matt. Wood was a ringer, and, as a striker, he has had but few equals.

Sept. 17th, 1896, was rung at Drayton by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, 11,328 London Surprise Major—the record length at that time.

St. John the Baptist's, Cirencester, where a peal was rung on Sept. 6th, was one of the earliest churches in the country to possess a peal of twelve bells. York Minster was the first, and Cirencester probably the second tower to have a ringing peal of twelve.

Practice night at St. Giles', Reading, is now Monday, at 7.30.

Ten peals on tower bells, nine of them in Surprise Methods (viz., two each of Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge, and three of London), and a peal of Stedman Triples were the result of the annual ringing week, organised by Mr. W. Pye, the field of operations being Leicestershire.

Thursday and Friday proved blank, Cambridge Royal being lost after 2½ hours' good ringing at Melton Mowbray on the first of these two days, while an error in conducting at one tower and the bad 'go' of the bells at another, frustrated Friday's peals. It will be noticed, however, from the reports which appear in the peal columns, that amends were made on Saturday when three peals were rung.

We miss this year a well-known name that has for long appeared in the records of these yearly excursions, that of Isaac G. Shade.

The peal at Brading, Isle of Wight, recorded last week, was not the first peal by the Misses Mills, but the first in the method.

Mr. William Jakeman, formerly a ringer at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, and whose home is now in the United States, has been in England with his wife on a holiday. They sailed for America again on Saturday last, taking with them the best wishes of their many ringing friends. Mr. Jakeman took part in a peal of Grandsire Caters at his old tower on the Tuesday before he sailed.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley was born on September 12th, 1844. We stated last week that it was 1840, but this was through an error. Mr. F. Willey, a close companion of the late Sheffield worthy, writes to point out the mistake.

The peal of Grandsire Triples, rung at Thurstaston on Sept. 3rd, and reported in our last issue, should be credited to the Midland Counties Association.

The peal of Superlative Surprise at Loughborough on Sept. 3rd, was rung in 2 hours 47 minutes, and not 2 hours 57 minutes, as published last week.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RESOLUTION OF CONFIDENCE IN SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting was held at Fulbourn on Saturday, Sept. 3rd, but was attended by only a small number of ringers. In the absence of the Rector, the service was conducted by the Rev. C. R. Purser. Tea was provided at the Six Bells Inn, followed by the business meeting, Mr. J. Taylor, Cambridge, presiding.

Linton, a five-bell tower, was selected as the place of the next meeting, to be held about the end of October, it being many years since a meeting was held there.—Two new members were elected, and one election in the tower was confirmed.

Mr. T. E. Dennis read a letter he had received from Mr. S. H. Symonds, Lavenham, respecting the correspondence which had recently appeared in 'The Ringing World' regarding the new Suffolk Association, when the following resolution was passed: 'That this meeting is pleased to record its continued confidence in the Suffolk Diocesan Association, and heartily endorses their action in formulating a separate association, believing that it will be carried on in a spirit of true comradeship, and tend to increase rather than otherwise the forward movement which we all so much desire.'

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

A SOMERSET TRIP.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Bush, the Weston-super-Mare (Parish Church) bell ringers had a very enjoyable outing on August 11th, when they journeyed by charabanc to Taunton, where a short ring was enjoyed. After light refreshments the party proceeded to Milverton, where a longer halt was made, and further ringing indulged in which was greatly appreciated, as the bells were in excellent condition. Wiveliscombe was next visited, where a nice peal of six was found. From Wiveliscombe the return journey was made to Weston-super-Mare, which was reached safely after a most enjoyable day.

HONOUR FOR MR. J. S. PRITCHETT.

PRESIDING RINGING MASTER OF ST. MARTIN'S
GUILD APPOINTED RECORDER OF LINCOLN.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett, senior member of the Birmingham Bar, has been appointed Recorder of Lincoln in place of the late Mr. W. A. Metcalfe.

Mr. Pritchett, who has been senior member of the Birmingham Bar since the retirement from practice at the Bar of the late Mr. S. S. Dorsett, is the son of the late Mr. J. S. Pritchett, of King's Norton, and was born in 1856. He received his earlier education at King Edward's School, New Street, afterwards gaining an open mathematical scholarship at Balliol College, Oxford, where he took first-class mathematical honours and graduated B.A., subsequently proceeding to his M.A. and B.C.L. degrees.



MR. J. S. PRITCHETT.

Having entered as a student at the Inner Temple, he was called to the Bar in 1881, and joined the Midland Circuit. He occupied a seat on the Worcestershire County Council as a representative of King's Norton until the extension of the Birmingham boundaries in 1911, when he was elected an alderman of the city. He has deputised as Assistant Recorder at Birmingham Quarter Sessions on a number of occasions. During the war he was deputy chairman of the Appeal Tribunal under the Military Service Act.

Mr. Pritchett has been Presiding Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham for many years, and is an hon. member of the Central Council. His many ringing friends throughout the country will join his Birmingham brother ringers in congratulations on his new appointment.

Mr. Pritchett, with three of his brothers, learned to ring at King's Norton as a boy, and followed up the art at Oxford as a member of the University Guild. He became a member of St. Martin's Guild in 1874, and joined the College Youths in 1875. Although Mr. Pritchett has no record of his peals, he has rung well over a hundred, including all the standard methods; and, in addition, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major and Stedman Cinquses, in all of which methods he has conducted peals. It is Mr. Pritchett's boast that for nearly fifty years he has rung regularly for Sunday morning service at his parish church.

Mr. Pritchett is, as many of our readers know, a leading Freemason, having attained to the 33rd degree.

At King's Norton Church, on Sept. 5th, in honour of Alderman J. S. Pritchett's appointment as Recorder of Lincoln, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major was rung by: J. Betterton 1, H. Williams 2, J. Withers, Junr., 3, W. Ball 4, P. Laffin (conductor) 5, C. Webb 6, S. Grove 7, J. Withers 8.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

INTERESTING PRESENTATION BY WIRRAL BRANCH.

Saturday, Sept. 3rd, was a red-letter day in the history of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, when the usual monthly meeting was held at Heswall, and was made the occasion of an interesting presentation to the highly-esteemed Rector, the Rev. Canon T. H. May, to mark his retirement from the parish after 31 years' ministry.

A large gathering was present to honour Canon May, and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 o'clock, and the bells were kept going in various methods until 5.30, when a service was held in the church, at which the Rector officiated, and gave an interesting and most helpful address. Each of us, he said, had a part to play in God's great Universe, and unless each and everyone did his share the whole of God's plan for the perfecting of this world would be so much the longer delayed. Bell ringers were as much church workers as the choir or even the priest. He knew that the Chester Guild, and, in fact, all other Guilds and associations, had done good work in getting the importance of the ringers' efforts recognised, and every ringer in the country should belong to some Guild or another, and so further their work. Bell ringers had a special and unique gift given them by God, and they should dedicate it to God and His service.

After the service, close on 50 ringers and friends sat down to an excellent tea, following which the usual meeting was held, over which Mr. J. W. Milner (president of the branch) presided. He expressed his pleasure at being amongst the members once again, having travelled some thousands of miles since he last attended one of their meetings. He said how true it was that we all had obligations to fulfil, and parts to play. One of the most common mistakes, and yet the greatest that could be made, was to imagine that to have no work to do, or only intermittent work, was the height of happiness. The man who had no useful work was most miserable, and the greatest joy of life was not the gaining of money, but the satisfaction of doing what lay before us in as efficient a manner as possible. That made all work noble. Canon May had worked in that parish for quite a generation, and it was a matter of profound thankfulness that he had no sad thoughts at retiring, except the parting from so many friends. His kindness to the Guild was well known, and he had always been one of its best friends. It was always a pleasure to come to Heswall, for one was always sure of a hearty welcome. The little gifts they were asking him to accept—a silver bell-shaped inkstand and a fountain pen—would, he hoped, always remind him of the happy gatherings they had, by his kindness, held there.

The Chairman then handed the gifts to Canon May, amid hearty applause. The inscription on the inkstand read as follows: 'Presented to the Rev. T. H. May from the Wirral Branch, Chester Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers, as a mark of esteem. September, 1921.'

In reply, Canon May, addressing the company as 'Fellow-workers in God's service,' said the gifts were a complete surprise to him, and he was pleased to see such a large number present at the last meeting he would attend as Rector of Heswall. That in itself he took as an appreciation of his work. What he had done for the Guild he would do for anyone, as he found the greatest happiness was in making others happy. He wished the Guild every success, and the members a happy life, remarking that to be a Christian meant true happiness, and not going about with a long face.

Mr. H. S. Brocklebank (secretary) said that as showing the respect and esteem in which the reverend gentleman was held, practically every tower in the branch had responded to the invitation to contribute. What Heswall lacked in the number of bells was amply compensated for by the heartiness with which the ringers were always received.

Afterwards the company dispersed, some walking through the well-kept nurseries of Mr. Newbrook (where tea had been served), and others wending their way back to the tower, where ringing was again indulged in, thus bringing to a close a most memorable and eventful day. The following towers were represented: Bebington, Bidston, Birkenhead, Capenhurst, Heswall, Liscard, Neston, Oxtou, Rock Ferry, Wallasey, West Kirby and Woodchurch.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North-Eastern Division was held at Great Bentley on Saturday, August 27th. The secretary (Mr. H. T. Pye) presented his report, and a hearty vote of thanks to the Master (Mr. W. J. Nevard) for presiding, and for having everything ready, was proposed by Mr. Challis Winney.

The following towers were represented: Great Bromley, Thorrington, Mistley, Tendring, Ardleigh, Colchester, Maldon, Langham, Little Horkesley, Ipswich and Walkhamstow. Touches in the following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Cambridge Minor, Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Graudsire and Stedman Triples.

Tea was kindly provided by Mr. Nevard.

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ROYAL EXCHANGE, 1921.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

CARISBROOKE, 1921.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

EXTENSION OF LONDON SURPRISE.

TO FIND THE CENTRE OF A GIVEN CIRCLE.

(Euclid Book III., Proposition I.)

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I see that Mr. George Baker has been so kind as to produce a method that he calls the Minor of my method. He also says that he does not think that anyone will have the audacity to pretend that the two are not the same method.

Though perhaps lacking the audacity to pretend, I think I have the ability to prove that they are not.

Mr. Baker says that it only needs eight changes to prove that they are. I will now show that it only needs four more changes of London Surprise Royal to prove that they are not.

When I look at Mr. Baker's Minor figures, I find that he has selected the rows in which the treble is dodging in the middle place.

To be logical he must compare these four rows with the four in which the treble is dodging in the middle in my method. I give below I, Mr. Baker's method; II, London Surprise Minor; and III, my method, all with treble dodging in the Middle places. Your readers will form their own conclusions.

I.	II.	III.
215634 odd	215634 odd	2531978604 odd
251643 ..	251643 ..	5239176840 ..
526143 ..	526134 even	5329718604 ..
521634 ..	521643 ..	3592176840 even
256134 ..	256134 odd	3952718604 ..
526314 ..	526314 ..	9325781064 ..

Yours faithfully, E. BANKES JAMES.

A PUZZLING SILENCE.

Dear Sir,—I think your idea of a tribunal a very excellent one, and should be adopted as soon as possible. A correspondent recently said, 'that he left it to the Exercise to judge, etc.' That is the crux of the whole matter, for the Exercise as a whole could not and would not judge such a highly technical problem. Surely here is a case where the Central Council would not be interfering with the domestic affairs of the associations, also a case which ought to be settled once and for all. There can only be one true extension from Major to Royal, or none if a correct extension is impossible. Why are some of the well-known experts who are connected with the Council so strangely silent on this important matter? It is very puzzling to the average ringer that they should sit tight and say nothing.—Yours faithfully,

Watton-le-Dale, Preston.

E. R. MARTIN.

CLAIM TO ABSOLUTELY CORRECT METHODS.

Sir,—I wish to withdraw the extension to Royal which you published on September 2nd, and substitute in its place, absolutely true and correct extensions to Royal and Maximus.

As the Rev. E. B. James points out, London consists of two hunts, (a) a direct Treble Bob hunt, (b) a plain hunt backwards; these occur simultaneously on opposite sides of the treble's path, that is to say, if the bells above the treble are plain hunting backwards, the bells below the treble must Treble Bob hunt direct, and vice versa; it is just here where we have all gone astray.

The bells commence by plain hunting backward above the treble, and continue to do so until the 4th comes behind, when they change into the direct Treble Bob hunt.

In Royal the bells below the treble change from the Treble Bob hunt to the plain hunt at the same time as the bells above the treble make the reverse change, but in Maximus the bells below the treble doing Treble Bob work must wait until the treble has completed its dodge in 5-6 before they change over to plain hunting. Compare Minor and Major with treble in 3-4.

In Minor, Major and Royal, all the odd bells except the 3rd cross the treble's path, the 3rd in all cases is unable to pass the treble; when we come to Maximus the 9th, as well as the 3rd, is unable to pass the treble, and as a result the tenor is forced to cross the treble, dodging with it in 5-6, the 9th snaps and dodges in 7-8, crosses the treble in 6-7, and courses the tenor down to lead. Compare this with Minor where the 3rd is unable to pass the treble; as a result the tenor is forced to cross the treble, dodging with it 3-4, the 3rd snaps and dodges in 5-6, crosses the treble in 4-5, and courses the tenor down to lead.

The work of the 2nd, under the treble, in both Royal and Maximus is the key to the extension, in so far as the work under the treble is concerned; it consists of alternating treble bob hunt, and plain hunt backwards. When the 2nd is plain hunting backwards, the familiar London places must be made, next to, and under the treble, but when the 2nd is doing direct Treble Bob (that is, when it is coursing the treble) the places must be made, next to, and under the 2nd; and, further, when any other bell is coursing under the treble as in the case of the bell which turns the treble from behind, the places must

be made next to and under that bell. This is why 4th's place from behind is made when the treble lies its whole pull behind. See Minor and Major where the above rule holds good.

The Rev. E. B. James speaks of the Oxford Extension and the Cambridge Extension; this is a third, and may be called the London Extension. Another example of it, is the way Yorkshire Surprise Major may be produced from Cambridge Surprise Minor, giving a method superior to Cambridge Surprise Major.

The work of 9 and T in Maximus calls for remark; there is no way of avoiding the long dodge which continues whilst the pivot bell hunts up to 9th's and down to lead.

N.B.—The pivot bell is the highest odd number, 5 in Minor, 7 in Major, etc. When the treble is leading, the treble bob bell makes 2nd's place, and when the treble lies its whole pull behind the pivot bell makes 4th's place from behind; it cannot get higher because of the bells dodging behind with the treble. The extension was first produced on 3rd September, 1921.

Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM TAYLOR.

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

LONDON SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

1234567890	1234567890gr
2135476980	213547698zdr
1253749608	12537496e8r0
2157394068	2157394e6r80
2517930486	251793e4r608
5271903946	52719e3r4068
2517098364	2517e9r30486
2571903846	5271e9r03846
5279130486	572e1r098364
5729314088	75e2r1903846
7592130486	752e1r098364
7952314068	57e2r1903846
9753241608	75e2r9130486
9573426180	7e5r29314068
5937241608	e7r592130486
5392746180	er7952314068
3529476810	re9753241608
3254967801	r9e573426180
2345698710	9r5e37241608
2436589701	r953e2746180
4263859071	9r352e476810
462395017	r9325e4e67801
6482930571	9r2345e8710
6349203517	r9243658e701
8694023157	9r426385e071
8960421375	r946283e5017
9806243157	9r6482e30571
9086421375	r9684e203517
0984612735	9r86e4023157
0894167253	r98e60421375
8049612735	9r806243157
8409167253	9er086421375
4801976523	e90r84612735
4810795632	e098r4167253
8401976523	0e894r612735
4810967253	0e49r167253
4180692735	80r491r76523
1486029375	084e197r5632
4168203957	03e491r76523
1482830597	804e197r5632
1426385079	8401e9r76523
	4810er967253
	8401re692735
	4810r6e29375
	41806r2e3957
	14860r3e597
	416820r5e79
	14628305r7e9
	142638507r9e

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern District was held at Royston on Saturday, September 3rd. The attendance was not so large as last year, but the ringing was better. The bells were made good use of, and some fine touches of Double Norwich Major, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob and Grandsire were brought home by members from Ponders End, Hitchin, Barley, Barking, and the local band. The Vicar being away on holiday the service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Wright, who gave a stirring address. A capital tea was served at a neighbouring restaurant.

After the meeting a 'whip round' was made for the new treble bell for Barley, which resulted in handing to the treasurer a nice little sum of money.—Thanks were freely expressed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the Rev. W. H. Wright for presiding and for his address, also to the organist for presiding at the instrument.—Ringing was continued until a late hour, one member ringing two of the tower bells to a touch of Stedman Triples.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, for morning service, 608 Superlative Surprise Major: A. Moss 1, A. Coppock 2, W. Clifford, sear., 3, F. S. Price 4, J. C. Dicken 5, W. Clifton, junr., 6, A. Lowe 7, F. Price 8. For evening service, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major and 180 Stedman Triples, by: W. Clifton, junr., 1, Miss E. M. Goodship 2, A. Coppock (conductor) 3, G. Goodship 4, J. C. Dicken 5, A. Lowe 6, F. B. Price 7, P. Price 8. First quarter-peal in the method. Mr. W. Clifford, sear., recently rang the 3rd to his first course of London in his 73rd year.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—In Sunday, Sept. 11th, for morning service, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: W. Duffell 1, F. G. Goddard 2, J. Howes (conductor) 3, H. G. Naish 4, E. F. Cole 5, T. H. Vickery 6, C. Slade 7, J. N. Frossell 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, for evening service, on Sept. 11th, the last 742 of Holt's Original: F. W. Vincent 1, A. Lawrence (conductor) 2, R. W. Hyner 3, H. W. Bishop 4, C. J. Gardiner 5, H. A. Hearl 6, W. G. Lancaster 7, A. W. Harrington 8.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.—Gloucester and Bristol Association.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: H. E. Gillett 1, W. Stratford 2, J. Collett 3, H. Packer 4, H. Gillett 5, W. Large (conductor) 6, T. Banning 7, J. Buttler 8. W. Large belongs to Todenham.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, at St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington, 1,257 Stedman Caters: C. W. Roberts 1, H. G. Miles (conductor) 2, H. Dyas 3, G. W. Frayne 4, C. F. Winney 5, E. Brett 6, A. V. Selby 7, S. E. Andrews 8, W. E. Garrard 9, A. F. M. Tuke 10.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples from Thurstans: Tom Tabrett 1, — Everett 2, E. S. Ruck 3, P. Page 4, E. Powell 5, H. C. Castle 6, W. Wenban (conductor) 7, — Webb 8. All belong to the local band.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: H. Belcher 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hollier 3, F. Skevington 4, A. Cutmore 5, J. W. Driver (conductor) 6, G. C. Hes 7, W. S. Smith 8, A. Harding 9, M. A. Smith 10.

REIGATE.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, for evening service, in 60 mins., 1,313 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. A. W. Clark 1, H. Ewins 2, H. Hoad 3, A. Holman 4, H. Jordan 5, F. Rice 6, G. Hoad (composer and conductor) 7, W. Claydon 8, A. W. Clark 9, W. Pooley 10.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday morning, Sept. 11th, for Divine service, at St. Peter's Church, a touch of Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. Harpin 1, Miss D. Steel 2, C. A. Robinson 3, Miss E. Steel 4, H. J. Harlow 5, H. L. Harlow (conductor) 6. Also a touch of Plain Bob and Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Stapleton conductor.

CHIDDINGFOLD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 11th, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Mabel Atwell (first quarter) 1, W. G. Brockenhurst 2, F. Luff 3, G. Luff 4, M. Smithers 5, W. R. Melville (conductor) 6, T. Atwell 7, G. Wheatley 8.

WORSLEY.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Watts 1, J. Ridyard 2, R. Aldred 3, F. Grundy 4, H. Aldred 5, P. H. Derbyshire 6, J. H. Ridyard (conductor) 7, A. Burton 8. Ringers of 1st, 3rd and 5th hail from Tyldesley, tenor from Walkden, the rest belong to the local company.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, Sept. 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grand-

sire Triples, in 45 mins.: E. W. Faunott 1, J. Crowder 2, A. G. Bennington 3, E. J. Faunott 4, H. Norgate 5, A. Bradley 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

PULHAM MARY, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, for morning service, 1,120 Oxford Treble Bob Major: F. Borrett 1, W. Adcock 2, C. Brice 3, C. Cutting 4, G. Gower 5, H. Adcock 6, R. Riches 7, T. Adcock 8.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, for evening service, 800 Superlative Surprise Major: F. Borrett 1, J. Allen 2, A. Smith 3, J. Tann 4, C. Cutting 5, C. Baker 6, B. W. Whiting 7, C. Roope 8.

BURSLEM, STAFFS.—In Sunday, Sept. 11th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 720 Treble Bob Minor, comprising 240 Violet, 120 Woodbine, 216 Kent, 144 Oxford: A. Lees 1, L. Pennington 2, T. Hurd 3, W. P. Deane (conductor) 4, T. Hilditch 5, W. Bourne 6.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday morning, Sept. 4th, in 25 mins., 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. Avis 1, H. Argent 2, G. Ambrose 3, R. Copelin 4, G. Morrad 5, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 6. Also 120 Plain Bob. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, the respected secretary of the band, in honour of the birth of a daughter.

READING, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild. — On Sunday, Sept. 4th, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Dormer (Newbury) 1, H. J. Barnes 2, H. Osborne 3, G. Cook 4, A. W. Osborne 5, H. Egby 6, A. Bailey (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, H. J. Barnes, senr., 8. Rung on the occasion of the Patronal Festival.

EXETER.—Devonshire Guild. — At Heavitree Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 4th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Haley's variation, in 53 mins.: R. Hamilton 1, T. G. Bartlett 2, F. Davey 3, W. S. Lethbridge 4, T. Laver 5, C. G. Glass 6, S. Binfield (Folkestone, conductor), 7, F. Rogers 8.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—On Sunday, Sept. 4th, for evening service, 528 Grandsire Triples: S. Addicott 1, E. Dare (longest touch inside) 2, W. Pike 3, P. Jones 4, H. Broughton 5, F. Boucher 6, G. Cooke (conductor) 7, C. Hawkins 8.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 4th, for the harvest festival, 720 of Doubles, being 240 St. Simons, 240 Grandsire, and 240 Plain Bib. At the conclusion of the service, 360 Grandsire Doubles, the ringers taking part were: W. Fayers, H. Cornell, B. Cornell, H. Day, J. Martin, B. Roper, P. King, W. Head (conductor).

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—On Sunday, Sept. 4th, for morning service, at St. Michael's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. M. White 1, F. Bird (conductor) 2, W. Prior 3, W. Watts 4, H. Champness 5, W. Tucker 6, H. Dew 7, W. T. Prior 8. W. Watts hails from Hayward's Heath, Sussex.

NORTHAMPTON.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Dean 1, A. Hensman 2, W. Atterbury 3, W. Rogers 4, H. Blundell 5, H. Rainbow 6, W. Allen 7, W. Farey (conductor) 8. For evening service, on Sunday, August 23th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Dean 1, A. Hensman 2, W. Atterbury 3, W. Farey 4, G. Basford 5, H. Rainbow 6, H. Blundell 7, W. Allen (conductor) 8. Great credit is due to the ringer of the fifth, this being his first touch in the method. For evening service, on Sunday, August 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): G. Flavell 1, A. Hensman 2, W. Austin 3, W. Atterbury 4, J. Dean 5, H. Rainbow 6, W. Farey (conductor) 7, W. Farey, junr., 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

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NOTICES.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsterstone on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) open all day. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 at a nominal charge on the Vicarage Lawn, if fine. Business meeting after. Nearest station is Deepcar (G.C.). Also a motor bus service from Middlewood Tram Terminus to Moor Hall Lane or Deepcar.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Feering on September 17th. Service, with address, at 4 o'clock, followed by tea at the Bell Inn at a moderate charge.—Bert Redgwell, Rayne, near Braintree.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bewdley on Saturday, September 17th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Members requiring tea will be able to get same close to church. Election of officers will take place at this meeting.—A. Davies, Branch Sec., 29, Hampton Street, Netherton, Worcestershire.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The next meeting will be held at Womersley on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting. The bells at Bramley and Shalford will also be available.—Edward Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The Annual meeting of above will be held at Caythorpe on Saturday, September 17th. Tea on the usual terms to those who notify Mr. E. Wilcox, Caythorpe, Grantham, by Wednesday, September 14th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Service to be arranged. Usual business.—J. W. Seamer, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Tuebrook on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.30.—Walter Hughes, Hon. Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next monthly meeting of the Guild will be held at Exhall on Saturday, Sept. 17th next. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Will members please arrange their own tea? Certificates can now be supplied to all members requiring them at 1s. each.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Cotgrave on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Meat tea 4.30, 2s. each. Motor will leave Trent Bridge 2.30, 2/6 return.—T. H. Kirby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Halsall, Branch Sec., 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on September 29th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on September 20th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on September 22nd, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at

headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting will be held at Stanmore, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1/6 per head at 5.30. Harrow Weald bells open for ringing after tea. Will all members requiring tea please advise me by September 21st?—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Elstow on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 2.30. It is hoped that all members will try and attend. All ringers invited.—H. L. Harlow, Dis. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Todmorden on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Will intending visitors send their names to Mr. S. Hartley, 15, Erringden Street, Summerfield Road, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 21st?—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secs.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Harrington, nr. Rothwell, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Usual ringing arrangements. A good attendance is requested. Kindly notify me for tea by Sept. 20th.—R. F. Turner, District Sec., 7, Gordon Street, Kettering.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Idle, on Sept. 24th. Bells available in afternoon and evening, followed by meeting in the tower, at 7 p.m.—M. Moorhouse, Hon. Sec., 10, Mitford Road, Armley, Leeds.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Uxbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kewstoke (near Weston-super-Mare) on the 24th inst. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after service. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, Sept. 24th. The bells of the Parish Church and St. Paul's will be available from 3 till 4.45 and during the evening. Service at the Parish Church at 4.45. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—R. W. Hyner, Hon. Sec., 42, Brunswick Street, Swindon.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Barnby Dun (G.C.) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea 5.30, at 1s. 6d. per head, to those who notify me before the 21st. Motor buses run from Silver Street, Doncaster. The practice at Doncaster St. George's is now suspended.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Barton on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring same please notify me not later than the 21st. A good meeting is requested.—F. Barber, District Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Sutterton on Saturday, Sept. 24th. The bells (8) will be ready at 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. W. Lakin, sen., Hon. Sec., Bevington.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The Ladies' Guild of Church Workers of Cookham, has kindly offered to entertain the members and friends of this branch, at Cookham, Berks, on Saturday, September 24th. Evening choral service will be held at the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m., when the Rev. A. W. Batchelor, D.D., will give an address to the ringers. Tea on the Vicarage lawn will be provided at 5 o'clock, followed by a social, when it is hoped the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., will preside. Tower bells will be available at 2.30 and after 7, subject to the supervision of the belfry keeper. It is important that the number of the honorary and practicing members who can be present, should be forwarded to Mr. J. T. Fowler, Dean View, Cookham Rise, Maidenhead, by the 20th inst.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, September 24th. Ringing from 2 o'clock. Committee meeting in Schools at 4 o'clock. General meeting after tea. Mr. F. Cotton, 4, Gladstone Terrace, Hinckley, will arrange for tea at 5 o'clock at the Tea Rooms, Market Place, at 2/6 each, for those who advise him by September 21st.—Alfred C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. — The district annual meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Business: Election of officers.—H. T. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Cave on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service in church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Albion Hotel, at a charge of 1s. 9d. each, to those who notify Mr. J. T. Blanshard, Nordham, North Cave, by first post on Tuesday, Sept. 20th. Business meeting to follow.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Calverleigh (6) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available at 2.30; service, with address by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, at 4.45; tea 1s. each, at 5.15. Those who require tea should notify me not later than the previous Tuesday. — Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A by-meeting will be held at Bovinger on Saturday, Sept. 24th, by the request of the Rector (Rev. G. Ernest Day). Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector, 5.45. Will the secretaries of towers kindly notify me the number of their members who intend to be present by the 19th, so that arrangement can be made for tea? Nearest station Blake Hall, G.E.R. Trains leave Leytonstone 1.50 p.m. and Stratford 2.23 p.m.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, E. 15.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Western District will be held at Wetherby on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. to 9. Short service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately after. — P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Bolney (Haywards Heath Station) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation) 5, followed by

business meeting. Those attending please notify the undersigned not later than Sept. 21st.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Those intending to be present please notify me on or before Sept. 19th.—E. Steele, 109, George Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Brewwood on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at Mr. Perry's at 5, 1s. each. Service in church at 6, with an address by the Rev. Preb. Dunkley, Vicar. A motor bus will be engaged to leave Station Drive (L. & N.W.R.), Wolverhampton, at 2, 2s. 6d. return. Please notify me by Tuesday, 20th inst., whether by bus or not. — H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall, near Bristol, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and the annual business meeting, at which it is hoped all members will be present, and any subscriptions still owing should be paid. All ringers are welcome, and, if requiring tea, should please notify me not later than Sept. 19th.—Edith Smith, Sec., 16, West Park, Clifton, Bristol.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Mereworth on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. A short service at 5 o'clock. Business meeting after. See next week's issue.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest will take place at New Mill on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Teas will be provided for those who notify on or before Monday, Sept. 26th. (1s. 6d. each). Draw for order of ringing 2.45. Entries for contest to be sent to W. Frith, Sec., 5, Sufton Street, Berkby, Huddersfield.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch. — Next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available 2.30. Cathedral 10, St. Sidwell's 10, St. David's 8, Heavitree 8, St. Petrock's 6. Tea 4.30, St. Sidwell's Institute. Tea 1s. each. All members of the Guild are welcome.—J. C. Oke, 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.50 at "Nag's Head," to be followed by business meeting. Will all requiring tea please advise me by Sept. 26th?—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N. 7.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The ancient ring of eight at Finchingfield will be reopened after rechanging on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Service in the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist at 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, will be provided in the Schoolroom to those only who let me know not later than Tuesday, Oct. 27th.—B. Redgwell, District Sec., The Street, Rayne, Braintree.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Halesworth District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cratfield on Saturday, Oct. 1st. The fine peal of six bells (tenor 20 cwt.) will be available from 2 p.m. All ringing friends welcome.—F. C. Lambert, District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.
—The next branch meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Alwalton on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea please let me know early. — John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
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PEAL TAPPING.

The letter which appears in another column from Mr. William Pye, criticising our article last week on the subject of peal tapping, calls for some reply. One hesitates to cross swords with an expert like Mr. Pye on any subject relating to ringing; but we think few will agree with him when he says our article was unfair, and that it was unjust to double-handed ringers. The only possible injustice to handbell ringers is in the expression that 'by whatever system these peals are accomplished they are a far greater performance than the ringing of a pair of handbells to a peal.' But is that statement unjust? It may be amusing to read that as one possible means of accomplishing a peal a performer may follow the work of all the bells. It may be an impossibility, and we have not said that this is the method adopted by Mr. Morris; we only state it as a self-evident fact that if this is the method it must be more difficult than following the work of two bells, and in that there is no injustice to double-handed ringers. Again, many ringers in double-handed ringing rely largely on coursing. It is no injustice to the man who can ring only one bell to say that it is more difficult to do this with two bells than with one, and it certainly must be more difficult to do it with eight than with two. Wherefore, then, the injustice?

Let us leave for the moment the peal of London and go back to peals in simpler methods, to the position where, in fact, it was when the Central Council and the Essex Association discussed it. There is no doubt that in peals of Plain Bob or Treble Bob there are many men who can follow the coursing order of all the bells throughout a complete peal. It is only another step to put this into practice, and do, as Mr. Morris has done, tap a peal. But this, surely, is a more difficult task with eight bells than with two. It is perfectly true, too, that none but ringers of exceptional ability can ring a pair of handbells to a peal of London Surprise, and Mr. Pye will be the first to agree that the required mental concentration, of which we spoke last week, is enormous. Because Mr. Morris, by whatever system he adopts, can concentrate on eight bells, and tap 5,000 changes (there is a question as to whether the composition he chose was true) without having first rung two bells to the method, it is no proof, as Mr. Pye suggests, that he has no exceptional ability. In our opinion it proves just the contrary.

As to the rest of our article, and we are only concerned for the moment with the justice of it, we believe we put both sides of the question very fairly. We did not say that the tapping of peals has any educational value, neither did we express the opinion that these peals should be

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, Sept. 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JOHN W. DAVIES 5
AUSTIN GREGORY... .. 2	GEO. R. JONES 6
FRANK FOX 3	WALTER THOMAS 7
JOHN ROBERTS 4	*ERNEST FLEET Tenor

Conducted by G. R. JONES.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the official termination of the War.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

R. SPERRING... .. Treble	FRANK FOX 5
HENRY W. WILDE 2	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 6
EDWARD HARRISON 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
ARTHUR NEWELL... .. 4	JOHN W. DAVIES... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. W. DAVIES.

* First peal in the method as conductor and first attempt.

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

On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... Treble	WILLIAM J. MEERS 5
GEORGE F. GARRISON... .. 2	JAMES PRATT 6
ALBERT SCRIVENS 3	HERBERT C. SPENCER 7
CHARLES CHAPMAN 4	GEORGE F. SWANN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HERBERT C. SPENCER.

First peal in the method as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Spencer.

WRAXHALL, SOMERSET.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(St. Stephen's Guild).

On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 23½ cwt.

PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
WILLIAM H. THOMAS... .. 2	GEORGE CONDUCK, JUN. 6
CHARLES H. TOMKINS ... 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
CHARLES H. GORDON... .. 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING ... Treble	ALPHAEUS J. BERRY 5
*EDWARD YOUNGS 2	JAMES BOUGHTON 6
†EDWIN R. GOATE 3	ERNEST F. POPPY 7
CHARLES BAKER... .. 4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal of Oxford at the first attempt. † First peal of Treble Bob.

LYMINGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURGA

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

HENRY C. CASTLE Treble	LOUIS HEAD 5
PERCY PAGE 2	HARRY PARKES 6
ERNEST CHEESEMAN 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
EDWARD S. RUCK 4	CHARLES W. PLAYER Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by WILLIAM WENBAN.

This composition, published in the 'Ringing World,' August 5th, 1921, is now rung for the first time. After the peal the Vicar and sexton entered the belfry and congratulated the band upon their excellent striking throughout the peal, which was rung at the first attempt and in honour of the conductor's son and heir.

LUTON, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. SMITH Treble	HARRY WOOD 5
ALFRED KING 2	THOMAS KENDALL 6
THOMAS BLACKBOURN 3	FREDERICK HONT 7
HERBERT WOOD 4	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar (Rev. A. E. Chapman) who is leaving Luton, after 10½ years devoted ministry, for Tiverton, Devonshire. First peal in the method by all excepting the ringer of the 3rd. First peal of Superlative for the Association rung by an entirely local band, and rung at the first attempt.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... Treble	BEN S. THOMPSON 5
MISS A. MAY DURRANT ... 2	GEORGE MAYERS 6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 7
NORMAN R. BAILEY 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal of Double Norwich. This composition is now rung for the first time. First peal in the method on the bells.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Sept. 11, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED A. RACKHAM Treble	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 5
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	ALBERT E. HURCOMBE ... 6
SIDNEY T. RACKHAM 3	HENRY J. TAYLOR 7
BENJAMIN GREATOREX ... 4	JAMES P. HYETT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

WITNEY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Sept. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

RICHARD KEEN Treble	GORDON CAUDWELL 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK 2	NOBLE SPINDLOW 6
HARRY HOLIFIELD 3	JOHN MONK 7
ALBERT E. LOCK 4	PERCY DYKE Tenor

Conducted by NOBLE SPINDLOW.

STREATHAM.—On Monday evening, August 22nd, at the Church of Immanuel, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: Miss A. M. Philip, St. Stephen's, Clapham Park (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Langdon 2, C. H. Shuffell 3, W. States 4, J. S. Daniels 5, W. Shepherd 6, G. Huggett (conductor and composer) 7, W. S. Langdon 8.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BRADFIELD DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART Tenor 10½ cwt.

MISS STELLA DAVIS Treble	CHARLES GILES 5
JAMES ABERY 2	JOHN BOWER 6
JOHN FRANKUM 3	WILLIAM CLARK 7
WALTER A. WEBB 4	GEORGE PARSONS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

REV. WILLIAM A. PEARSON Treble	GEORGE FLEMING 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	ALBERT FLEMING 6
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by GEORGE SYMONDS.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	WILLIAM BIGGIN 5
GEORGE M. THORPE 2	WILLIAM T. PALMER 6
JOHN P. TARLTON 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 7
*WILLIAM MARTIN 4	†WILLIAM WAIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

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

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, WELLS STREET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE B. LUCAS Treble	ARTHUR MASON 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	REUBEN SANDERS 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*HERBERT HAIGH Treble	JAMES R. KEMP 5
*ERNEST SIMPSON 2	*THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 6
JAMES COTTERELL 3	*JOSEPH BROADLEY 7
GEORGE ROBINSON 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Composition No. 202 of C.C. Collection. * First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

85th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

As a compliment to Mr. T. Conley, one of the regular service ringers at St. Peter's, St. Albans, on his 85th birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes) was rung at St. Peter's Church on Sept. 14th, in 51 mins.: T. Seymour 1, A. Hull 2, E. Hull 3, T. J. Hull (conductor) 4, H. G. Lightfoot 5, J. Porter 6, F. C. Rice 7, E. D. Livermore 8, W. H. L. Buckingham 9, W. H. Buckingham 10. Mr. Conley was in the belfry, but was not well enough to take part in the ringing.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FRED CHAMBERS Treble	ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH ... 5
JONATHAN WHEWELL 2	JAMES SHAW 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... 7
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 4	*JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

LEONARD NELMES Treble	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS... .. 5
JOHN ADSTIN 2	ERNEST MATTHEWS 6
ERNEST ALLAWAY 3	WILLIAM BISHOP... .. 7
JAMES BISHOP 4	GEORGE WILKS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ADSTIN.

The above was rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Sir James Horlick and Sir Francis Brain, the generous donors of the two trebles, both of whom were highly respected in Ruardean.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN GARRETT Treble	VICTOR E. KERRIDGE 5
ERNEST CURTIS 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 6
HARRY HALL 3	ALFRED H. WATSON 7
WALTER ROFFLES 4	JOHN HALL Tenor

Composed by H. HALEY. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

SIX BELL PEALS.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Sept. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Single Court, two 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

STEPHEN LOACH Treble	DAVID BURTON 4
W. E. WHITE 2	THOMAS SQUIRES... .. 5
WALTER WHITE 3	FRANK SPENCER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

Rung on the 21st anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Walter White. Messrs. Leach and Spencer are from Radcliffe, the rest belong to Cotgrave.

EAST BRIDGEFORD, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WALTER WHITE Treble	*E. FOSTER 4
*H. F. CULLOW 2	T. SQUIRES... .. 5
W. E. WHITE 3	A. J. CHAMBERLAIN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

The ringers of 2nd, 4th and 6th are from Southwell Cathedral, the rest are from Cotgrave.

CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.—On Thursday, August 18th, at the Parish Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. W. Gilmour 1, H. W. Wilde 2, J. Wilkinson (conductor) 3, G. R. Newton 4, J. Martin 5, E. Counce 6; and 720 London Surprise Minor: E. Counce 1, H. W. Wilde (1st in the method) 2, J. Wilkinson 3, T. W. Gilmour 4, G. R. Newton (conductor) 5, J. Martin 6. These are the first 720's of Surprise on the bells.

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES GOODSSELL... .. Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 4
TRAYTON BOOTH 2	WILLIAM H. HOAD 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells. The Messrs. Lamberts hail from Horsmonden and Burwash respectively, the rest from Salehurst.

HANDBELL PEALS

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Sept. 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by the Performer.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Sept. 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE. Conducted by the Performer.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

A TRIP THROUGH CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, Sept. 3rd, the ringers of Christ Church, West Didsbury, Manchester, had their annual picnic. Setting out at 1.45 p.m. in a 12-seater motor charabanc, they were soon moving very smoothly through (what is supposed to be) the healthiest, wealthiest and prettiest village in the county of cheeses—to wit, Alderley Edge, Cheshire. The objectives, however, were Lawton, Alsager and Barthomley, journeying first to the last-named place on the Staffordshire border. At Lawton, on the outward journey, two of the local ringers, Messrs. Rigby and Pierepoint, were picked up, and the 12-seater became somewhat overcrowded. However, the inconvenience was very much palliated by the two additional passengers acting as guides, philosophers and friends to the borderland. On arriving at Barthomley a very cordial greeting was extended by one of the local ringers, Mr. Allman, and Mr. Owen, churchwarden, and an hon. member of the Chester Guild. Three touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, Mr. Allman taking part in the ringings. Proceeding to Alsager, the visitors were welcomed by Mr. Cartwright (one of the local company). Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major, in which Messrs. Rigby and Cartwright took part, were rung at this tower. At Lawton the party found a nice light peal of eight, and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, the striking being excellent. This completed the day's ringing. Next the visitors accompanied Mr. Rigby to his residence for tea, and found the table very sumptuously laid.

After tea the best thanks of the party were accorded Mr. and Mrs. Rigby and their helpers for the splendid repast, and the company were entertained by young Master Davies, son of the conductor, who gave selections on the piano in most accomplished style. After games of billiards, etc., the party left for home at 9 p.m., but the journey was not without incident. After a few miles the lights failed, but a short stop enabled this to be rectified. Then some 20 miles from home a thorough breakdown occurred through the exhaust having gone wrong. It was an isolated part of the country, but fortunately within 50 yards was found a place 'within the meaning of the act,' where the party were enabled to refresh themselves. After about an hour's stoppage, and failing to be taken in tow with any passing motor the driver, with the aid of some of the excursionists, eventually got the motor in working order again, and the destination was reached after midnight, when the cars having ceased running, some of the members had a two and three miles' walk home. Verdict—a most enjoyable time, and all's well that ends well.

The ringers take this opportunity of tendering their thanks to the various authorities for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. Rigby, Pierepoint, Cartwright and Allman for having all in readiness, which added much to the pleasure of the party. W. B.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**A BELLS REPAIR FUND DISCUSSED.**

On Thursday, September 8th, in glorious weather, the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild held the last of their summer meetings at Buckland-Newton, this being the first time that such a meeting had taken place in the village. Members from St. Peter's, Dorchester (including three lady ringers), Fordington, Upwey, and Wyke Regis, met outside St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, and were conveyed to Buckland by motor charabanc. The drive through the Prydal Valley and picturesque country was much enjoyed. On arriving at the church, the party were met by the Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Field) and the Master of the Guild (Major Hughes D'Aeth). The Vicar conducted the ringers over the interesting church, and pointed out its principal details, his kindness being much appreciated. The local band had also set the bells going to welcome the visitors. Afterwards some change ringing took place, and assistance in the art was given to local ringers. The Guild service was conducted in the church by the Vicar, and the address was given by the Rev. P. T. Knott (Rector of Pifehead-Neville, and former Dorset county wicket keeper), who took for his text, 1 Cor. xii., part of the 28th verse. Speaking as an old ringer, he touched on the lessons taught by the bells, and emphasised the fact that in his opinion every belfry door ought to be inside the church, and not outside, as it was in most cases.—Miss Field presided at the organ, and a ladies' choir was in attendance. The parishioners also turning up in good numbers.

At the kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Field, tea was afterwards provided on the Vicarage lawn. The business meeting that followed was presided over by Major D'Aeth. Apologies for non-attendance were read from several members, including Mr. R. N. Dawes (Branch Chairman), the Revs. F. L. Edwards (general secretary), C. A. Phillips (Wimborne Branch Secretary), and Mr. J. T. Godwin. It was resolved to hold the next (annual) meeting at St. Peter's, Dorchester.

The Master spoke of the suggestion of the Central Council, that all collections at the meeting be set aside for the purpose of a bell and belfry repair fund, and an interesting discussion followed. The Branch Secretary promised to put the matter on the agenda for the annual meeting.

The Master also suggested that the secretary should get the service music transposed into a lower key.

Pleasure was expressed at the presence of the Rev. P. T. Knott and hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and Mrs. Field for their kindness in providing tea, etc., also to the organist and choir.

Following the meeting, the ringers again visited the tower, and practised Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and also assisted the local men through some 120's. Before departing, the Vicar and Mrs. Field invited the visitors to light refreshments at the Vicarage, for which they were heartily thanked. Although there were not quite the average number of members present, owing to two of the towers holding their harvest festival on the same day, the first meeting at Buckland was a great success.

DEVIZES BRANCH MEMORIAL TABLET.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Seend on September 3rd, and was very well attended as will be seen from the following list of towers represented: Keevil, Seend, Warmminster, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Trowbridge, Holt, Southbroom, Swindon, Hilperton, Chippenham, Marlborough, Salisbury and Westbury. Thirty-one sat down to tea, which was kindly provided by the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Adwry. At the business meeting which followed, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. F. Brown) reported that the Vicar of Bradford-on-Avon would like the branch to visit them on Oct. 8th instead of the 1st, as then he hoped to be there to welcome them. This was agreed to.

Mr. F. Green presented a sketch of the memorial tablet that it is proposed to put in St. John's tower, Devizes, to commemorate the muffled peal rung on February 28th, 1920, in sacred memory of the ringers who fell in the great war.—Mr. White proposed, and Mr. Greenland seconded, that Mr. Morgan's tablet, as shown on sketch, be accepted, and this was carried.

Mr. H. Brownlee West proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Adwry for so kindly providing tea, and this was carried with acclamation.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells concluded the business.

The ringers then returned to the tower, where some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob were rung.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Tuesday, August 30th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: C. W. Taylor 1, F. Overton 2, J. W. Seamer (conductor) 3, R. S. Long 4, J. B. Budd 5, S. Bromfield 6, W. Bolton 7, A. B. Shepherd 8. Rung as a farewell to W. Bolton, who is returning to Cardiff, after 16 months in the neighbourhood of Grimsby. It was intended to go for a peal, but meeting short and late the above was rung by Mr. Shepherd kindly taking the tenor. First quarter in the method by treble and tenor ringers.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**THE LATE MR. CHARLES JACKSON.**

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Sheffield on Saturday, Sept. 10th. The fine peal of twelve at the Cathedral, together with the peals of eight at St. Maries', All Saints' and St. John's, were, by the courtesy of the respective clergy, available for ringing by the visitors, who much appreciated the genial reception accorded them at the various towers. Some 90 ringers met, and found a welcome acquisition to the ringing clergy, in the person of the Rev. B. F. Shepherd, who, having left that famous training ground of Cambridge, i.e., the Cambridge University Guild, has now taken up work in connection with Sheffield Cathedral. Stedman Caters and Cinques and Grandsire were tried with varying success at the Cathedral, while some enterprising adventurers who attempted to ring a touch of Grandsire at St. Maries', after a good lunch, had an attack of indigestion as the result of their exploit.

A bountiful tea was provided in the Wolstenholme Hall, after which the business meeting was held. The President (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) presided, supported by the principal officers of the association.

The following resolution was carried, the meeting rising with heads uncovered, as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. C. Jackson, of Hull:—This meeting of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers desires to put on record its sense of the very great loss which the Yorkshire Association and Change Ringers in general have sustained by the death of Charles Jackson. His sterling character and engaging personality endeared him to all with whom he came in contact, and his great skill as a change ringer, and life-long interest in the Yorkshire Association makes his death a loss which will be widely felt. This meeting further desires to express its very sincere sympathy with Mrs. Jackson in her loss.

A vote of thanks to the various clergy of Sheffield for kindly granting the use of their bells was carried unanimously.—The Rev. B. F. Shepherd, who responded, extended a hearty greeting to the visitors, and thanked them for the felicitous remarks and good wishes expressed to him, and stated that he would at all times be prepared to do what he could to further the art.—A vote of thanks to the local company and the ladies who waited at the tea-tables was responded to by Messrs. W. Lomas and C. Harrison.—A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close, after which many ringers visited Ranmoor, and indulged in ringing various methods until train time called a halt, while anecdotes of those giants of the Exercise, Messrs. W. Hudson, the famous Brothers Hattersley, with their more recent rivals, in the persons of Messrs. S. Thomas and W. Lomas, not forgetting the 'Knight of Chesterfield' will leave the visit to Sheffield a pleasant memory to all those who undertook the journey.

P. J. J.

THE LATE MR. D. BREARLEY'S MEMORIAL.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Bolsterstone on Saturday, Sept. 17th, but was very poorly attended, only about 20 members being present. The towers represented were: All Saints', Sheffield; Rawmarsh, Wortley, Doncaster, Arksey, and the local company. The bells, a fine peal of eight (tenor 13 cwt.), were kept going in the Standard methods during the afternoon. At five o'clock, a short service was held in the beautifully decorated church, the harvest festival having been held on the preceding Sunday. Tea, generously provided by the local company, was followed by the business meeting, at which the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Mason) took the chair. One new member, Miss K. Jackson, of Doncaster, was elected. No invitation having been received for the December meeting, it was left with the secretary to arrange.

Mr. Shaw, of Bolsterstone, made an appeal to the meeting to help to defray the cost of the memorial tablet erected to the memory of the late Mr. David Brearley, of Bolsterstone, who had done so much for the art of change ringing in the Southern Division of Yorkshire, and it was decided to circularise the various towers in the district in which the deceased gentleman was so well known, asking for subscriptions to this worthy object.—Mr. F. Willey kindly undertook to do this work, and to act as treasurer to the fund. It is hoped that a good response will be made to the appeal.

Further ringing, including a good touch of Double Norwich, took place until 8 o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal.

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD, LEICESTER.

The second outing of the members of the above this season was held on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 10th, when Woodhouse Eaves was visited. A most enjoyable time was spent, and a party, numbering 27, partook of an excellent tea, friends being present from Kibworth, Anstey and Belgrave. Both before and after tea the bells of St. Paul's Church were rung to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Minor. Handbells were also utilised, and tunes and several courses of Grandsire Triples rung. Pleasing news was conveyed to the company by Mr. J. Oldham, of the Loughborough bell foundry, who informed the party that the work of recasting and rehanging St. Margaret's bells is now going on apace, and hopes are entertained that they will be completed for ringing by the end of November.

TAPPED PEALS.

MR. MORRIS EXPLAINS HIS MODE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I claim your further indulgence to answer Mr. J. Hunt's letter of Sept. 9th, and also to say that a ringing friend has pointed out to me that the peal of London I tapped is false. The peal is published in *Standard Methods*, page 92, and to make quite sure that my friend is right, will someone be kind enough to examine it, and let us know the result? If it is so, I apologise for publishing it, and offer as an excuse that this was the only peal I had, and being in the book I thought it was quite all right. If any brother ringer will send me a true peal of London I should be glad, as I hope to include London in my next programme. My answer to Mr. Hunt's questions is 'Yes, with the exception of London, and that method I am tapping to try and get enough knowledge for the purpose of instructing, conducting, etc.'

It may not be out of place to describe how I learned it. First I learned the construction of the method, then I took a piece of paper, and wrote one to eight on it, and tried to read it. After having a good practice at this, I next learned the work of the fixed bells, treble and two tenors. Next I learned that each bell does its work in rotation. What the tenor does in one lead the 7th does in the next, and so on. Will my brother ringers compare the above method of learning with their own way, and tell me if they think I know enough of the method to enable me to ring it? I invite opinions. I see that my friend Mr. Keeble has made the statement that he knows the peal he rings by heart, line by line. Would he be kind enough to answer me a question? Has that knowledge ever been of any service to him, or his brother ringers at any time whilst he has been performing his duties as a ringer? I might also mention that the peal of London I tapped was purely an experimental one, to gain knowledge for more serious work later on.—Yours, etc.

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

A REPLY TO MR. PYE.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of Sept. 9th, Mr. Pye has a personal dig at me; therefore, I feel I must have a word in reply. In the first place, I would inform Mr. Pye that I am not a 'peal tapper.' It is true that I tapped a peal of Minor several years ago, but I have done hardly any tapping since except for a few occasional 720's of various Surprise Methods. If a peal tapped by one person is not of any educational value, how much more would be derived from two persons ringing a peal with four handbells each? Mr. Pye also asks if Mr. Morris can ring four 'in hand' to London; also if I could take the other four. Now, I think Mr. Pye had better ask Mr. Morris, and volunteer to take the other four himself, as he is a London Surprise ringer, and I am not. He mentions that there is a system adopted for 'tapping.' Well, of course, there is a system. There is in most things. He says he has known persons to tap touches who could not ring two handbells to the method. Perhaps they were 'song' touches. I know ringers who ring London Surprise Major that cannot ring two handbells to a touch of Bob Major. I have always been able to ring two handbells to any method that I could tap.—Yours truly,

O. BROYD.

'UNJUST TO DOUBLE-HANDED RINGERS.

Sir,—I had no intention of entering into any further correspondence on this subject, but the unfair remarks made by you in your last issue compel me, as I consider they are unjust to double-handed ringers. You say a tapped peal is a greater performance than ringing a pair of bells; you amuse me when you say 'whether the performer does it by following the work of all the bells.' Now, sir, London double-handed has only been rung by men of exceptional ability, and never will be, and anyone who has rung a peal 'in hand' will ridicule the idea of a man being able to follow the work of all the bells. Now Mr. Morris admits that he does not possess sufficient knowledge to get his hand along, which is sufficient proof that, as a ringer, he does not possess any exceptional ability, yet he can tap London Surprise. Is not that sufficient proof that his system has no relation to change ringing? If he could tap by following the work of all the bells, there would be no need for him to educate himself to teach a band, and if he taps a hundred peals he will not make himself an expert ringer by doing so. As regards your remarks about advancing with the times, you cannot turn tapping into ringing; and whatever may have been the wrong doings of the Central Council in the past, they are quite justified in their action in not recording them.—Yours faithfully,

W. PYE.

LIVERPOOL.—On Thursday, August 11th, at the Church of St. James, West Derby, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Hancock 1, G. W. Tembey 2, S. Taylor 3, W. Parry 4, G. R. Newton 5, W. Hargreaves 6.—On Friday, August 12th, at St. John's, Tuebrook, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: C. Davies 1, G. W. Tembey 2, J. Meldrum 3, G. R. Newton (conductor) 4, E. Bumphrey 5, T. Hammond, junr., 6, E. Cance 7, W. H. Rawsthorne 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 2, 5 and tenor. Composed by H. W. Wilde. Arranged for Mr. Tembey, of Cumberland.

ESSEX RINGERS' VISIT TO SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, August 27th, the Chelmsford and District ringers paid a visit to Suffolk for their annual outing. Leaving Writtle at 7.30, and picking up the rest at Chelmsford, a fine run by a 'National' motor coach through Braintree, Hakstead, etc., brought them to Sudbury at 9 o'clock, where a halt was made, and refreshment obtained, as 'Dora' was unknown beyond the river dividing the counties of Essex and Suffolk. After a short stay, a move was made to Bury St. Edmunds, where Mr. A. E. Moore met the party, and conducted them to the Church of St. Mary. The fine ring of eight bells were soon going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, the ringers taking their places according to pre-arranged programme, while others were viewing the beautiful church and abbey grounds. Proceeding to the Norman tower, Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Treble Bob Royd were brought round. The seventh and ninth bells provided, the ringers with a bit of exercise to obtain anything like accurate striking, otherwise the fine peal of ten was much enjoyed.

Dinner took place at the Rose and Crown Hotel, where 50 sat down to a fine spread provided by Host Gaskin. Accompanied by the brothers A. E. and H. Moore, the next move was to Lavenham where the visitors were met by Messrs. A. and S. H. Symonds. The bells being up ready for use they were set going to Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire. The church here was beautifully decorated for the harvest festival, and with the splendid carved work was very much admired. Tea was well served at the Swan Hotel by Host Ingram. Messrs. Moore and Symonds joining the party. Taking leave of the local men, the next move was to Sudbury, where at St. Gregory's Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, as per programme. These bells now hang in a perfect circle, and a great improvement has taken place with rehanging and tuning since the last visit of the party a few years ago. Proceeding to All Saints', accompanied by Mr. Scott, the local representative to finish the day's ringing, the visitors found that this fine heavy ring require a bit of handling, and offered the stiffest job of the day. However, short touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Treble Bob were brought round, and then leave had to be taken of friends who had met them. A fine ride back brought the excursionists to Chelmsford about 11 p.m., after a most successful and enjoyable day. The ringers would like to thank the incumbents of the various churches, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' for kind permission readily granted for the use of their bells, and the various local men who met them for their great assistance in making arrangements.

CHELTENHAM & DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27th, the members of the above Guild left Cheltenham by charabanc for Chepstow, the first stop being at Newnham, where light refreshments were partaken of by the riverside. The journey was then continued to the White Lion, Chepstow, where lunch was provided.—The Chairman (Mr. Yeend, senr.) proposed the loyal toast, and selections on the handbells were rendered by Messrs. Humphries, Pates, Prickett, Brinkworth and Pendry. The party were welcomed by the churchwarden, in the absence of the Vicar. Mr. Prickett mentioned that it was 33 years since the Cheltenham Company were engaged to 'open' the bells, Mr. W. T. Pates being one of the band.

Afterwards the church bells were raised in peal, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman were brought round, Mr. Prickett, of Chepstow, and Messrs. J. W. Jones and H. Morgan, of Newport, taking part. The homeward journey was made through Monmouth and Ross, the scenery being much enjoyed.

The arrangements were in the hands of Mr. W. T. Pates (Master of the Cheltenham company), Mr. A. W. Humphries (secretary), Mr. W. Brinkworth (Master of the Guild), and Mr. T. Pendry (captain of the Prestbury company).

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Wragby, near Wakefield, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. The church is situated in the park on Lord St. Oswald's property, and its history is very interesting, but space forbids a description. The surroundings are lovely, and the day being fine, visitors enjoyed the outing very much. Many methods of Minor were rung, of which Wragby was one, and others down to Bob Minor were practised. The members were from far and near, and about 30 sat down to an excellent tea. The Vicar (the Rev. G. E. Badeley, B.A.) being present; also the Rev. Dickinson, of Ryhill. These gentlemen manifested great interest in all the proceedings; and suffice it to say, all were very happy, and left with bright hopes of the next meeting, which is to be held at Wath on October 8th.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Thursday, Sept. 15th, for the harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), taken from 'The Ringing World': B. Corderoy (first quarter-peal) 1, T. East 2, W. E. Napper 3, J. Butler (conductor) 4, E. E. Napper 5, T. F. East 6, J. S. Napper 7, W. Goodenough 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by A. P. Wakley, and published in 'The Ringing World': B. Corderoy 1, A. H. Webb 2, W. J. Napper 3, J. Butler 4, W. E. Napper 5, T. East 6, T. F. East (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, W. Goodenough 8.

**MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. V. A. CRESWELL.
A HANDSOME PEAL TABLET.**

On Sunday, Sept. 11th, the oak peal board, erected in the ringers' room of the Parish Church, Clun, Salop. to the memory of the late Rev. V. A. Creswell, M.A., formerly of Clun, was dedicated by the Rev. H. J. Scott, M.A., Ringing Master of Clun district. There was a good congregation, which included Mrs. Creswell and her two daughters, and other members of the Creswell family. The service was fully choral, and was intoned by the Vicar (the Rev. M. Lutener), special psalms and hymns being used.

The Rev. H. J. Scott was the preacher, and took for his text, St. Matthew xxvi. 13. He made special reference to Mr. Creswell's boyhood days in Clun, when he was a member of the choir, and when he was taught to ring; also to his work in the various parishes in which he resided, and his efforts to improve the ringing in the Hereford Diocese.

After the sermon, the choir, clergy, with Mr. W. Mead (churchwarden) formed a procession to the west end of the church, where the formal dedication took place, after which the procession returned to the chancel, where the service was concluded.

The memorial peal board is of solid oak to Early English design, and measures 11ft. long by 3ft. 4 inches high, and consists of five vertical panels enclosed with heavy moulded framing and mullions with bold sill and head pieces. The latter form a cornice with projecting coverings, in which the memorial inscription has been carved in relief in the solid: 'In loving memory of Vaughan Creswell, M.A., C.R., formerly of Clun, who died 15th March, 1919, at Yarkhill.' The panels are constructed of solid English oak, horizontal boards, with ledges screwed on behind. The records carved on the three centre panels have been spaced out so that no joint in the boarding cuts the incised wording. The centre panel records the peal rung by the St. George's Society, Clun to celebrate the Armistice, when Mr. Creswell rang the treble—the bell the family gave in memory of a deceased sister. This was the first peal on the new bells, and it also happened to be Mr. Creswell's last peal. Two other panels record peals by the Hereford Diocesan Guild and the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham rung during the same week, the two vacant panels being reserved for future special occasions.

The memorial board was especially designed by Mr. W. H. Fussell, Slough, and the work, executed by a local firm, forms a unique example of the arts and crafts of a country town. It is one of the finest peal records to be found in any ringing room.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association was held at Mangotsfield on Saturday last, Sept. 17th. The bells were raised in peal at 3 o'clock, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung. A large assembly was present at the service, at which the Rev. F. R. H. Crews and the Rev. M. E. Thorold officiated. The former also gave the members an invitation to the schoolroom, where an excellent tea was ready, over 80 ringers and friends sitting down.

At the business meeting which followed, the Master (Mr. H. T. Howell), who presided, extended a very hearty welcome to the visitors, who included Miss E. Fisher, of St. Martin's, Dorking, Surrey.

The Rev. M. E. Thorold proposed the Rev. E. J. Philips, of Coalpit Heath, and Mr. J. G. Jefferies proposed the Rev. F. R. Henry Crews, of Mangotsfield, as hon. members, and they were unanimously elected. Ten performing members were also elected.

The places for the next two monthly meetings were fixed, viz., Wopley and Westerleigh, on October 15th, and Ainsbury and Almondsbury, on November 12th. The quarterly meeting is to take place at St. James' City, on December 10th.

The Rev. T. C. Fowler proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. F. R. H. Crews, and to the choir, organist and the ladies who kindly assisted to make the meeting such a success.—This was carried with applause.

The tower was again visited, and touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire, etc., terminated a very successful meeting. Seventeen towers were represented during the day.

REIGATE RINGERS VISIT KENT TOWERS.

On Saturday, Sept. 3rd, the Reigate society had their annual outing by charabanc, the members being accompanied by their wives and friends. The first call was at St. Mary's Church, Westerham, where a good touch of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob were rung. After viewing the neighbourhood, the party proceeded to St. Mary's, Chiddingstone, where other good touches were rung. Proceeding through picturesque country, the next place of call was St. John the Baptist's, Penshurst, where the party, 28 in number, sat down to lunch. Ringing at the parish church followed, and was watched with much interest by a great number of visitors to the castle grounds. Edenbridge was the next objective, and after tea an hour's ringing at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul was enjoyed. Reigate was again reached at 8.30, after a most enjoyable outing, the weather being all that could be wished.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. T. Conley, the oldest regular service ringer, celebrated his 85th birthday on September 14th. He has been a member of the belfry at St. Peter's, St. Albans, for a very great number of years.

The new peal of eight bells, given by a well-known South Wales Nonconformist, Mr. J. L. Morgau, of Brynderwen, Llandaff, to the Parish Church of Llanfagan were dedicated on September 7th. The ring, with tenor of 12½ cwt., were cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have hung them in a rigid frame on steel girders, with fittings of all the latest type, including ball bearings.

East Ilsley, Berks, the birthplace of Mr. R. T. Hibbert, secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, is to have its five bells tuned, augmented to eight, and hung in new fittings and framework by the Whitechapel Foundry.

The tenor at Bexhill Parish Church, Sussex, has just been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in their new type of ball bearings. The same firm are rehanging the six bells at Appleby, Lincs, with new gudgeons and bearings.

Next Thursday is the anniversary of the birth of William Shipway, who was born at Bath on Sept. 29th, 1760. He was apprenticed to a Mr. Hancock, a cabinet maker, who was sexton at the Abbey, and, through him, made the acquaintance of the ringers. He was able to ring Treble Bob Royal before he left the city for London, at the age of 24.

MR. JOSEPH BREARLEY RETIRES.

One of the best known personalities in campanological circles in Yorkshire, Mr. Joseph Brearley, has, we are informed, retired from taking any active part in campanology. Being close upon 80 years of age, this veteran ringer has completed some 60 years in the belfry tower, and during that period he has assisted in winning numerous prizes at contests in various towers, including Brighouse, Low Moor, Almondbury, Liversedge, Dewsbury, Sowerby, New Church, etc.

At that time, when Elland company were considered one of the best ringing teams in the West Riding, Elland had the good fortune to possess two or three companies of ringers, but at present it is very difficult to raise a full team, and unless some effort is made to enrol recruits the art of campanology in Elland may be a thing of the past. An effort is about to be made to have the bells in the tower (which are considered an excellent peal) overhauled. Mr. Brearley's many friends will wish him health and happiness in his retiring years.

SPALDWICK BELLS.

INCREASED TO SIX.

On Thursday evening, Sept. 8th, several ringers met at the Parish Church, Spaldwick, Hunts, to try the new peal of six bells installed by Mr. A. Howell, of Ipswich. A well-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung by: L. Chapman (Rushden) 1, A. Smeathers (Rushden) 2, L. Wyman (Thrapston) 3, R. C. Loveday (Thrapston) 4, A. W. Clarke (Ipswich) 5, A. Howell (Ipswich), conductor, 6. Also a 300 Kent Treble Bob followed, with J. Rosa (Ipswich), the Rev. C. B. Woolley (Long Stanton) standing in. A 120 Stedman, and a course each of Cambridge Surprise and Double Oxford finished the ringing.

The band was then entertained to refreshments at the inn, and were joined by the Rector (the Rev. — Jones), and a very pleasant evening was spent.

The bells are hung in a new iron frame, a treble has been added to make the peal of six, with a tenor of 12½ cwt. in E. The work has been most satisfactorily carried out by Mr. Alfred Howell, to whom great credit is due for the 'go' and tone of the bells, which is excellent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A combined meeting of the Gainsborough and Grimsby districts was held at Kirton Lindsey on Saturday, Sept. 10th. There was only a very moderate attendance. The towers represented were: Gainsborough, Bigby, Grimsby and Kirton Lindsey. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and tea was provided in the Schoolroom, followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. H. R. Garvey (Vicar of Kirton Lindsey) presided. He gave the visitors a very hearty welcome, and assured them that he should always be pleased to see them on any future occasion.

Votes of thanks to the church authorities for the use of the bells, to Mr. A. Davies for making the necessary arrangements, and to the ladies for the excellent tea provided and their services at the table, were unanimously passed and duly responded to.—Apologies of absence were received from Canon Hicks, Messingham; Rev. J. Barber, Stow; Messrs. W. H. Heyhoe, Grimsby; W. P. Henton (on behalf of the Stow company), and H. Haigh, Worksop.

THE LEICESTERSHIRE TOUR.

THE SUCCESSES, FAILURES AND HUMOUR OF A RINGING WEEK.

TOLD BY ONE OF THE PARTY.

The arrangement was made to meet at Leicester on September 3rd for a week's ringing in the hunting shire, and on that date the men began to foregather for the scalping of possible peals. The brothers Goffton, of Newcastle, came by train, as did also Tom Coles, of the 'Middlesex,' accompanied by the 'Varmer Giles' of the party, yecept W. J. Nevard. These men from town brought the startling news that the 'skipper' was driving the remainder of the London band down in his own car. It took some time to assimilate the fact that Bill Pye had joined the Jehus, and further, that he was timed to reach Leicester by 3.30 p.m. It is not known whether he has ulterior designs of 'putting it across' the Brooklands' records or not, but punctually to time our Son of Nimshi pulled up at the destination on the London Road, having done a hundred miles.

It was a most auspicious entry—what happened at the latter-end of the week, alas! must wait until the tale is told—and after a wash and tea at their hotel the band made their way to tackle the first obstacle on the programme, a peal of Bristol Surprise at St. John the Divine. The bells of the above church are in an iron frame, tenor 21 cwt. At 4.30 they went into changes, and in 3 hours 10 minutes, the first peal of Bristol rung in Leicester was an accomplished fact.

On Sunday a visit was made to Barwell for London Surprise, but after an hour's ringing the untucking of a rope end caused one of the band to set up. Monday was a great day. A peal of London was pulled off at Quorn, and this was followed up by one of Superlative at Mountsorrel. Then, being in advance of the clock, some went on to Loughborough, where a peal of Cambridge was added to the score. On Tuesday morning a meet was made at Belgrave St. Peter's, a left-handed ring, but an hour's ringing was enough to satisfy. The afternoon saw the men at St. Saviour's, a sonorous ring of 26 cwt. In 3-10 the first peal of London Surprise rung in Leicester was safely recorded.

The evening was spent at the Palace of Varieties, where our skipper got right in the limelight. One of the 'turns' consisted of the mechanical driving of motors by electric rays of light, and the audience was invited to send up a committee of investigation. We put up two, W. Pye and J. Harris, who promptly went over the top, but their scrutiny failed to detect the secret.

Wednesday was mapped out for Gilmorton and Lutterworth. The first named was reached by 10 o'clock, and a peal of Superlative was started for. It was a hot day, and the writer is of the firm opinion that the best part of peal ringing in such circumstances is that of a listener. Those of us who occupied that role, idly reclined on the rectory lawn sampling the juicy fruits, what time the bolder spirits pulled away in the belfry. After two hours' ringing the second clapper flew out, and put paid to the attempt No. 1. While at dinner we decided to refix the clapper, go on to Lutterworth for the peal arranged, and return for another try in the evening. This we did. The bells at Lutterworth were all ready, thanks to the steeplekeeper, and we got away to the tune of Bristol. An excellent peal—the first in the method on the bells—was rung in 3 hours 5 minutes. Owing to the re-arranged programme we were unable to wait in Lutterworth to meet the local men, and motored back for the peal at Gilmorton. There was no mistake this time. The peal was safely negotiated, and Superlative was added to the 'bag.'

I wonder if the god Pan watches over ringers. If he does, then Thursday and Friday were not piping times, for black failure overtook us. Melton Mowbray was the venue, Cambridge Royal was the menu, and Thursday morning heard the ten bells roll it out. Sitting in the public park we listeners heard two and a half hours' good ringing, when . . . (draw down the blind, every ringer knows what happens when four bells insist on filling two places). This was a cold douche, for it was the only ten-bell tower on the list. Dinner soothed the ruffled feelings, if not the sore fingers, and a drive out to Ashby Folville, a ring of eight, some seven miles away, did not bring success, for Cambridge Major was lost after ringing two hours.

Black Friday was true to name. An eleventh-hour cancellation of the bells of Stanton owing to steeple repairs, resulted in eight men motoring to Barwell, the remainder going on an hour later by motor-bus. A few miles out of Leicester the bus was held up by eight pairs of hands. 'Old Bill' had got out and got under the car, which had turned cantankerous; the men climbed aboard the bus, leaving the skipper behind. Permission was obtained at Barwell, and Superlative was started for. A lapse of memory on the part of the writer—he admits it in sackcloth and ashes—caused the misplacement of a bob 'before.' 've peal was lost,' after two hours.

Himckley Parish Church possesses a ring of eight bells, with a tenor about a ton. One side of the ringing room consists entirely of a huge window giving ample light and also heat on a hot day. Some of the bells badly need recasting, being sadly out of tune. One and a half hour's ringing was enough for the men who were sore-handed, and a return was made to Leicester headquarters.

Eight o'clock saw a goodly company of ringers from all parts as-

sembled in 'The Earl Grey,' where a smoking concert was held in honour of the visitors. Songs and handbell ringing filled the programme, conspicuous in which was a course of London Surprise 'in hand,' by: E. P. Duffield 1-2, A. Goffton 3-4, W. Pye 5-6, T. T. Goffton 7-8. The smoker ended with 'Auld Lang Syne,' and the band retired to rest with a grim determination to retrieve the position on Saturday.

The last day of the tour was a memorable one. A band of eight motored over to Thurcaston to start for a peal of London. The remainder went to the neighbouring village of Ansty, to endeavour to fix up another peal at that place. We saw the Rector, who kindly granted permission. The peal of London was duly pulled off, and tracks were made for Ansty, where, after a meal, attempt was made for No. 2. Cambridge was the method, and 'that's all' came up in 2.50.

Tea was taken at Steeplekeeper Cufflin's house, and the band began to dwindle, owing to the fact that some were due to return home. We had Hugglescote bells at our disposal, however, and relying on the help of Mr. Ephraim Rands, a local ringer, and Jim Harris, of Leicester, we made for the last item on 'the bill of fare.' Hugglescote was reached at 6.15, and off we went into Stedman Triples, Tom Coles barking out the bobs. The bells are somewhat loud in the ringing room, but they are very fine for their weight, and a first-class peal was rung in 2.55. It should be noted that Mr. W. J. Nevard, the oldest member of the party, rang in all three peals that day.

As our motor had shown outward and visible signs of indisposition during the day, and not a little buck-jumping, we were dubious as to how we were going to get back. It is a ten-mile run to Leicester, and we started back about 10.15 p.m. At midnight we were six miles off, the machine had developed rheumatics in its hind legs, and was emitting the most unearthly groans and grunts mankind ever heard.

The peaceful village of Markfield was awakened from its sleep as though all the clanking chains of Hades had suddenly been dumped upon them. Heads were thrust out of windows, and the language hurled at us was anything but complimentary: as a matter of fact it was, in strict Jounnalese, 'unfit for publication.' Still we struggled on for another mile, when the motor considered that it had done its bit, and, after another grunt, stopped. The lights gave out, the moon went to bed, and we were properly stranded. There was no help for it but to hoof it home. We decided to abandon the craft, but not so Bill. Like a good skipper he resolved to stay aboard till morning, and did so after we had moved him to the roadside.

We moved him darkly at dead of night,

The wheels with our shoulders turning;

Not even a blinking moonbeam's light,

But a rear lamp dimly burning.

Bill's Beiter 'Ole was scarce a nest,

But safe till a policeman found him;

And he lay like a warrior taking his rest,

With his motor rug around him.

Thus ended this strange eventful history. At daylight we sent out garage help and towed him in. As trouble had developed in the back axle it could not be repaired until Monday, hence the majority went home by train. Thanks are due and herewith given to the various church authorities, Rectors and Vicars for their kind permission to ring, and also to the steeplekeepers. W. W.

THE SALOP GUILD.

The September meeting was held at Stanton-on-Hine Heath on Saturday, when 20 members were present. During the afternoon all Standard methods were rung in short touches. Ringers were glad to see the Vicar (the Rev. Holmes) among them whilst ringing was going on. Tea was provided in the Schoolroom, and afterwards the Vicar was thanked for his kindness in allowing the Guild to hold this meeting there, and also for the trouble he had taken to provide the tea. On returning to the tower some further good ringing was maintained. At 8 o'clock the gathering broke up, and some of the members went to the next village, Moreton Corbet, where, after getting permission to use the tower, a 360 each of Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob were well rung.

CREWE RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, Sept. 10th the ringers connected with Christ Church, Crewe, had their annual outing, the place selected being Woolton, near Liverpool. The party arrived about 3 o'clock, and were met by the Rector, the Venerable Archdeacon Howson (a former Vicar of Christ Church, Crewe), who showed them round the beautiful church, after which they proceeded to the tower, and rang several short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major until 5.30, when they were welcomed and entertained to tea at the Rectory by Archdeacon and Mrs. Howson. When tea was over, a ramble round the grounds was enjoyed, after which the ringers thanked the host and hostess for their kind hospitality. Returning to the church, a short service was held, conducted by the Archdeacon. Afterwards the ringers again visited the tower until 8.30, when the return journey was made to Lime Street Station, leaving Liverpool at 10 p.m. Crewe was safely reached, all agreeing that a very pleasant time had been spent.

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LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—When our present-day experts will leave off talking of forward and backward hunting and get down to the true fundamentals, they will begin to understand—(1) What a method is; (2) how it is obtained, (3) and what are the correct extensions.

The following method, discovered by myself many years ago, gave me the clue, and it will give anyone else the clue if they are willing to accept the truth, instead of backing their own opinions against what can positively be proved a fact, not only so far as this particular method is concerned, but of any method, principle or system whatsoever.

12315678	} 5th's place bob 3 bells shifted.
21436587	
24163857	
42618375	
46281357	
64823175	} 3rd's place bob 3 bells shifted.
68432715	
86347251	
68374921	
86735412	
87653142	} 5th's place bob 3 bells shifted.
78561324	
75816342	
57183624	
51738264	
15372846	

13527486

The above method is produced from what I call the Quick primary principle by three bobs which shift nine bells, but as the 3rd makes all the bobs, the result is that seven bells only are shifted, and we obtain the proof in the lead-head: 13527486.

The merest novice will surely have no difficulty in following the above argument; and it is just as easy, when you know how, to prove that London Surprise Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus are produced by Bobs and Extremes from the Slow and Quick primary principles in combination.

The Rev. E. B. James can see no likeness between London Surprise Minor and Major. I wonder if what follows will convince him?

The shunts of London Surprise on all numbers consist of Slow Bobs, Quick Bobs, and Quick Extremes: they are distributed as follows:

	Slow Bobs.	Quick Bobs.	Quick Extremes.
Minor	8	5	3
Major	12	7	3
Royal	16	9	3
Maximus	20	11	3

In Treble Bob and Surprise Methods, the shunts affect all the bells just as they do in Principles and Systems. The following is a true table of the numbers of bells shifted in London Surprise from Minor to Maximus:

Minor: bells shifted ...	54—1 total 53.
Major: bells shifted ...	96—1 total 95.
Royal: bells shifted ...	150—3 total 147.
Maximus: bells shifted	216—2 total 214.

N.B.—The Minuses are the bells that are in the same position at the lead-head that they occupied in the fundamental row.

Mr. James being a mathematician will know all about casting out the nines in proving arithmetic. I will now show how a similar rule can be used in proving the above figures to be correct.

In Minor, 53 bells have been shifted; cast out the sixes, and you have a remainder of five working bells, which is proved by the lead-head 142635.

In Major, 95 bells have been shifted; cast out the eights, and you have a remainder of seven working bells, which is proved by the lead-head 14263857.

In Royal (the seven part touch), 147 bells have been shifted; cast out the tens, and you have a remainder of seven working bells, which is proved by the lead-head 1083564927.

In Maximus (the five part touch), 214 bells have been shifted; cast out the twelves, and you have a remainder of ten working bells, which is proved by the lead-head 12e9(7058364. This row is on a par with the lead-head of the true extension of Double Norwich Royal, because, although you have ten working bells, the cycle is finished in 5 leads.

If Mr. James is not satisfied now that his method is not London Royal, there are other ways of proving the truth of my statements; but this is enough for this week, excepting we will just compare the Bobs and Extremes of Mr. James' method with the proved true touch of London Royal given above.

London Royal.	Mr. James' Method.
16 Slow Bobs.	20 Slow Bobs.
9 Quick Bobs.	11 Quick Bobs.
3 Quick Extremes.	3 Quick Extremes.

The number of bells shifted in Mr. James' Method is 170—1; total, 169: if we cast out the tens, we have a remainder of nine working bells, which is proved by the lead-head of 1426380597.—Yours faithfully,
GEORGE BAKER.

P.S.—It may interest Mr. Taylor to compare the shunts of his latest Royal method with the true shunts of London Royal given above, they are as follow:—

	18	9	2	1
	Slow Bobs	Quick Bobs.	Slow Extremes.	Quick Extreme.

these shunts have shifted 160 bells minus 1, total 159, cast out the tens, and there is a remainder of 9 working bells which is proved by the lead-head, 1426380597.

FORMULÆ NEEDED.

Sir,—I have just read with much interest the able controversy now appearing in your columns on the subject of the extension of London Surprise. (I regret that I have had no time to do so before.) On the particular method I do not propose to speak; but I should like to put forward a theory of my own that I have held for some years, but lacked the opportunity to work up.

Some of the arguments just put forward are very ingenious—especially that of Mr. Bankes James; but all that has been done in any of these controversies so far is to formulate empirical rules to suit particular cases; and as a result much ingenuity runs to waste, because owing to the lack of a general basis it is bound to produce conflicting results. Some years ago, for example, I attempted to prove that Stedman was illegitimate; I still think it is; but on the lines I (and my opponents) used then I believe I could prove with equal definiteness that it is perfectly legitimate.

Change ringing is a mathematical science—there is none more definitely and exclusively so; and I, therefore, venture to think that it should be possible to get a watertight mathematical proof of these problems, if anyone could only hit on the lines to work on, instead of having to rely on empirical generalisations, which, however obvious they seem, must in the long run be based on nothing less variable than personal interpretation. What I have long thought we need is a collection of formulæ, in the form of algebraical series or otherwise, and a system of expressing methods algebraically: the whole to be such that—

- (1) Given a half-lead (or half-division, or quarter-lead of a double method) we can immediately write down the method on any number of bells by using the formula.
- (2) Given a half-lead (etc.) of any method on any number of bells, we can immediately write down its true courses.
- (3) I should imagine that such formulæ would give at once the number of methods with any particular set of characteristics that could be obtained on any number of bells.

I cannot pretend to prove the existence of such formulæ; I only feel that as change ringing is a purely mathematical science they must exist; and they would solve many of the problems of change ringing just as Newton's discovery of the calculus solved those of ordinary mathematics. Exactly what to expect from the Newton of change ringing I am not sure. Whether formulæ can be devised by numbering changes and establishing general relations between their sequence, or whether by working on the places made, I do not know.

I feel fairly certain of one or two points, however. First, that the In-and-Out of course of the changes will have no place in the investigation. The In-and-Out of course is merely an empirical generalisation—a very useful one, but none the less empirical for all that. From the mathematical point of view, we might as well work on the number of multiples of seven that pairs are interchanged from rounds. Secondly, I think that what must be dealt with is the places as they are—not any theories, however correct, as to their function; and thirdly, it seems quite probable that everything could not be discovered synthetically, but that much work would have to be done on analysing the possible orders of the changes, all taken in.

With this I must at the moment, sir, leave the suggestion. I ask your permission to commend it to those qualified to judge its worth. If there is anything in it, it would be premature to pronounce one extension right and another wrong until these formulæ have been discovered.—Yours faithfully,
H. W. FRIGHT.

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ACROSS THE BRISTOL CHANNEL.

All Saints' Church, Newport, Mon., ringers, had their annual outing on Saturday, Sept. 10th, going by steamer to Weston-super-Mare, where a most enjoyable time was spent. After a ring on the Parish Church bells a charabanc was chartered, and a visit paid to Kewstoke and Uphill Churches, and touches rung in different methods. Opportunity is now taken of thanking the incumbents of the different churches for the use of the bells, and more especially to Mr. Stubbins and Mr. Parker of Weston, for making the necessary arrangements.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

A PARTING GIFT.

On Sunday, Sept. 11th, before ringing for morning service a little ceremony took place in the belfry at Tring, Herts. The curate, on behalf of the ringers and himself, presented Mr. T. W. Wright with a framed photograph of the ringers. Mr. Wright, who is leaving Tring to take up a business appointment at King's Norton, will be greatly missed in the belfry, where he was a great help and most regular in his attendance for service ringings. Afterwards a 504 Grandsire Triples was rung by: H. Bull 1, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 2, F. Keen 3, F. C. Reeve 4, F. Waterton 5, T. W. Wright 6, H. Heley 7, W. Redman 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONG STANTON.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, for evening service (harvest thanksgiving), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: W. Hawkes 1, F. J. Cook 2, C. W. Woolley 3, Rev. H. B. Woolley 4, J. B. Woolley 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6, Geo. Crisp 7, L. A. Cook 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, S.E., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. G. Hibbins (Cambridge), first quarter-peal in the method. 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, E. J. King 3, W. Rushton 4, J. R. Gammon 5, R. G. Chappelle 6, W. H. Pickett 7, W. E. G. Lewson 8.

THAME, OXON.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: D. Chapman (first quarter-peal) 1, Sergt. G. Gilbert, R.E. 2, W. Henley 3, R. J. Ricketts (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, W. Welling (conductor) 5, G. Miles 6, T. Jakeman 7, H. Clarke (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Gilbert.

STONY STRATFORD.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, at St. Giles' Church, for evening service, 1,260 Minor, in 47 mins., being 720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 144 Oxford Treble Bob, 56 Plain Bob: A. Clarke 1, H. C. Edwards 2, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, W. Bonham 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, E. Yates 6.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 18th, 720 Bob Minor, on the back six, in 26 mins.: A. Best 1, F. M. Mitchell 2, F. Draper 3, G. Lingham 4, H. Barnes (first 720 as conductor) 5, W. Ware 6.

OXFORD.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At St. Ebbe's Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 18th, for harvest festival, 720 Plain Bob: F. A. H. Wilkins (first 720) 1, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 2, H. Tolley 3, F. Beckitt 4, G. Stone 5, F. Clifkard 6.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, for evening service, and on the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples: E. J. Dowler 1, G. Cartwright 2, V. Hemus 3, H. Stanley 4, H. J. Dowler 5, J. Eaton 6, S. Grove (conductor) 7, H. Parkes 8.

KINGSNORTH, KENT.—For evening service, on Sept. 18th, the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): Miss Rose Thomas (Mersham) 1, Fred Hodges (Kingsnorth) 2, Fred Good, conductor (Charing) 3, Sid Hopper (Ashford) 4, Harry Parkes (Mersham) 5.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,312 changes), in 50 mins.: O. Fenn (conductor) 1, H. E. Parker 2, G. Jackson 3, T. Faulkner 4, G. H. King 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, G. Cottis 7, A. C. Hardy (composer) 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise

Major (1,280 changes), in 48 mins.: G. Jackson 1, H. E. Parker 2, T. Faulkner (conductor) 3, E. Andrews 4, G. H. King 5, A. C. Hardy (composer) 6, R. Fenn 7, O. Fenn 8.

BARNES.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, W. H. Stevens 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackrill 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.

MARKET DEEPPING.—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 11th, for morning service, 360 St. Clement's Minor: E. A. Sneath 1, A. Riggall 2, H. M. Day 3, H. Holmes 4, W. A. Day (conductor) 5, J. Landon 6. For evening service, 720 of St. Clement's: E. A. Sneath 1, A. Riggall (first in the method) 2, J. Landon 3, H. Holmes 4, W. A. Day 5, H. M. Day (conductor) 6.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Skinner 1, F. J. Spice 2, G. F. James 3, A. James 4, E. Mounter 5, G. Huxley 6, G. Darling (conductor) 7, F. Scott 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and tenor.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, for evening service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Underwood 1, P. Gridley 2, A. Maxim 3, W. P. Gridley 4, G. More 5, T. Chinnery 6, G. Maxim 7, S. Evans (conductor) 8.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.—Llanfaff Association.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, for morning service, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Page 1, F. Lasbury 2, H. Davies 3, J. Cross 4, T. Hamlin 5, G. Wires 6, W. Page 7, T. Page (conductor) 8. From 'The Ringing World' of August 28th, by F. W. Rogers.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, at St. Iltyd's Church, for morning service, 392 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Wright 1, R. Evans 2, J. Evans 3, R. Gregory 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, H. Jenkins 6, D. R. James 7, B. J. Toby 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: B. J. Toby (longest length away from tenor) 1, R. Evans 2, J. Evans 3, R. Gregory 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, H. Jenkins 6, D. R. James 7, A. W. Wright 8.

NORTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, for evensong, 720 Violet Treble Bob: G. E. Lawrence 1, J. W. Walker (conductor) 2, F. Triner 3, E. E. Johnson 4, J. E. Wheelton 5, J. Walley 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: G. Cooper (first 720 of Minor) 1, H. Ridgway (first 720 with a bob bell) 2, T. Roberts 3, F. Case 4, T. Read 5, A. J. Green 6.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, for morning service, a 720 Double Court: H. Ridgway 1, T. Roberts 2, F. Case 3, L. Smith 4, T. Read 5, A. J. Green 6.—For evening service, a quarter-peal, being 120 Double Oxford, 360 Double Court, 360 Oxford Bob, 420 Plain Bob: A. Birdsey 1, T. Roberts 2, F. Case 3, L. Smith 4, T. Read 5, A. J. Green 6. First quarter-peal in four methods by all except 4th and 6th.

KEWERTON, GLOS.—On Sunday, Sept. 4th, at St. Nicholas' Church, for morning service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: R. Harris 1, A. Wallace 2, E. Devereaux 3, O. Attwood 4, W. Crooks 5, W. Ricketts (conductor) 6.

FRAMPTON, near BOSTON.—On Sunday, Sept. 4th, for evening service, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. Lakin 1, H. Lakin 2, G. Coleman 3, J. W. Lakin, junr. 4, W. Houghton 5, J. W. Lakin, senr. (conductor). 6. Also 360 Plain Bob: J. W. Lakin, senr. 1, P. Lakin 2, H. Lakin 3, G. Coleman 4, W. Houghton 5, J. W. Lakin, junr. (conductor). 6. The Lakins are from Benington; W. Houghton from Wrangle; and Mr. G. Coleman from Frampton.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

518 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.	1,263 STEDMAN CATERS.	1,356 BOB MAJOR.	720 CHESTER SURPRISE MINOR
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254763 1	215463 16S	25364 —	3425 —
462537 3	213564 16	32564 —	5243 2 2
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234567 3	three bobs at 16.		

Has Whittington's, Queen's, and Titum's.
H. W. Wilde.

W. H. Hewett.

J. A. Trollope.

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C. Severn

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Members are hereby reminded that the annual subscription of 1/6 from all resident ringing members is now due, and should be paid without delay to the respective District Secretaries. All lapsed members will be reinstated without prejudice on payment of subscriptions in arrears.—Percy J. Johnson, 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—The 284th Anniversary Dinner will be held at 'The London Tavern,' Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 12th.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District. — A meeting will be held at Elstow on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 2.30. It is hoped that all members will try and attend. All ringers invited.—H. L. Harlow, Dis. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Todmorden on Saturday, Sept. 24th.—W. H. Shaker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Uxbridge Deanery Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Kewstoke (near Weston-super-Mare) on the 24th inst. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after service. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, Sept. 24th. The bells of the Parish Church and St. Paul's will be available from 3 till 4.45 and during the evening. Service at the Parish Church at 4.45. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—R. W. Hyner, Hon. Sec., 42, Brunswick Street, Swindon.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Barnby Dun (G.C.) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Service at 4.45. Tea 5.30. Motor buses run from Silver Street, Doncaster. The practice at Doncaster St. George's is now suspended.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Barton on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. A good meeting is requested.—F. Barber, District Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The Ladies' Guild of Church Workers of Cookham, has kindly offered to entertain the members and friends of this branch, at Cookham, Berks, on Saturday, September 24th. Evening choral service will be held at the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m., when the Rev. A. W. Batchelor, D.D., will give an address to the ringers. Tea on the Vicarage lawn will be provided at 5 o'clock, followed by a social, when it is hoped the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., will preside.

Tower bells will be available at 2.30 and after 7, subject to the supervision of the belfry keeper.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. — The district annual meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Business: Election of officers.—H. T. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Cave on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service in church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Albion Hotel at a charge of 1/9 each. Business meeting to follow.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Calverleigh (6) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available at 2.30; service, with address by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, at 4.45; tea 1s. each, at 5.15.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A by-meeting will be held at Bovinger on Saturday, Sept. 24th, by the request of the Rector (Rev. G. Ernest Day). Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector, 5.45. Nearest station Blake Hall, G.E.R. Trains leave Leytonstone 1.50 p.m. and Stratford 2.23 p.m.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, E.15.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Western District will be held at Wetherby on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. to 9. Short service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately after.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Bolney (Haywards Heath Station) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation) 5, followed by business meeting.—A. D. Stone, 10, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Brewood on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at Mr. Perry's at 5, 1s. each. Service in church at 6, with an address by the Rev. Preb. Dunkley, Vicar. A motor bus will be engaged to leave Station Drive (L. & N.W.R.), Wolverhampton at 2, 2s. 6d. return.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting will be held at Stanmore, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1/6 per head at 5.30. Harrow Weald bells open for ringing after tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall, near Bristol, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and the annual business meeting, at which it is hoped all members will be present, and any subscriptions still owing should be paid.—Edith Smith, Sec., 16, West Park, Clifton, Bristol.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus on September 29th at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest will take place at New Mill on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Teas will be provided for those who notify on or before Monday, Sept. 26th. (1s. 6d. each). Draw for order of ringing 2.45. Entries for contest to be sent to W. Frith, Sec., 5, Sufton Street, Berkby, Huddersfield.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available 2.30. Cathedral 10, St. Sidwell's 10, St. David's 8, Heavitree 8, St. Petrock's 6. Tea 4.30, St. Sidwell's Institute. Tea 1s. each. All members of the Guild are welcome.—J. C. Oke, 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.50 at "Nag's Head," to be followed by business meeting. Will all requiring tea please advise me by Sept. 26th?—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The ancient ring of eight at Finchingfield will be reopened after rehangng on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Service in the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist at 3 p.m., preacher Rev. Dr. Evans (Rector of Sible Hedingham). Tea, 1s. each, will be provided in the Schoolroom to those only who let me know not later than Tuesday, Sept. 27th.—B. Redgwell, District Sec., The Street, Rayne, Braintree.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Halesworth District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cranford on Saturday, Oct. 1st. The fine peal of six bells (tenor 20 cwt.) will be available from 2 p.m. All ringing friends welcome.—F. C. Lambert, District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices on Mondays at 7.30 p.m.: Bishopsgate, Sept. 26th. Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement's 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at St. Thomas', Pendleton, not Flixton as arranged at last meeting. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Mereworth on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. A short service at 5. Tea at the Rectory (provided by the Rector) at 5.45. Business meeting afterwards. All those intending being present must let me know not later than Monday, Sept. 26th, and oblige.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Ringing from 3.30 p.m.; also a practice at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Thursday, Oct. 6th. All are welcome. Ringing from 7.30 p.m.—E. C. Russell, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Aylsham District.—A ringing meeting will be held at

Reepham, Salle and Heyden on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Meeting at Salle at 3 p.m. All ringing friends welcome.—Arthur L. Coleman, District Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A Quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Horsham on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available from 2 p.m. and 7.30 till 9 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Please notify me by Thursday, Sept. 29th, all those who intend being present.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Curdrige on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) available 2 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 for those who acquaint me by Sept. 26th.—E. J. Harding, District Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A District meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. A service will be held in the Parish Church, with a short address by the Vicar. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Reeve, Hon. Sec., Clifton House, Tring.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Dronfield on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Six bells. Mid. railway station near church.—Sam Thomas, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Taxal on Saturday, Oct. 1st.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Husborne Crawley on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells at 3 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Cowbridge on Saturday, Oct. 8th at 4.30. Bells (8), and also Llanblethian (6), available. Tea provided.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Thornaby on Saturday, Oct. 8th. All subscriptions for the current year should be paid before or at this meeting, the end of the financial year being Sept. 30th. Further particulars with regard to the meeting will be published next week.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. District Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Putney (by permission of the Rev. Canon Rivington) on Saturday, Oct. 8th, from 3 p.m. Will try and arrange tea as usual. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Alwalton on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea please let me know early.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The dedication of memorial bell at All Saints', Hereford (by the Bishop), will take place at 7 p.m. on Oct. 31st. The reopening of this grand peal following day, Nov. 1st. Particulars later.—C. Edwards, Ringing Master, Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 70, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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IGNORANCE OR PREJUDICE?

We share the amusement which we are sure our readers will obtain from the attempt which Mr. William Pye makes to put a sting in the tail of his letter, which appears elsewhere in this issue. It is true, unfortunately, as he says, that some people write first and think afterwards, but that is a remark which applies principally to amateurs. The trained writer, although he may make mistakes, is like the experienced chess player. He not only thinks first about his subject, but in a controversial matter looks at least a move or two ahead. So we begin by assuring Mr. Pye that, so far as we are concerned, we have at any rate thought about the subject, even though we be blind. Our leading article last week carefully avoided any reflection upon the great performances of those men like Mr. Pye, who have rung double-handed peals in the higher methods, but it gave Mr. Pye the opportunity of stating explicitly wherein our previous reference to the tapping of peals was an injustice to these ringers; and he jumps at it, with the admission, in effect, that in his view such performances as those of Mr. Morris, unless belittled, may dwarf the pedestal upon which others have placed themselves.

There was a time, not so many years ago, when men who had rung London Surprise on tower bells would have said that it was impossible for four men to ring a peal of it on handbells. But the impossible happened, and it was Mr. Pye and his brothers who first brought it about, and they received the credit they richly deserved. That being the case, why should we jump to the conclusion that nothing greater can be done? All the progress in the world has been made up by someone going a step further than anyone else has gone, and no one should imagine that they have reached the limit in any branch of science. If they do, sooner or later they get a rude awakening.

But to return to the peal tapping and Mr. Pye's letter, with its inference that our comments were unjust and were made without knowledge. While not attempting to pit our experience against Mr. Pye's, we are not entirely ignorant of the practical side of ringing, either on tower or handbells; but this we do confess that the tapping which we have seen done by Mr. Harry Withers of methods which we are able to ring is utterly beyond us, and we are not ashamed to admit it, as we believe most other ringers are prepared to do. But in attempting to minimise tapped peals, is not Mr. Pye rather committing the error of which he accuses others—speaking without knowledge? Can he, for instance, put forward any plan upon which a peal can be tapped by one person which does not require a greater mental effort than the ringing of two handbells to a peal in

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the same method? Without this, we venture to think, it is unfair to say that there is 'not so much in it as many people think there is,' and to suggest that it is not as great a task as ringing two handbells. We are not referring to the tapping of courses or short touches, which may be learned more or less by heart, but to peals in which it is impossible for the performer to commit the thing to memory. Let us give credit where credit is due. At the same time it may also be well to remember that it is not always blindness or ignorance that causes others to think differently to ourselves, and it is wise to beware lest prejudice distorts one's vision.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS. 5040 CHANGES;

JOSEPH MELLOR Treble	SAMUEL BOOTH 7
BENJAMIN THORP 2	FRED PAGE 8
SAMUEL WOOD 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 9
WILLIAM BRAMMER 4	ALBERT ADAMS 10
THOMAS JAKEMAN 5	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 11
TOM WILDE 6	RICHARD DEAL Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD. Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

The above peal was rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Jakeman (wife of William Jakeman, formerly a ringer at the Parish Church, Ashton, whose home is in U.S.A.), who died at sea on Sept. 13th.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

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

On Saturday, Sept. 24, 1921, in Four Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS. 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.	
PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble	THOMAS H. REEVES 7
THOMAS RUSSAM 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	JAMES E. GROVES 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	A. PADDON SMITH 10
ALBERT E. NORMAN 5	*JAMES L. WELLS 11
MORRIS J. MORRIS 6	JOHN NEAL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. This is the first peal of Cambridge Maximus on the bells and in the county of Stafford.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.	
PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble	*THOMAS H. REEVES 6
THOMAS RUSSAM 2	SAMUEL GROVE 7
ALBERT E. NORMAN 3	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 8
ALBERT WALKER 4	JAMES E. GROVES 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS 5	JOHN NEAL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. This peal was rung as a compliment to the Presiding Ringing Master of the Guild, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., on his appointment as Recorder of Lincoln.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Aug. 31, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.	
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	WILLIAM STEED 6
GEORGE RADLEY 2	ERNEST GOWER 7
ARTHUR GRAVETT 3	ALFRED J. TURNER 8
CHARLES PALMER 4	KEITH HART... .. 9
ALFRED W. GROVES 5	A. YORK-BRAMBLE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by KEITH HART.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Sept. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.	
HARRY WEST Treble	WILLIAM HEATH... .. 6
JOHN W. JONES 2	FREDERICK G. VILES 7
SIDNEY DAVE 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 8
WILLIAM B. BISS... .. 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
ALLAN ROWLEY 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the daughter of Mr. S. Dave. Oliver Sippetts hails from Crawley, Sussex, and was on a visit to Cardiff. The composition of this peal appeared in 'The Ringing World' on April 1st, 1921.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Sept. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.	
HENRY KEY Treble	FRED WILFORD 6
HENRY BLUNDELL 2	FRED HOPPER 7
*WILLIAM ATTERBURY ... 3	WILLIAM ROGERS 8
JOHN HENSMAN 4	GEORGE FLAVELL 9
WILLIAM ALLEN 5	*ALFRED MONK Tenor

Composed by JOHN NELMS. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal on 10 bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHILHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.	
*EDWARD E. RUCK ... Treble	EDWIN G. BOESDEN 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 2	*FREDERICK FAIRBEARD ... 6
FRED G. BRETT... .. 3	GEORGE J. JENKINS 7
CHARLES W. BRETT... .. 4	†HENRY CASTLE Tenor

Composed by E. G. BURS DEN.

* First peal of Stedman. † 50th peal. Rung as a birthday peal for the ringers of 4th and 6th.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.	
ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	ARTHUR NEWELL... .. 5
ALBERT E. RICHARDS... .. 2	JAMES MORGAN 6
GEORGE R. JONES 3	WALTER THOMAS... .. 7
FRANK FOX 4	HENRY W. WILDE ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. PRICE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal of Major on the bells. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells and Mr. Mercer for having them ready

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Sept. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.	
ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH Treble	*FRANK SHAW 5
JAMES SHAW 2	*JONATHAN WHEWELL ... 6
WILLIAM RILEY... .. 3	WILLIAM BARNES 7
*JACK BARNES 4	JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

* First peal in the method. This composition is the Author's No. 238, and is now rung for the first time. Contains the 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6, with both bells five times right.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.	
FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
CHARLES CUTTING 2	HENRY ADCOCK 6
JAMES BOUGHTON 3	RUSSELL RICHES... .. 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	TOWNSON ADCOCK ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Sept. 22, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN ... Treble	FRED CHAMBERS 5
*ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	*JOHN BLACKSHAW 6
TOM STANCLIFFE 3	*RICHARD H. STANCLIFFE .. 7
*TOM CHAMBERS 4	*FRED BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method by St. Michael's Company. * First peal in the method.

WORSLEY.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Sept. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 21½ cwt.	
*W. GRUNDY Treble	J. POTTER 5
F. GRUNDY... .. 2	P. H. DERBYSHIRE 6
W. JONES 3	†J. H. RIDYARD 7
*T. HARRISON 4	*A. BERTON Tenor

Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman as conductor. Ringers of the 5th and tenor hail from Walkden, the rest belong to the local company. Rung as a birthday peal to the treble ringer,

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.	
JOHN AVIS Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
WILLIAM HARPER 2	SGT. JAMES BENNETT, R.M. 6
WILLIAM J. WHEADON ... 3	GEORGE MORRAD 7
MISS ETHEL M. GOODSHIP 4	*FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON. Conducted by F. M. MITCHELL.

* 25th peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Avis and Fred M. Mitchell. For calling see K.C.A. Report for 1920, page 64. The band wish to thank the curate-in charge and members of Northfleet for the use of the bells and Mr. W. Ware for having all in readiness.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Sept. 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.		Tenor 6½ cwt.	
REV. A. T. BREESTON Treble	*ALFRED C. WRIGHT 5	WILLIAM SMITH 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
HARRY BROUGHTON 3	†JAMES S. HUTCHEY 7	JOHN OLDBAM 4	FREDERICK H. DENTER ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Major in the method. † First Surprise peal.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.	
HENRY WEST Treble	HARRY MORGAN 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS 2	JOHN W. JONES 6
TOM FORD 3	WILLIAM PHILLIPS 7
FRED CHAMBERLAIN 4	FREDERICK CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

Specially arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of one of All Saints' ringers, Mr. Frederick Whitfield, and Miss Iris Irene Jayne.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, BLOOMSBURY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.	
HAROLD W. CLARK Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
ARTHUR MASON 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Sept. 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.	
ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY 5
ERNEST S. BAILEY 2	EDGAR F. BAILEY 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.	
EDWARD GRINDELL Treble	WILLIAM J. GROOM 5
*ERNEST CURTIS 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
WALTER RUFFLES 3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... 7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUNSEY ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by Wm. C. RUMSEY.

* First peal in the method.

FIVE COUNTIES REPRESENTED AT PRACTICE

No fewer than five counties were represented at a practice at Shipley Parish Church, Yorks, on Sept. 13th, when 672 Double Norwich Major was rung by: H. Hutley 1, F. Seagar 2, H. Haigh 3, G. Robinson 4, H. Stott 5, J. Harvey 6, E. Simpson (first as conductor) 7, T. B. Kendall 8. Other touches included Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, those taking part, in addition to the above, being G. Nettleton, C. Rayner, of Ilkley, and F. H. Carter, of South Stoke, Oxon, for whom these touches were arranged. The five counties represented were: Yorkshire, Bedfordshire, Oxfordshire Norfolk and Suffolk.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.	
*CHARLES BAILEY Treble	†EDWIN R. GOATE 5
CHARLES F. SAYER 2	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 6
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	GEORGE MAYERS Tenor

Composed by the late N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. The ringers wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank the Vicar for entertaining them and for providing tea at the conclusion of the peal.

SAWSTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.	
ALFRED E. PITSTOW Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 2	FREDERICK J. PITSTOW ... 6
PERCY WEBB 3	A. GEORGE RIVERS 7
T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 4	FREDERICK DENCH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

Ringers of the 1st, 6th and 8th hail from Saffron Walden, 2nd, 4th and 7th from Cambridge, 3rd from Ickleton and 5th from Stapleford.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Sept. 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN W. LAKE Treble	ARTHUR I. HOLMES 4
GEORGE HOLLIS 2	JAMES OSBORNE 5
WILLIAM J. THYNG 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

Arranged for the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, who were on a visit to Bourne, Lincolnshire.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, Sept. 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM YOUNG Treble	*HENRY PEARSON 4
HERBERT TAYLOR 2	GEORGE COLEMAN 5
WILLIAM BARKER 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal.

BROCKWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(GLOUCESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Sept. 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of St. Dunstan and 12 six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 15 cwt.	
ARTHUR HARRIS Treble	CHARLES JOHN TAYLOR ... 4
CAPT. A. A. BENNETT, C.A. 2	ALBERT MARTIN 5
GEORGE PRICE 3	ALFRED WARD Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT MARTIN.

Ringers of 1st, 5th and 6th hail from Hempstead, 2nd from Gloucester and 4th from Witcombe.

WARWICK.—In St. Mary's belfry, on August 24th, on handbells, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, in 46 mins.: F. Ashbourne 1, T. Thomason 2, T. Male (conductor) 3-4, W. Clarke 5, F. Warr 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of the treble, 2nd and tenor.

PREES, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of four 120's each of Stedman, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and thirty 120's of Grandire, called 10 different ways.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*STEPHEN FRANCE Treble	WALTER LYCETT 4
EDWARD V. ROSENHURST ... 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 5
WILLIAM D. WASE 3	*HERBERT EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by W. D. WASE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. First peal of Doubles in four methods on tower-bells by the Guild. Arranged for the ringers of treble, 4th and tenor, who belong to the Stanton-on-Hine-Heath band.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT ROBINSON Treble	EDWARD MYNARD 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	WILLIAM STOCK 5
FREDK. J. MYNARD 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford Delight and Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and 720 of Plain Bob.

LEWIS J. LAST Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 4
CHARLES E. FISHER 2	JOSEPH LAST 5
GEORGE PRYKE 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

SEALE, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

ERNEST V. BEAGLEY Treble	ALBERT J. CROUCHER 4
*HORACE GARDINER 2	ROBERT J. CHAFFEY 5
ALFRED J. CROUCHER 3	HENRY H. TINSEY Tenor

Conducted by H. J. CHAFFEY.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. E. Wiseman) who is leaving Seale after 19½ years. The Vicar congratulated the ringers after the peal, and hoped his successor would take as keen an interest in the ringers as he had always done. * First peal. The ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd and tenor are local men.

WEDDING OF A NEWPORT (MON.) RINGER.

One of the prettiest weddings that ever took place in All Saints' Church, Newport (Mon.), was solemnised on Saturday last between Mr. Frederick Whitfield and Miss Iris Irene Jayne. The bridegroom is a regular Sunday Service ringer at All Saints', and the crowded church showed that both bride and bridegroom are held in the very highest esteem in the parish. Immediately following the ceremony, the bells struck out. 'Queen's,' 'Firing,' rounds, etc., were indulged in, and then followed an attempt for a peal which proved successful, as recorded elsewhere. Useful gifts were made to the pair by the All Saints' ringers, to whom also the best wishes go forth. After the peal, the ringers were entertained at the home of the bride's parents, and a happy time spent.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church, on August 31st. 720 Plain Bob: A. J. Layton 1—2, A. E. Austin (conductor) 3—4, E. G. Hibbins 5—6. First 720 'in hand' by A. J. Layton. First 'in hand' as conductor by A. E. Austin, and 1st away from 1—2 by E. G. Hibbins.

DEVON TOUR.

The following peals were the result of a tour in Devon:—

COLLUMPTON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	JOHN EVANS 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	*CECIL C. MAYNE 7
REV. BANKES JAMES 3	*EDWIN J. HARDING 8
*PRYCE TAYLOR 4	JAMES HUNT 9
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 5	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Royal on these bells. * First peal of Royal. The ringers of the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th were provisionally elected members of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers previous to the 'go.' The president of the Guild, the Rev. Maitland Kelly; the Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec. of the North Devon Branch, and Mr. Edwin Shepherd, kindly received the visitors at the church. All the band are members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

OAKFORD, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, Sept. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

WM. H. FUSSELL Treble	*PRYCE TAYLOR 5
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3	EDWIN J. HARDING 7
JOHN EVANS 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells. * First peal of Double Norwich Major. The Rev. A. T. Beeston and Mr. A. D. Barker were elected members of the Devonshire Guild.

SOUTH MOLTON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, Sept. 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Treble	*PRYCE TAYLOR 5'
CECIL C. MAYNE 2	EDWIN J. HARDING 6
REV. E. V. COX 3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 7
REV. E. S. POWELL 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. C. W. O. JENKYN.

First peal on the bells. * First peal of Stedman.

PILTON, BARNSTAPLE, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, Sept. 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Five and a half Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

REV. CANON COLERIDGE ... Treble	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	EDWIN J. HARDING 6
JOHN EVANS 3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells. The majority of the ringers are on the Central Council, including the President.

BIDEFORD, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, Sept. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR D. BARKER ... Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	EDWIN J. HARDING 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
REV. E. BANKES JAMES 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells.

NORTHAM, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, Sept. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR D. BARKER	Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD... ..	5
REV. A. T. BEESTON	2	*PRYCE TAYLOR	6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES	3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
First peal on the bells. * First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

HIGH BICKINGTON, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, Sept. 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 0 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	5
REV. E. BANKES JAMES	2	CECIL C. MAYNE... ..	6
REV. A. T. BEESTON	3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN	7
PRYCE TAYLOR	4	ARTHUR D. BARKER	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells. A birthday peal for W. H. Fussell.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD OUTING.

On Saturday, August 27th, the St. Michael's company, Bishop's Stortford, revived their annual outing. Ten members, accompanied by Messrs. Walter Prior, T. Watts, T. Jordan and G. Jordan, from Stansted, started by motor at 9 a.m., and Braughing, which was reached in quick time, was the first stopping-place. After ringing on the peal of eight, Bennington, of campanological renown, was next visited, after passing through the by-lanes of Hertfordshire, amid charming landscapes. Two of the locals, Messrs. Page and Kitchener, joined in the ringing. After dinner, at the Bell, the journey was continued, the objective this time being St. Albans. Here arrangements had been kindly made by Mr. Debenham to ring at St. Peter's (ten bells) and the Cathedral. Tea was obtained at 'Palm Court,' after ringing for Divine service at St. Peter's, and the Cathedral was then visited, the 'guide' pointing out some of the interesting features of this grand edifice. This proved to be the gem of the outing, and it was with the greatest regret that the stay had to be cut short owing to the flight of time. The methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge.

The return journey was enlivened by various songs and tales, and Bishop's Stortford was reached about 9.45 p.m., after one of the most enjoyable trips that could be recalled.

Mr. H. J. Tucker kindly made all arrangements, and to him the thanks of the party are due, also to Mr. Debenham and the various steeplekeepers who welcomed them.

AMONG SUFFOLK TOWERS.

On Saturday, August 20th, the ringers of St. Peter's Church, Goldhanger, Essex, held their annual outing, and visited some of the Suffolk towers. Leaving the rectory at 9 o'clock, in the Rector's car (which was kindly placed at their disposal for the outing), the first stopping-place was Nayland, where the bells were soon going to Plain Bob, Oxford, Kent and College Exercise. Proceeding next to Polstead, where the fine peal has been rehung, further touches were rung, and then the party went on to the small town of Hadleigh, where a sumptuous dinner was enjoyed by the bang at the King's Head Hotel. Afterwards the fine old tower, with its peal of eight bells (tenor 28cwt.), was visited, and here the party were met by Mr. T. Reed, and other ringers, who had everything in readiness. The afternoon was spent in ringing, and after tea the visitors went on to Higham, where there is a fine peal of bells, and where the party met with the band of ringers from Langham. After some good touches they went on to Stratford St. Mary, the Langham band having preceded them, and got everything ready. Some further good ringing took place, and the bells were lowered in peal. Goldhanger was reached at 9.30, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed the trip, which was arranged by the conductor, Mr. J. D. Buckingham. All the towers were close together, and contained fine peals of bells.

BECCLES RINGER'S DEATH.

On Wednesday, August 31st, the remains of the late Mr. Harry Reynolds, of Beccles, were laid to rest.

The funeral was attended by the choir and ringers, four of the latter ringing a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the graveside.

During the evening, muffled, half-muffled and open touches were rung on the bells of St. Michael's Church.

The deceased was a regular ringer and member of the choir for upwards of 20 years, although he had never rung a peal.

LADIES' GUILD.

DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS.

A meeting of the Western District of the Ladies' Guild was held, by kind permission of the Rector, at Wraxall, near Bristol, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. There was a fairly good attendance of members and friends, who were pleased to welcome a member from the Southern District, viz., Miss Fisher, of Dorking, Surrey. The Rector, the Rev. W. S. Mather, gave a most interesting and encouraging address at the service, based on the inscription on a bell in Wraxall tower dated 1705, 'Though my voice it be but small, I'll be heard amongst you all.' He showed how nothing is really insignificant, for God makes use even of trifles to help forward His great work. The message is often greater than the messenger—and a ringer learns the lesson of self-effacement. The oldest bell in the tower bears the date 1608, and has been in use ever since that time.

Following the tea, a business meeting was held, at which Miss Fisher presided. Miss Smith was re-elected hon. secretary for the ensuing year. The 'committee of four' for the district was elected as follows: Mrs. W. Edwards, Portishead; Mrs. Knight, Clapton-in-Gordano; Miss Emm, Fauton; Mrs. R. J. Wilkins, Bristol. The two representatives on the General Committee are Mrs. Edwards, Portishead, and Mrs. Harvey, Bristol.

One new honorary member was elected, Mrs. Burchell, of Thornbury, and one performing member, Mrs. Leaker, St. Thomas', Bristol.

It was decided to ask permission to hold the next quarterly meeting at St. Stephen's, Bristol, if possible, on Saturday, December 3rd.—It is also hoped that the Guild will be able to hold a meeting in the southern part of the district early next summer.

The meeting closed with an expression of thanks to the Rector and to the steeplekeeper (Mr. Winsor).

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held at Aldershot on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Ringers were present from Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Farnham, Farnborough, Finchampstead, Guildford (St. Nicolas and Holy Trinity), Liss, Portsmouth, Sandhurst, Shere and Worplesdon. The bells were raised at 3 o'clock, and kept going until 4.30, when the service was conducted by the Rev. Drury, who gave the visitors a 'welcome. Miss K. Avenell kindly acted as organist. Twenty-six sat down to tea in the Parish Hall, 14 being lady ringers.

At the business meeting, Miss C. M. Orlebar, of Liss; Miss M. Domoney, of Bagshot, and the Misses Grace and Nancy Denyer, of Aldershot, were elected as members.

Miss H. F. Mills was asked by all present to continue as secretary, and Miss Nye, Miss B. Mills, Miss Avenell and Mrs. Melville were elected on the committee.—Hawley was decided on for the next annual meeting.—A vote of thanks to the secretary for the work done during the year closed the business.

Ringing continued till 8.30, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob being rung. Members of the Guild were able to take part in all the methods.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The postponed annual meeting was held at Ripon on Saturday, Sept. 10th, there being a fairly good and representative gathering. Tea, provided at the Black Bull Hotel, was presided over by the president (the Rev. J. L. Kyle), supported by the Very Rev. the Dean of Ripon, vice-president (Mr. W. Pick), and the hon. sec. (Mr. T. Metcalfe). At the committee meeting various items of interest to the association were discussed, and meetings arranged for the year. One is to be held at Ormesby, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, and the Easter Monday meeting by special invitation of the president, will be at Carlton.

A resolution sent in by the Northern District of the Yorkshire Association was discussed at great length.

The business of the annual meeting came on after the tea, and was presided over by the Dean of Ripon, as the president had to leave early to reach home.

The loyal toast was submitted by the Dean, and duly honoured.

The secretary's report and balance sheet showed that the association was in a very good financial position, having a bank balance of some £35.

Votes of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells, also to the retiring officers, who were all re-elected, were passed.

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The October meeting was held at Harmby, Doncaster, on Saturday, September 24th. There was only a small attendance of members, but some good practice was indulged in on the fine peal of six bells. Touches in the four Standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. Tea was partaken of at the White Hart Hotel, and at the business meeting, which followed, votes of thanks, were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. T. S. Gill, one of the churchwardens, for so kindly providing tea and making arrangements for the meeting. The next meeting will be held at Thorne.

The mid-week practice at St. George's has been suspended on account of the nearness of the Technical College and School of Art.

AN EXCURSION IN THE MIDLANDS.**KING'S NORTON RINGERS' LONG TOUR.**

King's Norton (Worcestershire) ringers had their annual outing on Saturday, August 27th, and were joined by a few ringing friends from Selly Oak, Northfield and Birmingham. The party, numbering 20, made a start for Chilvers Coton at 7.15 a.m. On arrival the party were met by Mr. H. Argyle, and touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise were rung. Monk's Kirby, about 11 miles away, was the next place on the programme, but owing to a 'change course' about 30 miles were covered before reaching it. However, ringers are not easily upset, and while the key of the tower was being found the gentleman in charge of the commissariat department produced a welcome supply of sandwiches and other refreshments. After an *al fresco* snack on the roadside, a move was made to the tower, and, on the grand peal of eight, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were soon pealing out. The 'go' and music both being great, the short stay here was very much enjoyed. The bell foundry at Loughborough was the next objective, and was reached at 2.30 p.m. The party were met by Mr. Denison Taylor, Mr. Pryce Taylor and Miss Taylor, and while old friends were chatting and new ones introduced, the official caterer showed that his foresight in this department is as great as his ability as a ringer, the result being that everyone enjoyed a well-prepared lunch. After lunch, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, in a few well-chosen remarks, thanked Mr. and Miss Taylor for the kind reception, and Mr. P. Laffin for having made all the necessary arrangements. — Mr. E. J. Dowler seconded the vote of thanks, and Mr. D. Taylor, in reply, said how pleased Miss Taylor and he were to help in any little way to make the visit a success.

A move was then made to the foundry bell tower, where some excellent ringing was enjoyed. Afterwards a visit was paid to the famous peal of ten at the parish church, where touches in several methods, including a course of Cambridge Surprise Major were rung. After a very cordial send-off a move was made for St. John's, Leicester, where the party were welcomed by that genial ringer, Mr. W. Willson. Time being short, touches of Double Norwich and Stedman Triples were rung, and all too soon the visitors had to leave, after a very enjoyable time. Leaving Leicester soon after 8 p.m., the party, after many necessary consultations with the finger posts, arrived home rather late but very happy, after a splendid day's enjoyment. Through 'The Ringing World' they wish to thank all those who helped to make the outing such a success.

LLANFIGAN BELLS.**DEDICATION OF A NONCONFORMIST'S MUNIFICENT GIFT.**

As briefly recorded last week, the new peal of bells at Llanfigan, South Wales, have been dedicated and opened. The whole cost of these bells, as well as the restoration, pointing, and raising by several feet of the tower, approximating £4,000, has been wholly defrayed by Mr. J. L. Morgan, Brynderwen, Llandaff, son of the late Mr. David Morgan, a native of the parish, a staunch Nonconformist, and founder of the famous firm of drapers, David Morgan, Ltd., of The Hayes, Cardiff. A number of close relatives of the late Mr. Morgan still live in the immediate neighbourhood, including his brother, Mr. Wm. Morgan, of Llanbrynean, Llanfrynach, a well-known agriculturist. The work was executed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The bells (with the tenor weighing 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lbs.) are hung in a rigid iron frame, on steel girders, and the fittings are of the very latest pattern throughout, including patent ball bearings. A sound-board has also been erected at the top of the tower, and an up-to-date chiming apparatus has been installed in the ringers' room.

The four old bells have had their inscriptions reproduced on the new 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th, and the other four have inscriptions in Welsh. We gave the details of the inscriptions in our issue of July 15th.

The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Swansea, and after the special prayers the bells were rung in rounds for three minutes. At the same service a memorial to the men of the parish who fell in the war was unveiled by Col. H. R. Jones Williams (churchwarden), and dedicated by the Bishop.

The opening rounds on the bells were rung by St. Mary's, Brecon, ringers, who were afterwards joined by ringers from Llanelly, and Mr. J. P. Hyett, of Hay. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung.

MR. H. TORBLE'S ILLNESS.

The subscription list opened on behalf of Mr. H. Torble, of Leytonstone, who has been ill for the past twelve months, and is still unable to follow his employment, will now be closed, and those who desire to contribute and who have not already done so, are asked to send their donations to-day to G. Hayden, 29, Maryland Street, Stratford. Amount already acknowledged, £7; received since: 'An Eye ringer,' 10s.; 'A fellow ringer,' Barking, 2s.; J. S. Goldsmith, 3s.; A. T. King (President, Middlesex Association), 5s.; T. Fitzjohn, Theford, 2s. 6d.; W. J. Nevard, 5s.; G. Barrell, 2s. 6d.; A. Joyce, 1s.; T. Joyce, 1s.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The recast ring of ten bells at Bradford Cathedral are to be opened to-morrow (Saturday) at 3 p.m. The restoration work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The Doncaster and District Society, formed six months ago, is steadily increasing its membership, which now numbers 120.

On October 6th, 1849, William Booth died at Sheffield. Grandfather of Charles and Thomas Hattersley, he took part, in 1804, in the last peal on the old ten bells of the Parish Church, Sheffield, now the Cathedral, and the first peal on the new bells.

His most famous performance, however, was the first double-handed handbell peal, viz., Oxford Treble Bob Major, in which he rang 3-4, the peal taking place in his own house. Afterwards he rang the same pair of bells to Royal and Maximus.

William Booth was known in London. He visited the Metropolis in 1816, and rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch, with George Gross and William Shipway. He joined the Cumberland Youths a week before this peal, and his certificate, still in existence, was signed by Shipway, who was then 'Beadle' of the Society.

October 6th is also the anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Cinques. This was a 6,204 rung at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields by the College Youths in the year 1788. The peal board, in the flowery language associated with peal records of that time, speaks of it as 'an instance of that unrivalled merit only to be equalled by a similar assiduity and perseverance.'

The first peal of Bristol Surprise on handbells was rung at Romford on October 1st, 1907. October 3rd is the anniversary of the first 'silent' peal of Kent Treble Bob on record. This was rung at Liversedge, Yorks, in 1863.

On October 2nd, 1608, Henry Bagley, the first of the Northamptonshire bell founders, was baptized at Chacombe. He commenced his foundry about the year 1632, and died about 1676.

'A Cambridge Ringer' is informed that his Minor method is open to the same objection as the previous one to which he refers. All the rows with the treble in 6th's are out of course.

Messrs. Aggett, of Chagford, are about to commence the restoration of the peal of five, with a new treble, at Rockbeare (Exeter); also of the peals at Sourton, Knowstone, Padstow, Landulph, St. Budeaux, Skilgate (near Taunton).

CENTRAL COUNCIL LIBRARY.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—By the kind help of various friends of the Exercise, the library of the Central Council now possesses bound volumes of the ringing press from 1871-1901, consisting of 'Church Bells' and 'Bell News.' There are also available for reference my own bound copies of 'The Ringing World' from 1911 to present date. There is wanting the record of the years 1901 (May)—1910 (Dec.). Can anyone supply this? I fear I cannot undertake to deal with unbound copies. Failing this, is there anyone who possesses these copies in bound volumes, and while unable to part with them would allow the use of them for reference on application? If so, I shall be glad to hear from them.—
Yours truly,
CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

Sept. 22nd, 1921.

Central Council Librarian.

BARLEY BELLS.

HELP WANTED FOR AUGMENTATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It has been decided to have the bells at the Parish Church, Barley, Herts, which are now a peal of five, rehung, and a new treble added to make a peal of six. About £150 is needed to put the bells in order, and to add the new treble, and of this £50 has already been collected, so that £100 is still needed. Contributions will be thankfully received by Mr. W. Mansfield, of Church End Barley, near Royston, Herts, or by Mr. R. Howard, Church End, Barley, near Royston, Herts, and will be acknowledged through your paper. We appeal to all ringing friends who can do so, to help us.

R. HOWARD, Secretary,
Barley Band of Ringers.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting was held at Idle, on Saturday, Sept. 24th, but was only poorly attended, as has always been the case, ringers being present from Shipley, Calverley, Leeds Parish Church, and the local company. The meeting was held in the tower, after touches of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Major had been rung. Owing to the Bramley bells being out of order, the question of the next meeting-place was discussed, but was finally left to the secretary to decide.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, and the local company, closed the meeting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. INCREASE OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Todmorden, on Saturday last, when the towers of Christ Church and Unitarian Church at Todmorden, Cross Stone, and Hepstonstall, were kindly placed at the disposal of the members. Ringing commenced about 1 p.m. (although the bells were at liberty from 10 a.m.), and at 4 p.m. a service was held at Christ Church. The Vicar (the Rev. A. Aspin) gave a short address.

Tea followed, to which about 90 sat down. The business meeting then took place, the president (Canon Elsee) being in the chair, supported by the Rev. F. Whatmough and the Rev. — Marle (of Cross Stone).

The committee's report was read, as was also the balance sheet. There is a membership of 1,221, and a balance of income over expenditure of £1 15s. 10d., after paying the treasurer £4 11s. 5d. deficit from last year. The peals totalled 94, made up of methods from Bob Minor to London Surprise. Mention was made of the new Wigan branch, also the deaths of four members.

The ringing secretary and two auditors were re-elected without opposition.

Out of four candidates for vice-president, Mr. J. Potter was elected after close voting.

Five places were suggested for the next annual meeting, and the vote favoured Preston.

A long discussion took place regarding a wish to have a full report printed. The committee had had the matter before them, and they said it could not be done without raising the subscription, and recommended 1s. 6d. as a trial for twelve months, to which the meeting agreed.

Mr. Banks gave a short report of the Central Council meeting, after which the usual votes of thanks were accorded the various authorities, the organist, the choir, the local ringers ladies, and others, who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. EIGHT BELLS PROPOSED FOR STANMORE.

Members from the North-west corner of Middlesex, and from the adjoining districts of Bushey and Oxhey, turned up in good numbers at Stanmore on Saturday last, when a meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held, and it was very gratifying to meet two of the original members of the society, in Mr. E. Heading, of the local band, and Mr. C. H. Martin, of Hendon, besides several others of many years' standing.

Ringings commenced shortly after 3 p.m., and continued until 5 o'clock, when a short service was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays), who preached a very interesting and instructive sermon.

After tea, the meeting was held in the Vestry, the Rector taking the chair. Two new members were elected.—The Hon. Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Stanmore and to the Vicar of Harrow Weald for the use of the bells at their respective churches; also to the former for his address at the service. Thanks were also accorded to Messrs. E. Heading and J. Furness, for having the bells ready.

The Rev. S. F. L. Bernays briefly replied, with a warm welcome to the association to Stanmore, and expressing a hope that the proposals which had been made for adding two bells to the existing six would be carried out by the time the society again met there.

The meeting over, several members paid a visit to Harrow Weald, whilst others stayed at Stanmore, and at both places several touches of Doubles and Minor were rung, in many methods, including Cambridge Surprise.

It is sincerely to be hoped that the wishes of the Stanmore ringers to have a peal of eight will soon be realised, and we think they will be, but even with an octave of bells to attract members one could hardly hope for a more pleasant and successful meeting than the one just held, and we feel sure that the afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT AT SEA.

It will be recalled that in our issue of Sept. 16th we recorded a peal at Ashton-under-Lyne, rung in honour of a visit of Mr. William Jakeman, formerly a ringer at this tower. Mr. Jakeman resides in America, and, with his wife, was on a pleasure trip to England. Mr. Jakeman took part in the peal which was rung on the 6th, and a note in our 'Belfry Gossip' column stated that Mr. and Mrs. Jakeman sailed on the 10th, taking with them the best wishes of their many ringing friends.

It is our sad duty now to record that before the paragraph had appeared in print Mrs. Jakeman had passed away. News has reached England that Mrs. Jakeman was taken ill soon after their vessel, the 'Caronia,' sailed, and died at sea on the following Tuesday. Mrs. Jakeman was highly respected among a large circle of friends in Lancashire, and her death has come as a great shock to all who knew her. The deepest sympathy goes out to Mr. Jakeman in his great bereavement. On Tuesday of last week, a muffled peal of Treble Twelve was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne, as a token of respect and mark of sympathy.

PEALS TAPPED ON HANDBELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your leading article of the 23rd Sept., you say you cannot see where any injustice is done in your editorial remarks of the previous week. Now, sir, I consider that anyone who has called a peal of London from a pair of working bells, has reached what might be termed the top of the ladder in ringing. In your leader of the 16th you say it is a greater feat to tap a peal than to ring a pair of bells, which means that the performer has done something which supersedes anything in the way of ringing from a scientific point of view, and places the performer in front of anyone else in the Exercise. Can a man so suddenly spring into fame? I say, certainly not. If he can in a few weeks, then a good many of us must be very poor tools to have been so long about it. You speak of the mental concentration in tapping. If it be so, how about the late Elijah Roberts who, we are told, tapped ten bells all day? He then must have been a living machine. There is only one thing that will convince me that this tapping is such a strenuous task, and I think I can answer you and Mr. Broyd at the same time. If Mr. Broyd remembers aright, he took up the cudgels on behalf of Mr. Morris, and he put forward as an excuse that it was impossible for Mr. Morris to ring eight bells, and I suggested they should take four each as a way out of the difficulty. He does not care to take it on, and suggests I should ring the other four myself. I do not profess to be able to ring four bells to London Surprise, although I should probably be able to go as far as Mr. Morris at it; but I will take a pair and find someone else to take another pair, and let him ring the other four. If he can do that, he will be able to do something in ringing which no one else has done, and also convince the Exercise that he taps on the same system as ringing is done. Now, sir, if you don't see the injustice, you must be blind. You, no doubt, as Editor, reserve the right to express your opinion, and I, as reader, also reserve the right to pull you up when you go too far. To sum the whole thing up, it is a question of folk being too free to express their opinion; and my experience is that those persons who generally so readily express their opinions know very little, and generally either talk or write first, and think afterwards.—Yours truly,
W. PYE.

SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

REV. H. DRAKE ELECTED SECRETARY.

A meeting of the Suffolk Diocesan Association was held at Hadleigh on Saturday, Sept. 17th, the towers represented being Bildeston, Tinborough, Ipswich, Lavenham, Ufford, Langham, North Walsham, St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, Sible Hedingham, and Greenstead Green. The business meeting was held in the Guildhall, and in the absence of the Very Rev. Dean Carter, the churchwarden (Dr. W. E. S. Wilson) took the chair.

The new members elected were: The Rev. H. Drake, Ufford; Messrs. E. Evans, Ipswich; T. Reed, Hadleigh; F. Poulson, Thetford; W. Cross, Sible Hedingham (life member), and Dr. Wilson (hon. member).

The Rev. H. Drake was elected diocesan secretary, and Mr. A. Symonds (who had previously occupied the position) agreed to act as West Suffolk branch secretary.

Clare was selected for the next meeting, to be held in December, notice of which will be published in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. W. R. J. Poulson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Wilson for presiding, and also asked him to convey to Dean Carter the thanks of the ringers for the use of the bells.

THE LEICESTERSHIRE TOUR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The account of the happenings at the end of the above tour, as related by Mr. Willson, make very amusing reading, but he does not state how he himself got us out of a great difficulty. When we left our 'skipper and his craft' by the side of the road in the early hours of Sunday morning, and walked nearly four miles back to Leicester, we were in real trouble about our skipper's breakfast. Mr. Willson very kindly volunteered to see to this, and although he did not reach home until 2 a.m., he was back at the scene of the 'disaster' by 7.15, with hot tea, bacon, meat and bread, and 'Old Bill' enjoyed what he himself described as 'the best breakfast he had had that week.' Our sincere thanks are due to Mr. Willson for that act of kindness, and also for so well arranging the whole tour. We would also like to thank Mr. Pryce Taylor for his invitation to Loughborough on the Monday, when we rang the peal at the foundry, and for his hospitality on that occasion; and also the many ringers at Leicester, Loughborough and elsewhere, for the hearty welcome given to us.—Yours faithfully,
C. T. COLES (for the visitors).

WITNASH, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Thursday, August 25th, in 48 minutes, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), being 104 six-scores called differently: F. Ashbourne 1. J. Jones 2. W. Male 3. T. Male (conductor) 4. W. Clarke 5. T. Thomason 6. First quarter-peal on tower bells by the ringers of treble and tenor.

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NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. PROPAGANDA WORK.

The second quarterly meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Harworth on Saturday, Sept. 10th, when members were present from Barlborough Blyth, Ordsall, East Retford, West Retford, Lancham, Misterton, Turton and Worksop, together with a few of the local company. It is fully eight years since the association had a meeting at this picturesque little village, so the visit and some good ringing was looked forward to by the inhabitants. Nor were they disappointed, as some well-struck touches of Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung on the sweet little ring of six put in by Taylor in 1893.

Tea was partaken of in the Village Schoolroom, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. F. d'Arbiay Burney) and supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Haigh) and others. The business meeting which followed was well attended. Three new members were elected, viz., Messrs. A. Lister, of Harworth, and W. Widdowson and G. Gabbitas of Worksop.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ordsall early in the new year, and advertised in 'The Ringing World,' but the secretary was authorised to arrange a supplementary meeting at Edwinstowe in October or early in November, for propaganda work, and with a view to the Edwinstowe tower becoming affiliated to the association.

Mr. Wilson and the Vicar spoke in the highest praise of this class of work.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Harworth for presiding over tea and meeting, and for use of the bells and schoolroom; also to the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. O. Revill, churchworkers, for providing an excellent tea at such a small charge.—These votes were carried with acclamation, and the Vicar, in reply, said nothing gave him greater pleasure than to see such a large gathering of North Notts ringers assemble at Harworth, and to hear some good ringing. He hoped again to hear the bells in the evening. He loved to hear the sound of bells, but neither he nor his ringers could do any change ringing. However, he was looking forward to the day when the tower would become affiliated to the association and some instruction be given to them by a competent ringer. In the course of his travels recently he was particularly impressed with the number of new peals, augmentations and rehangerings of bells taking place in various parts as suitable war memorials for those who had laid down their lives for their God, their King and country. There was nothing better. In conclusion, he wished the association God-speed in their work.

At 7 p.m. about 20 ringers wended their way to Tickhill, and by the kind permission of the Rev. H. Booby, and the steeplekeeper (Mr. Winn) were given permission to ring on the eight bells. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major were successfully brought round, and at 8.15 p.m. the bells were lowered in peal, and the carillon played three verses of 'Home, Sweet Home.' A pleasant ride home in the moonlight by 'bike' and motor-bus brought another happy and enjoyable day's ringing to an end.

INTERESTING WEDDING AT BRAY.

MR. E. R. COLES—MISS G. M. WOODHOUSE.

At the historic Church of St. Michael, Bray, on Saturday week, an interesting wedding was solemnised between Mr. E. R. Coles (son of Mr. Ralph Coles, foreman of the Wycombe belfry) and Miss Gwendolyn Marion Woodhouse, youngest daughter of Mr. E. Woodhouse, of 'Aleya,' Bray. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. Pickles (priest-in-charge of St. Anne's Church, Wycombe Marsh). Suitable wedding music was supplied on the organ by Mr. C. Branwell, L.R.C.M., L.R.A.M., organist of St. Mary's Church, Maidenhead. The wedding was an exceedingly pretty one, and the glorious September day, with its wealth of sunshine, added a charming effect to a brilliant scene. The bridegroom is a member of the High Wycombe belfry, and by the kindness of the Rev. W. S. Riddlesdell, the bells of Bray Church were placed at the disposal of the Wycombe ringers, who attended in practically full force to do honour to a 'brother string.' Following the custom at this place, the bells were rung previous to the ceremony, and 360 Minor was brought round, when the happy pair emerged from the Church. Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and a touch of Kent Treble were also rung. Then came a break, for the ringers were invited to the Church Room, where they found a first-class spread in readiness for them. Afterwards the bridegroom looked in to thank his colleagues for their presence, and he met with a fine ovation. On behalf of the Wycombe belfry, the Secretary asked Mr. Coles to accept, as a wedding present, a solid silver bell, in the form of an inkstand, mounted on a mahogany base. The bell was inscribed: 'To E. R. Coles, on his marriage, Sept. 3rd, 1921.' Felicitations were also expressed to him and his charming bride. The bridegroom cordially returned thanks for the gift. Later the belfry was again visited, and other touches rung. Previous to lowering the bells, an invitation was sent to the ringers to call in at the bride's home, and here again the party were hospitably entertained, and the wedding cake sampled. The ringers spent a day of great enjoyment, and thanks are especially tendered to 'Mr. Ralph' for his successful efforts on their behalf.

On Sunday, after evensong, a couple of touches of Stedman were rung at Wycombe in honour of the event.

RINGERS WEDDED AT ISHAM.

MR. E. MAURICE ATKINS—MISS F. A. CANNAN.

An interesting wedding took place in the Parish Church of, Isham (Northants) on Tuesday morning, Sept. 13th, when Mr. C. Maurice Atkins, son of the Rev. E. J. Atkins, Rector of Isham (late President of the Central Northants Association) was married to Miss F. A. Cannan, of Newbury. Both the bride and bridegroom are highly esteemed members of the Central Northants Association, Mr. Atkins being specially well known as ringer, composer and conductor of a large number of peals. He is a member of the Central Council, a past Master of the Cambridge University Guild, and a member of numerous associations. The ceremony was performed by the bridegroom's father (the Rev. E. J. Atkins), assisted by the Rev. E. Atkins, Vicar of St. Nicholas', Leicester (grandfather), and the Rev. G. Atkins, LL.D., Rector of Denver (uncle). Needless to say, that before and after the wedding ceremony the beautiful peal of six bells were rung in honour of the event. Mr. Atkins conducted a touch before the service, and immediately after Mr. and Mrs. Atkins rang their own 'wedding bells.'

On Monday evening the Isham ringers presented Mr. Atkins with a handsome Queen Anne pattern tea-pot and silver-plated toast rack.

The honeymoon is being spent camping in the Wye Valley.

OXFORD GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH AT GREAT BRICKHILL.

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Great Brickhill on Saturday, Sept. 10th, when the following towers were represented: Bletchley, Beachampton, Fenny Stratford, Linslade, Stony Stratford, and Shenley, with the local ringers, the ringers numbering about 25. Great Brickhill only recently joined the branch, and this was the first meeting of its kind that had been held there, and had been much looked forward to both by the ringers and the Vicar, the Rev. F. H. Hoyle (who is also an honorary member of the branch). Service was conducted by the Rector, his address being interesting and instructive. After service, an adjournment was made to the Rectory grounds, which had been kindly placed at the disposal of the visitors, who were received by the Rector's wife (Mrs. Hoyle). Tea had been prepared on the lawn, and, needless to say, proved very acceptable, especially as the majority had come by cycle, the meeting-place lying, rather wide of the railway.

After tea, the Secretary reported that he had no business to bring forward, but a general discussion took place over various matters, the chief being the best method to overcome the noise in the tower at Great Brickhill, where, when the bells are ringing, a conductor can scarce make himself heard. It was suggested that expert advice should be got to obviate the trouble.

The Secretary proposed a most hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Hoyle for so kindly welcoming the branch, and for the splendid arrangements that had been made both for service and tea, which had made the meeting so enjoyable.—The Vicar suitably responded, and the members were quite satisfied that they would be welcome again when they decided to visit Great Brickhill.

Touches rung during the afternoon ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Feering on Saturday, Sept. 17th. A short service was held in the Parish Church, at which an address was given by the Rev. A. F. Curtis (Vicar). Tea and meeting followed at the Bell Inn, 25 members being present from Kelvedon, Witham, Earls Colne, Braintree, Stisted, Broomfield, Rayne, Chelmsford, and the local company.

Mr. H. F. Cooper, District Master presided, supported by the Vicar, Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association), and Mr. B. Redgwell (hon. secretary). Two new members were elected.

The Vicar, who is shortly retiring, and leaving the parish to take up his residence in Coggeshall, was thanked by the Master for his address and warm welcome, and on behalf of those present wished him a happy time in his retirement.

Some excellent touches were rung before and after service on the ring of eight in the Standard methods. The next meeting is to be held at Sible Hedingham.

FALSE PEAL OF LONDON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—It was I who pointed out to Mr. Morris that the composition of London Surprise tapped by him was false, and my reasons for doing so are that the three false course-ends that operate against the method are admitted as actual course-ends of the composition in question. They are 46253, 24385, and 32546, and they form the 6th, 11th and 16th courses. Another false course-end, 53624, is the 21st actual course-end. This together with the fact that 42356, 34256 and 23456, are the 23rd, 24th and 25th actual course-ends, should at once dispel any doubts as to the peal not being false.—Yours faithfully,
EDWARD MULLINS.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

VANCOUVER, CANADA.—On Sunday, August 28th, at the Church of the Holy Rosary, for service, 168 Grandsire Triples: J. Parkinson 1, A. C. Limpus 2, F. Dunaway (conductor) 3, W. Sampson 4, J. C. Dearlove 5, M. Bennett 6, H. Whiteman 7, A. King 8. This touch reveals new names in the ringing circle in the far-off tower of Vancouver.

TEWKESBURY.—Tewkesbury and District Guild.—At the Abbey, on Sunday, Sept. 18th, for harvest festival, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Harris 1, W. Ricketts 2, O. Attwood 3, F. Smith 4, W. Crooks 5, T. Devereux 6, C. W. Dyson (conductor) 7, G. Watts 8. Also 168 in the same method, with G. Watts 3 and W. Hughes 8.

STANTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, in 30 mins., 840 Doubles, being five six-scores of Grandsire and two six-scores of Plain Bob, called differently: S. France 1, W. Clay 2, A. White 3, W. Lycett 4, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 5, H. Edwards 6.

KETTERING.—Central Northants Association. — On Sunday, Sept. 18th, for evening service, 788 London Surprise Major: A. Heuman 1, C. Chapman 2, A. Payne 3, F. Sawfoot 4, H. Peet 5, D. J. Nichols (conductor) 6, R. Turner 7, C. W. Bird 8.

SCUNTHORPE.—On the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Lincoln to the Parish Church, on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung: S. Austin (first away from tenor) 1, C. H. Bird 2, T. Strickland 3, T. H. Parkin 4, P. Hocknell 5, C. Pollard 6, R. Oliver (conductor) 7, C. Pye (first quarter-peal) 8.

IDLE, YORKS.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, at Holy Trinity Parish Church, on the occasion of the dedication of the war memorial and unveiling of roll of honour, 1,334 of Plain Bob Major, in 55 mins., with bells deeply muffled: R. Umpleby 1, G. Duck 2, F. Davison 3, H. Davison 4, W. Kendall 5, F. Kilshaw 6, W. Feather 7, H. Foster (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal on the bells with an entirely local company.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, for evening service, 896 Superlative Surprise Major: F. Borrett 1, C. Baker 2, A. Smith 3, A. Berry 4, J. Tann 5, R. Whiting 6, E. Whiting 7, C. Roops 8.

BARLBOROUGH, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, for evensong, the first 720 Oxford Treble Bob by the local band, in 24 mins.: R. F. Reece 1, G. Ashby 2, P. Morris 3, H. Kirk 4, W. Sturman 5, P. E. Hibbard (conductor) 6.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—At St. Giles' Church, after Divine service, on Sunday, Sept. 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, on the occasion of the visit of the local company of Territorials to the church; also on the occasion of the 23rd anniversary of the marriage of one of the esteemed members of the belfry: I. Evans 1, F. Ward 2, W. Watken 3, D. Appleby 4, H. Coley 5, J. Davis 6, C. Wallater (conductor) 7, A. Ward 8.

GREAT HORKESLEY, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, for harvest thanksgiving, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Bacon 1, C. Andrews 2, J. Bowell 3, E. Eady 4, A. Catterwell 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6. Also 720 Plain Bob: A. Bacon 1, H. Warne 2, C. Andrews 3, E. Eady 4, W. J. Nevard 5, A. Catterwell (conductor) 6. After service, a touch of Kent Treble Bob was rung.

GARDIFF.—At St. John the Baptist's, on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 18th, with the bells half-muffled, for the unveiling and dedication of the memorial tablet erected to the memory of the members of the Glamorgan Royal Garrison Artillery who fell in the war, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 55 mins.: H. West 1, J. Smith 2, W. B. Biss 3, A. Rowley 4, S. Dawe 5, W. Heath 6, F. Viles 7, O. Sippets 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, for evening service, 360 Double Court Minor. Also, after service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Buckingham (Springfield, Essex) 1, E. Youngs 2, A. J. Berry 3, G. Kemp 4, W. Clover 5, G. Cattermole (conductor) 6.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Cattermole 1, E. Youngs 2, A. J. Berry 3, G. Kemp 4, W. Clover 5, G. Cattermole (conductor) 6.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—For evensong, on Sept. 11th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Webb 1, W. Judge (conductor) 2, W. Stone 3, J. Franklin 4, J. G. Sanderson (Aidsomer Norton) 5, J. H. R. Freeborn 6, L. Tuffrey 7, W. H. Thorne 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples.—On Sunday, July 25th, in 46 mins. for evensong a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. R. Payne 1, J. H. R. Freeborn 2, F. Webb 3, G. A. King 4, W. Judge 5, H. Miles 6, L. Tuffrey (conductor) 7, J. Bowerman 8. For evensong, on Sunday, July 31st, 504 Stedman Triples: F. Webb 1, W. Judge 2, W. Stone 3, G. A. King 4, Rev. E. S. Powell 5, J. Franklin 6, J. H. R. Freeborn (conductor) 7, W. H. Thorne 8.

CHURCHKIRK.—On Sunday, Sept. 4th, at St. James' Church, 720 Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled, by: A. Chadwicke 1, W. Aaron 2, F. Hollins 3, A. Ingham 4, L. Rostron 5, L. J. Williams (conductor) 6. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of the war memorial screen, which was unveiled by Canon Morris, of Preston. After the service, the whole pull and stand was rung 79 times as a tribute to the 79 men of the parish who laid down their lives in the late war.

STANTON-ON-HINE HEATH, SALOP.—On Sunday, Sept. 4th, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob Minor (1,440 changes), in 50 mins.: A. S. Bailey 1, W. D. Wase 2, J. H. Rixom 3, E. V. Rodenhurst 4, Wm. Saunders 5, D. T. Matkin (conductor) 6. Specially arranged for Mr. Matkin, of Ludlow, this being his first touch of Treble Bob as conductor. It is also believed to be the first touch of Minor on the bells. The party afterwards had tea with Mr. Rodenhurst at Kenstone, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung on the handbells on the lawn. On the homeward journey the band called at Hodnet, and rang several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles on the heavy-going peal of six there.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Sept. 4th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 720 Double Norwich Major: E. Grindell 1, S. Rowe 2, P. Woods 3, G. Wightman 4, E. Grimes 5, T. Chappell 6, W. Groom 7, W. C. Rumsey 8. Also 464 Bob Major: W. Groom 1, S. Hammond 2, P. Woods 3, E. Grindell 4, T. Chappell 5, W. Ruffles 6, W. C. Rumsey 7, E. Grimes 8; and 560 Double Norwich: E. Grindell 1, S. Rowe 2, P. Woods 3, E. Curtis 4, W. C. Rumsey 5, W. Ruffles 6, T. Chappell 7, G. S. Rowe 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, a peal of Bob Major was attempted in honour of the wedding of Mr. P. Laffu, a former member of the Debenham company, which event took place in Canada a few days previous. The attempt, however, came to grief after about 30 minutes: E. Grindell 1, V. Kerry 2, P. Woods 3, S. Rowe 4, W. Rumsey (conductor) 5, E. Grimes 6, W. Ruffles 7, T. Chappell 8.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Sept. 4th, for evensong, 720 Norton-le-Moors: Alice Preston 1, W. Wheeldon, junr., 2, J. E. Wheeldon (first 720 in the method) 3, C. Pointon 4, W. Fradley 5, W. Wheeldon, senr. (conductor), 6.

STEVENTON, BERKS.—On Sunday, August 28th, at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, after evening service, with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. Wells, churchwarden: H. Hollifield 1, J. Honey 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, F. Macey 4, A. E. Lock (conductor) 5, G. Caudwell 6. First in the method on these bells.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, August 28th, for evening service, at the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, in 42 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Mrs. E. J. Brown 1, Miss A. Brown (conductor) 2, F. J. Porch 3, E. J. Brown 4, F. E. Tyler 5, F. W. Wade 6, J. Jefferies 7, U. Braven 8. Mr. P. C. Williams kindly stood out. The above was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and a welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brown, who had just returned from their honeymoon. This was Miss Brown's first attempt to conduct a quarter-peal, and she is also the first Bristol lady ringer to do so.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Members are hereby reminded that the annual subscription of 1/6 from all resident ringing members is now due, and should be paid without delay to the respective District Secretaries. All lapsed members will be reinstated without prejudice on payment of subscriptions in arrears.—Percy J. Johnson, 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—The 284th Anniversary Dinner will be held at 'The London Tavern,' Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 12th.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest will take place at New Mill on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Draw for order of ringing 2.45. Entries for contest to be sent to W. Frith, Sec., 5, Sufton Street, Berkby, Huddersfield.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available 2.30. Cathedral 10, St. Sidwell's 10, St. David's 8, Heavitree 8, St. Petrock's 6. Tea 4.30, St. Sidwell's Institute. Tea 1s. each. All members of the Guild are welcome.—J. C. Oke, 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.50 at "Nag's Head," to be followed by business meeting.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The ancient ring of eight at Finchingfield will be reopened after re-hanging on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Service in the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist at 3 p.m., preacher Rev. Dr. Evans (Rector of Sible Hedingham).—B. Redgwell, District Sec., The Street, Rayne, Brintree.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Halesworth District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cratfield on Saturday, Oct. 1st. The fine peal of six bells (tenor 20 cwt.) will be available from 2 p.m. All ringing friends welcome.—F. C. Lambert, District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at St. Thomas', Pendleton, not Flixton as arranged at last meeting. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Aylsham District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Reepham, Salle and Heyden on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Meeting at Salle at 3 p.m. All ringing friends welcome.—Arthur L. Coleman, District Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Mereworth on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. A short service at 5. Tea at the Rectory (provided by the Rector) at 5.45. Business meeting afterwards.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Ringing from 3.30 p.m.; also a practice at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Thursday, Oct. 6th. All are welcome. Ringing from 7.30 p.m.—E. C. Russell, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A Quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Horsham on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available from 2 p.m. and 7.30 till 9 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Please notify me by Thursday, Sept. 29th, all those who intend being present.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Curdrige on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) available 2 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 for those who acquaint me by Sept. 26th.—E. J. Harding, District Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A District meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. A service will be held in the Parish Church, with a short address by the Vicar. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Reeve, Hon. Sec., Clifton House, Tring.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Husborne Crawley on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells at 3 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Frodsham (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells at 2 o'clock. Tea at small charge.—W. Bibby, Local Sec., London Road, Frodsham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A meeting is to be held at Cranborne on Saturday, Oct. 1st. 2.30, ringing to begin. 4.30, Service, with address by the Vicar, Rev. L. Addison. 5.15, Tea (6d. each) at the Fleur de Lys Hotel.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly General meeting at St. Clement Danes, Monday, Oct. 3rd, 6.30 p.m. Business meeting 8 p.m., followed by special general meeting to revise rule 6. Practices: Mondays, 7.30 p.m., St. Clement's 17th and 31st; Bishopsgate 24th, Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement's 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at 7.30 p.m. at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Oct. 4th; Southwark Cathedral on the 11th (Wheatsheaf afterwards); St. Magnus on the 13th and 27th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, on the 18th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th, *Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Putney (by permission of the Rev. Canon Rivington) on Saturday, Oct. 8th, from 3 p.m. Will try and arrange tea as usual. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Cowbridge on Saturday, Oct. 8th at 4.30. Bells (8), and also Llanblethian (6), available. Tea provided.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Alwalton on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea please let me know early. — John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting 6.30.—Walter Hughes, Branch Sec.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Saxmundham District.—A Quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Aldeburgh-on-Sea on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells of the Parish Church (6) ready from 3 o'clock.—George Willson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The Monthly meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available 4 p.m.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Dulverton on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Service in the Parish Church at 3 p.m. Meeting and tea to follow in the Parish Room.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., Dunkery, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upton, Torquay, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all requiring tea advise me not later than Oct. 6th?—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapstone District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Aldwinkle on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Usual arrangements. It is hoped members will make a special effort to attend.—J. Nickerson, Dist. Sec., Halford Street, Thrapstone.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next Monthly meeting will be held at Wath-on-Deerne on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Sandwiches provided. Business meeting at 5.30.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Oct. 8th, as Leyland bells are at present out of order. Usual arrangements.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—By kind permission of the Rev. T. A. Lee, the Quarterly meeting will be held at Thornaby-on-Tees on Saturday, Oct. 8th. The bells of St. Paul's Church will be available from 2 p.m. Service in the Church at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 o'clock, followed by a business meeting in the same room. It will greatly help in making arrangements for the day if all requiring tea will please notify Mr. J. Sinclair, 15, Grange Road, Thornaby-on-Tees, not later than Thursday, Oct. 6th. Annual subscriptions for the year ending Sept. 30th, 1921, are now due, and the Secretary will be pleased if all who have not yet paid will kindly do so before that date.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. District Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Beckington, Oct. 8th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5. Bells (8) available all the afternoon

and evening.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45 followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the Dis. Sec. not later than Tuesday, Oct. 4th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at St. Mary's, Lewisham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30, at 1/6 per head. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Oct. 11th?—F. A. Smith, Hon. District Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION (for the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk).—The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, Norwich, on Thursday, Oct. 13th, at 2.30 p.m. The President, the Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich, in the chair. The rings of bells at St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John de Sepulchre (8), St. Michael Coslany (8), All Saints' (5), will be open for the use of members, excepting during the time of Divine service. Divine service will be held at St. Peter Mancroft Church at 12.30 p.m. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Thetford. The President and committee earnestly hope that all members attending the annual meeting will be present at that service. Dinner will be served at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. per head. Those who intend to be present at the dinner are earnestly requested not to forget to notify the same to the Secretary on or before Monday, Oct. 10th. Committee meeting will be held at the Bell Hotel at 11.30 a.m. Arrears for 1920 and subscriptions for the current year should be paid at once, for the preparation of a financial statement to lay before the annual meeting. The Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich has very kindly offered to conduct the members round the Cathedral after the annual meeting. It is earnestly hoped that many members will avail themselves of this Ciceronian event.—Arthur L. Coleman, Secretary, 'High Croft,' North Walsham, Norfolk.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The dedication of memorial bell at All Saints', Hereford (by the Bishop), will take place at 7 p.m. on Oct. 31st. The reopening of this grand peal following day, Nov. 1st. Particulars later.—C. Edwards, Ringing Master, Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedford district was held at St. Peter's, Bedford, on Saturday last. The meeting was to have been held at Elstow, but owing to the death of the sexton's wife, the Rector of St. Peter's kindly granted the use of the bells at a very short notice. Members were present from St. Paul's, Bedford, Elstow, Kempston, Biddenham, Turvey, Clapham, Biggleswade, Roxton, Luton, Cranfield, and the St. Peter's company.

At the business meeting, Mr. F. Webb presided, and one new member was elected. Milton Ernest was chosen for the annual meeting of the district some time in November, of which notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Stapleton for getting everything ready, brought a very pleasant meeting to a close. The methods rung ranged from Stedman Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.



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METHOD NAMING.

At the meeting of the Central Council, at Whitsun, a resolution was passed authorising, after a lapse of six months, the naming of all the methods in the Council's 'Collection,' for which a name had not been claimed before the expiry of that period. Less than two months remain for those who have rung 720 in either of these methods to make their claims; and in order that those who have the right to name them—the right going to the band that first rings the extent—we publish in another column, at the request of the Council's Librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) the list of those methods which, unnamed when the 'Collection' was published, have, as far as he is aware, since been named. In view of the resolution of the Council, it is important that those who have any claim to give the title to any method not appearing in the list, or who dispute an existing title, should at once communicate with the Librarian.

Of the Minor methods, which form by far the largest section, 36 were already named when the 'Collection' was published. As far as can be ascertained, 77 others have since been rung and named, leaving 47 still without titles. Some of these methods may have been rung, and, if they have, their names should at once be sent to Mr. Jenkyn. In the opinion of the Council it is quite time now that names were found for the remaining methods, and no one is likely to quarrel with this decision. The list, as it at present stands, will be of interest to the majority of ringers, especially the six-bell men, who will doubtless desire to bring their own copies of the 'Collection' up to date by adding the information now published.

While it is difficult to suggest a more satisfactory way of providing titles, where the authors have not done so, than that adopted in the past—of leaving it to the choice of those who first ring the methods—it is likely to result in the vast majority of the hundreds of Plain Major methods, which are awaiting publication, going title-less for a very long time. When, however, the publication comes about, doubtless the responsible Committee will see to it that those methods which are extensions of existing Minor methods will appear with their correct names. Only a small section of them is likely to be affected, for those methods in the Minor Collection which have a plain hunt number but 27. At the same time, although it is a small point, it ought not to be lost sight of, for it will have still greater importance if the Major methods of one of the other sections are undertaken. The haphazard naming that has been adopted in the past has led to a good deal of confusion, and if the Council, through the Committee, can now begin to bring order out of chaos and utilise a certain class of names for a particular class of methods, it would be an excellent step.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Sept. 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES;

		Tenor 17 cwt.	
ALFRED J. TURNER ... ..	... Treble	GEORGE ADES	6
WILLIAM WATTS	2	FRANK BENNETT	7
HERBERT RANN	3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	8
ALBERT H. WARD	4	ROBERT J. DAWE	9
ERNEST GOWER	5	HENRY STALHAM	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

		Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.	
ROBERT RICHARDS ... ..	... Treble	JOSEPH RICHARDSON	6
*RICHARD THOMPSON	2	ALFRED F. HILLIER	7
JOSEPH ROWELL	3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	8
JOHN MCKEAG	4	WILLIAM H. BARBER	9
WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR	5	ERNEST E. FERRY	Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. Rung on Mr. Richardson's silver wedding day, also the 19th anniversary of the conductor's wedding. This composition, in 69 courses, contains a 6798 and a 7698 alternately.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

		Tenor 14½ cwt.	
WILLIAM HIBBERT ... ..	... Treble	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN.	6
RICHARD T. HIBBERT	2	REV. C. W. O. JENKINS	7
EDMUND HOLIFIELD	3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN.	8
HERBERT LANGDON	4	RICHARD WHITE	9
ALBERT A. HUGHES	5	FREDERICK WHITE	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

EVEESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

		Tenor 31½ cwt.	
*JOHN PERKINS ... ..	... Treble	*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	6
HERBERT JORDAN	2	FREDERICK JORDAN	7
JAMES HEMMING	3	HENRY J. PHIPPS	8
†MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON	4	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON	9
*JOHN HALL	5	*GEORGE ASHLEY	Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON. Conducted by F. J. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters on tower bells. Rung as a compliment to Miss E. M. Johnson on attaining the age of 21, also as a birthday compliment to the conductor. First peal of Caters as conductor. Composition No. 1,086 Worcestershire Report.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Sept. 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

		Tenor 10½ cwt.	
FREDERICK W. CRIPPS ... ..	... Treble	ALBERT H. WARD	5
FRANK BENNETT	2	HENRY STALHAM	6
JOSEPH FARMER	3	WILLIAM HILLMAN	7
ALFRED W. GROVES	4	EDMUND H. LINDUP	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDMUND H. LINDUP.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

P.S. FREDK. REDGEWELL ... Treble	JOHN SADLER ... 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 2	*WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... 6
JAMES FLEETY ... 3	ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... 4	*ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE. First Surprise peal by the Association and by Police Sergt. Redgewell. * First peal in the method.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Sept. 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED DAVIES ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 5
WILLIAM SHILVOCK ... 2	CHARLES CAMM ... 6
JOHN BASS ... 3	WILLIAM SHORT ... 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung for the quarterly peal for the above Branch.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Sept. 25, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

*WILLIAM WEST ... Treble	WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... 5
*MISS EVELYN T. MOORE ... 2	CHARLES ANDREWS ... 6
JESSE FRANCIS ... 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 7
*WILLIAM LOND ... 4	*JAMES BELBY ... Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL J. HECTOR.

*First peal. Great credit is due to Miss Moore, who hails from Warminster, for the way she rang her bell. The peal was rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(St. John's Society.)

On Monday, Sept. 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.

ROBERT A. FORSDIKE ... Treble	*ALBERT BRADLEY ... 5
EDWIN J. PANNETT ... 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 6
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON ... 3	ERNEST B. CROWDER ... 7
JOSEPH LAW ... 4	ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

* Re-elected a member of the Association previous to starting. This was rung with bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. A. C. Macklin, who was a highly respected member of the church, with which he had been connected for 40 years.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Sept. 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK BIRD ... Treble	THOMAS J. WATTS ... 5
GEORGE BARKER ... 2	THOMAS JORDAN ... 6
HENRY DEW ... 3	WILLIAM T. PRIOR ... 7
WALTER PRIOR ... 4	GEORGE JORDAN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE JORDAN.

The ringers of the treble, 3rd and 7th hail from Bishop's Stortford, and the 2nd from Ware; the rest are local men.

BROMLEY, KENT

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Sept. 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JAMES FORD ... Treble	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 5
PERCY J. SPICE ... 2	GEORGE HUXLEY ... 6
GEORGE DURLING ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 7
†HERBERT AUDSLEY ... 4	EDMUND MOUNTER ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal of Stedman. † 25th peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Sept. 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

CANON H. J. ELSÆ ... Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 5
TITUS BARLOW ... 2	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 6
FRED PAGE ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 4	ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Jackson, the veteran treasurer of the Association. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Sept. 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD ... Treble	GEORGE ADES ... 5
JOHN FEIST ... 2	WILLIAM WATTS ... 6
FRANK BENNETT ... 3	ALFRED J. TURNER ... 7
GEORGE LUCAS ... 4	WILLIAM STENNING ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

HODDESDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... Treble	ALLAN R. MACDONALD ... 5
EVERAD J. WALSON ... 2	WILLIAM SABAN ... 6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3	GEORGE RADLEY ... 7
WILLIAM IRONS ... 4	*FREDERICK LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.) (SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*CHARLES F. MITCHELL ... Treble	RALPH MACKRILL ... 5
WILLIAM H. WOOD ... 2	†WILLIAM ESSERY ... 6
†WILLIAM J. DEAN ... 3	CHARLES F. W. HUNT ... 7
†ERNEST A. REEVE ... 4	HARRY MANCE ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. MANCE.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED H. WATSON ... Treble	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 5
WALTER RUFFLES ... 2	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ... 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 3	JOHN HALL ... 7
*HARRY HALL ... 4	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

* 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(ALL SAINTS', LOUGHBOROUGH, SOCIETY.)

On Friday, Sept. 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN SADDINGTON 1	WILLIAM SMITH... .. 5
JOHN OLDHAM 2	*JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
*ERNEST LESLIE 3	*HORACE STUBBS... .. 7
PRYCE TAYLOR 4	EDWARD READER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by E. READER.

* First peal of Superlative. This is the first Surprise peal rung in Loughborough by a local band.

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

(THE CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE, SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED CRANE 1	HARRY MILLER 5
WILLIAM PICKWORTH 2	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON 6
JOHN ARMSTRONG 3	SIDNEY WADE 7
JOHN E. MILLER 4	*PHILLIP BIGG Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN TOMLINSON.

The conductor's 50th peal and first peal as conductor. * First peal. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.

ROYSTON, HERTS
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALBERT GILBERT 1	ALBERT W. COLES 5
ARTHUR MASON 2	WILLIAM MILLER 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	REUBEN SANDERS 7
ISAAC G. SHADE... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal on eight bells. The above is the first peal of Major on this handy ring of bells, which 'go' excellently. The band wish to thank the local ringers for having everything in readiness and also for their kind hospitality after the peal.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING 1	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 5
JOHN HAYES... .. 2	ARTHUR NEVELL... .. 6
GEORGE R. JONES 3	HENRY W. WILDE 7
FRANK FOX 4	WALTER THOMAS... .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. PRICE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells and Mr. Houghton for having everything ready.

HENLEY SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

*GEORGE BENNETT 1	*GEORGE FLEMING 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	*ALBERT FLEMING 6
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 3	†CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 4	*FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. J. SEDGLEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an inside bell. First peal as conductor in any method.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr.

HERBERT W. BISHOP... .. 1	WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... 5
TOM O'HARA 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 6
ROBERT W. HYNER 3	LOUIS A. WILSON 7
JOHN HOLMAN 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. (No. 167.) Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This composition contains the extent of the 6th right, and is now rung for the first time. The ringer of the 2nd was elected a member of the Association before starting the peal.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 1	JOHN T. KENTISH 5
MISS A. MAY DURRANT ... 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
*GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 3	JAMES PARKER 7
*WILLIAM H. NASH 4	GEORGE PAICE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells. Rung after the unveiling of the war memorial and the consecration of the new burial-ground by the Bishop of St. Albans.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

R. URNSTON 1	J. MOOTH 5
J. WORTHINGTON... .. 2	W. E. AUSTIN 6
T. GROUNDS... .. 3	J. W. GROUNDS 7
J. GRAY... .. 4	E. BIRCHALL... .. Tenor

Composed by W. STENSTALL. Conducted by E. BIRCHALL.

First peal of Major on the bells. First peal of Major by all the band, who are entirely local and are regular service ringers. Rung at first attempt. First peal by the Wigan branch.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

THOMAS STIMPSON 1	WILLIAM A. PARSONS... .. 4
ARTHUR J. ORGILL 2	HERBERT G. FRETWELL ... 5
*FRANK F. HILL 3	JOSEPH LORD... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on these bells, which form the church war memorial, opened October 24th, 1920.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Oct. 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

GEORGE FARNISH... .. 1	GEORGE BENNETT 4
GEORGE PRYKE 2	CHARLES E. FISHER 5
FRANK L. FISHER 3	GEORGE W. ABLIHT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

This was the conductor's 100th peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Sept. 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by
ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MULLINS, Birmingham. Conducted by the Performer.
Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Sept. 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Ten and a half Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*E. G. HIBBINS 1-2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 3-4	*JOHN B. WOOLLEY 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, Sept. 29, 1921, in Three Hours,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES 7-8
ALBERT WALKER 3-4	ALBERT E. NORMAN 9-10
GEORGE F. SWANN 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.
Referee: PERCY O. LAFLIN.

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Martin is mistaken in thinking that there can never be more than one correct extension of a method from Major to Royal. Under certain circumstances there might be quite a number all equally correct in structure. A simple example should make this clear. I think most people will agree that the following figures are the exact equivalent from the structural point of view of those given by Sir Arthur Heywood as an extension of his Duffield Major.

Duffield Royal (alternate variation).

12	34	5678	90
21	43	6587	09
12	34	6657	90
21	43	8675	09
12	34	8765	90
21	43	7856	09
24	17	3580	69

In the case of Maximus there are 3 similar variations. In those instances where the correct lines on which a given method should be extended from Minor to Major are generally agreed, a long step has been made towards eliminating possible variations in the Royal. Thus, in the case of London, much ground would be cleared if it were first decided whether the methods known as London Surprise Major and Minor (C.C. Collection Surprise Minor 14) are or are not one and the same. In any case I do not consider the time is ripe to ask us to decide on the merits of the various rival claimants to the title of London Royal. A fairly wide experience of examination papers has taught me that it is often easier to pick out the best of several candidates than of just two or three. If, as appears to be the case, members of the Exercise are prepared to give us a fresh variation once a fortnight, a little patience on our part should soon find us in possession of a fine collection (numerically) from which to select the method to be designated henceforth and for ever London Surprise Royal. E. S. POWELL.
Holbeton Vicarage, Plymouth.

CHISLEHURST, KENT. — On Sunday, Sept. 11th, at 35, Albany Road, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal (1,248 changes) of Bob Major, in 35 mins., by: Frederic G. Groombridge 1-2, Robert Brett Smith 3-4, Thomas Groombridge, junr. (conductor), 5-6, Cyril Brett Smith 7-8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Groombridge, senr.

THE METHOD COLLECTION.

CLAIMS TO NAMES.

The following is the list as far as at present ascertained of the titles which have been given to previously unnamed methods contained in the Central Council's 'Collection of Legitimate (Regular) Methods,' and the names claimed for any others which have been rung but not included in this list, should be sent without delay to the Hon. Librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

- Page 5.—No. 5 Hereward, No. 6 Reverse Hereward, No. 8 St. Lawrence, No. 10 Frodsham, No. 11 Stepney.
- Page 6.—No. 13 Fulbeck, No. 14 Lytham Pleasure, No. 15 Thelwall, No. 19 Roydon.
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- Page 11.—No. 14 Killamarsh, No. 15 Coventry or Sandiacre Pleasure.
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- Page 16.—No. 9 Vale Royal, No. 10 Braintree, No. 12 Wragby.
- Page 17.—No. 13, Willesden, No. 14 Hull, No. 16 Neasden.
- Page 18.—No. 17 Old Oxford Modernised, No. 18 Merton, No. 19 Bedford.
- Page 19.—No. 21 Bocking or Norwich, No. 23 Burslem, No. 24 Armley.
- Page 20.—No. 26 Burndly, No. 27 Sutton.
- Page 24.—No. 13 Kent, No. 16 Bucknall.
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- Page 27.—No. 26, Coventry, No. 27 Disley.
- Page 28.—No. 29 Rostherne, No. 31 Knutsford.
- Page 29.—No. 34 Bristol (Old), No. 35 Ely, No. 36 Queen Victoria.
- Page 30.—No. 37, Wilmslow.
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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Central Division was held at Bolney, on Saturday, Sept. 24th, a representative gathering of close on forty members being present. Ringing commenced about 2.30, and continued until 4.30, when a short service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. W. Michell, M.A.), at which a collection was taken on behalf of the Benevolent Fund, and amounted to 7s. 4d. A move was then made to the garden of the 'Eight Bells,' where a sumptuous meat tea had been kindly provided by Capt. C. W. Hemp.

The usual business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding, supported by the Master of the Association (Mr. J. T. Rickman) and the hon. general secretary (the Rev. Cecil H. Clarke). The following new members were elected: Mr. C. Dipleck (Hurstpierpoint), Mr. J. Chapman (Keymer), and Capt. C. W. Hemp (hon. member). The meeting also confirmed the election of the following: Mr. G. Radley (Warmleigh), Mr. H. J. Skelt (West Croydon), and Mr. Harry R. Pasmore (London). The meeting concluded with hearty votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, conducting the service, and presiding at the meeting; to the churchwarden (Capt. C. W. Hemp) for his generosity in providing tea; also to the lady who kindly presided at the organ.

The tower was again visited until about 7.30, when the bells were lowered in peal. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise.

STAPLEHURST RINGERS' OUTING.

On Sunday, Sept. 18th, the Staplehurst (Kent) ringers travelled by car to Linton, where they were met by Messrs. T. E. Sone and L. Newman. Several touches were rung, including 742 Grandsire Triples (the last part of Holt's Original). Ringing lasted until 11 a.m. The party then proceeded to Hadlow, where they were made welcome by Mr. A. H. Reader. During the ringing, which lasted an hour and a half, some good striking was accomplished. Leaving at 2.30 p.m., the band made their way to Goudhurst. Although these are heavier bells (tenor 27 cwt.), a few touches were rung with the help of Mr. J. Foreman, who ably kept the 'great bell' swinging. Ringing lasted until 6.30 p.m., when the band returned to Staplehurst, feeling satisfied with their 'first annual outing.' The ringers are all young members, and are only waiting for the completion of their own bells, which are being overhauled, when they hope to ring the first local peal.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. DISTINGUISHED PATRONS.

A quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Hinckley, Leicestershire, on Saturday, Sept. 24th, when members from Burton, Leicester, and the local district put in an appearance. The bells of St. Mary's were in requisition from 2 p.m. The back six are reputed to be of the Rudhall foundry, the trebles being added a hundred years ago. At the present time they are sadly out of tune, the fourth bell particularly so. The church is a noble edifice, the spire being a landmark for miles around. The town of Hinckley is fourteen miles from the county town, and four from Nuneaton. Detractors of Hinckley have said rude things about it. Rumour hath it that on one occasion a native put his pig on a wall to see a band go by, but (cum grano salis) the writer has seen and heard some humorous things in Hinckley, but none so funny as that. Another, that a resident revelled in wearing a tin hat. Whether the wearer used it for his liquid nourishment history deponeth not, but the writer has seen the tin hat. It reposes at present in the museum of a 'Boniface' at the sign of 'Ye Hare and Pheasant,' High Street, Leicester, and as the host is a native of Hinckley, it is possible that he possesses the real article.

To return to our mutton, after the ringers who wished to indulge in Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge Surprise, had satisfied their desires, adjournment was made to a local cafe, where an excellent tea was provided. The President (Ald. R. B. Chambers, J.P., of Derby), and Mrs. Chambers, the Rev. Canon Hurrell, M.A., of Hinckley, and J. A. T. Hall, M.D., honoured the company by their presence, and they were supported by Mr. A. C. Wright, hon. secretary, and Mr. W. Willson, hon. treasurer.

At the subsequent business meeting, a considerable number of new members, life, honorary and ringing, were duly elected.

Canon Hurrell graciously intimated his desire to be included, and he was elected, with applause. Chief among the names submitted were the following patrons: His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Dartmouth, the Most Hon. the Marquis Curzon, K.G.

It should be mentioned that the great majority of new honorary members added to the association are due to the untiring energy of the Hon. President, Ald. Chambers, J.P., who, by securing the patronage of His Majesty's Foreign Minister, has reached a high-water mark in the history of the association hitherto unattained.

Votes of thanks to the clergy, and the local men for their arrangements, brought the meeting to a close. As is usual at ringers' gatherings, when the bells are down, the smokeroom of a neighbouring hostel was found very useful. Handbell plugging and songs were indulged in, and an opportunity afforded for the local humorist, one W. Humphreys, to eject from his chest his great hit, 'Fish and Chips.'

The rather small number of members attending the meeting showed the need in such localities for more united effort, and with this object in view a combined meeting of Hinckley and Leicester districts will be held probably at Earl Shilton on some Saturday in November.

W. W.

THIRTY YEARS AS STEEPLEKEEPER.

To celebrate the birthday of Mr. George Frederick Pickles, of Horbury, 928 Boh Major (58 leads) was rung on Thursday, Sept. 29th, by: G. Bennett (Ossett) 1, G. Hunt 2, G. F. Pickles 3, H. Rowley (conductor) 4, G. Barstow 5, F. Lockwood 6, G. W. Pickles 7, R. Thickett 8. Mr. Pickles has been the steeplekeeper at Horbury for 30 years, but he has never made the mistake of 'greasing' the bells with Yorkshire Relish, as his confrere is said to have done at Earlsheaton. One of his sayings is, 'There's niver nowt but there's allus summat,' which reminds me of a waggonette trip the Horbury ringers had to Felkirk a few years ago. Mr. Pickles was selected as guide, as it was dark when we set off for home. When he thought we were somewhere near Sandal, he called a halt near a finger-post. After striking nearly a box of matches endeavouring to find our whereabouts, he suddenly saw lights ahead of us. 'It's all reight, chaps, yons Notton Station,' he cried. 'Let's mak for it.' So we made for it, and when we got to it, it was another waggonette.

H. G.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association at Willesden, on Saturday last, proved a very pleasant one, and the bells having been raised beforehand, ringing began promptly at the advertised time. The following methods were rung: Grandsire Triples, Stedman, Kent, and a touch of Cambridge for the service at 5 p.m. Tea was followed by the business meeting, the Master being in the chair for the latter. Ringing was soon resumed, and touches of Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge were brought round successfully. Nine o'clock came all too soon, but the enthusiasts, nothing daunted, set handbells going to Plain Bob, Kent, Stedman Caters and Stedman Cinques, this bringing a very successful and instructive meeting to an end. Thanks are due to the Rector and steeplekeeper for their kind welcome and arrangements.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. STOCKPORT BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting, held on Saturday, October 1st, at Taxal, was very well attended, between forty and fifty members and friends being present and the branch as a whole well represented. The esteemed hon. secretary (the Rev. A. T. Beeston) conducted the service, giving a helpful and instructive address. The chairman (Mr. T. Jackson, of Disley) read the lesson.

Tea was served at the Royal Oak, and it was evident the fine October air had given the visitors keen appetites. The usual business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. T. Jackson.—The Hon. Secretary announced that the Rector (the Rev. S. Evans) had become an hon. member, and had expressed a wish that all present would have a drink at his expense.—A hearty and cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his generosity, and his health was duly toasted. This was followed by a course of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.'

The summary of the proceedings of the annual festival was given by Mr. T. Wilde, supplemented by Messrs. A. Barnes and W. Gordon, and two new members were elected.

It was decided that the annual meeting be postponed, and be the first meeting of the new year. Therefore, the next meeting to be held at St. Paul's, Stayley, on Saturday, December 10th, will be an ordinary one. This arrangement, it was pointed out, will give the secretary ample time to prepare his report.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the authorities for permitting the meeting to be held, and for the use of the bells; to the hon. secretary for his address, and to the chairman for his services.

During the course of the meeting, Mr. Beeston remarked that he patiently perused the columns of 'The Ringing World' for reports of peals rung in the branch, and so far had not had the pleasure of seeing many. He expressed a wish that the leader of each tower should arrange one, and that, if sufficient members of his own band could not stand in an attempt, there were several ringers who would gladly make up the number.

The bells, a fine ring of six by Taylor (tenor 11 cwt.), were well requisitioned throughout the afternoon and evening. There is also in the tower a pre-Reformation bell, which hangs above the rest. The church, dedicated to St. James, is a neat edifice of stone, with a square Western tower. It is beautifully situated on the banks of the River Goyt, a short distance from the highway to Buxton, and it cannot be seen until closely approached, being surrounded by stately trees, which make it a secluded and pleasant retreat. The autumn tints of the trees and the surrounding hills presented a fine picture in the sunshine. The Goyt Valley is well known for its beautiful scenery, which, on this occasion, was added to by the music of the bells reverberating amongst the hills.

NEW PEAL OF SIX AT POUGHILL. A DEVON RESTORATION.

On Wednesday, Sept. 21, the peal of six bells at the Parish Church of St. Michael, Poughill, were reopened, and the new treble dedicated by the Bishop of Crediton, in the presence of a very large congregation. The Bishop gave an excellent address. Those who assisted at the service were the Rev. Gurney (Rector) and clergy from the neighbouring parishes. The service was an impressive one, and afterwards the bells pealed out o'er hill and valley their joyous notes. The Poughill ringers rang the opening touch, and other ringers who afterwards took part came from Lapford, Cadleigh, Alplington, Stoodleigh, Cruwys, Morehard, Cheriton, Fitzhame, Knowstone and Thorverton. The ringing included some splendid rounds rung as these Devon men can ring them, but there was also some splendid method ringing during the afternoon and evening. All were well pleased with the 'go' and tone of the bells, and especially of the new treble, making Poughill rank with the best peals of six in the county. The work has been most satisfactorily executed by Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons, of Chagford, who have put in their patent adjustable gunmetal bearings and modern fittings.

SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION'S FIRST SURPRISE PEAL.

The first Surprise peal by the new Suffolk Diocesan Association—a peal of Cambridge at Feering, Essex, recorded in another column—was rung to celebrate a multiplicity of events. It was a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Sadler, who attained the age of 68 on the 18th and 22nd September respectively. It was also to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. R. Fisher Feering, on Sept. 10th, and of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. W. Mellins, of Witham, on Sept. 19th. Further it was a farewell peal to the Vicar (the Rev. A. F. Curtis), who is shortly retiring, and to whom the band wish to tender their thanks for the use of the bells.

The band afterwards adjourned to Rye Mills, and after partaking of the cup that cheers, but not inebriates, tapped peals, rung peals, the Editor's leading articles, and some other articles were discussed, and among other items was rung a 288 Kent Treble Bob, 'in hand': F. Claydon 1—2, A. Shufflebotham 3—4, W. Keeble 5—6, A. Saunders 7—8. The party dispersed about 9 p.m., well satisfied with the afternoon's performance.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. THE ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT MEMORIAL.

A capital meeting was held at Brewwood on Saturday week, when members and friends assembled to the number of about 60. The four standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening upon the fine ring of bells. A good tea was provided at Mr. Perry's, to which full justice was done. Then followed a service in church, when an address was given by the Rev. Freb. Dunkley, M.A., Vicar. During the singing of a hymn a sum of ten pounds, together with a list of subscribers, was handed over to the Vicar—who in turn presented it at the altar—representing the amount collected from towers in the Archdeaconry to help defray the cost of repairs to the church steeple at Brewwood. Prior to his address, the Vicar very warmly thanked those whose names appeared on the list for such a welcome gift. He took his text from Jeremiah vi. 16, and gave an interesting account of the church building and the history of the surrounding neighbourhood.

A special service is to be held at Wombourn on Saturday, October 29th, at 4 o'clock, as a fitting conclusion to the erection of the memorial in the churchyard to the late Rowland Cartwright. All will be welcome.

It was announced that the peal of ten bells at Stafford are to be rededicated on Sunday, Oct. 9th—they having recently been rehung after lying dormant for several years—and that all and sundry will be heartily welcome to have a ring there on the following Saturday, 15th inst., during the afternoon and evening.

The next quarterly meeting is provisionally fixed to take place at Stafford on January 14th.

BICENTENARY CELEBRATION.

At Southwell Cathedral on Wednesday evening, Sept. 7th, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the return of the bells, after being recast by Abnham Rudhall, of Gloucester, a date touch (1,721) of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hour and 8 mins., by the following: W. W. Shorthose 1, T. Foster 2, G. E. Padgett 3, F. Pickard 4, E. Foster 5, H. F. Clulow 6, A. J. Chamberlain (composer and conductor) 7, F. Milner 8. Longest length in the method by local band. The touch contains all the 7-4's.

A 'FAMILY' PEAL ATTEMPT.

An attempt for a peal of Bob Major by a band of Lamberts, so well known in Kentish ringing circles, was made at Marden on Sept. 3rd but was lost just past the half-way single: R. B. Lambert 1, J. A. Lambert 2, F. J. Lambert, senr., 3, R. T. Lambert 4, W. H. Lambert 5, R. E. Lambert 6, F. J. Lambert 7, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 8.

ESSEX RINGERS' EXCURSION IN KENT.

Tenterden seems to be the Mecca of many ringers lately—no doubt the courtesy and kindness shown to visitors by the local ringers have as much to answer for as the famous peal of eight. On August 31st, the ringers of Puttlewell, Essex, and a few friends spent a very pleasant time there on the occasion of their annual outing.

A start was made from Southend at 6.33 a.m. to Gravesend via Tilbury. A charabanc was chartered from Gravesend to make the journey through Kent. The first halt was at Leeds, after a most enjoyable ride through the Medway Valley. Having first inspected the grave of James Barham, and marvelled at his endurance in that peal which lasted 27 hours, the bells were raised, and touches of Treble Ten and Grandsire Caters rung. If bells could be carted away en bloc, how many bands would like the opportunity of stealing this fine peal of ten?

Unfortunately, owing to a late start from Gravesend, there was no time for dallying, and a move was made to Headcorn. Here touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob were indulged in to the obvious interest of a party of charabancers. Tenterden was next on the programme, and was reached just before 1 p.m. in time for a splendid repast at a restaurant near the church. After lunch the tower was invaded, and the grand old bells were soon going to Stedman. The time came all too soon for the return journey, and at 3.30 a start was made for Frittenden. Here Double Norwich, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were rung, and the party set out for the final tower on the programme—Linton. In this beautiful little church touches of Double Norwich, Stedman Triples and Kent were enjoyed. Then came the long run back to Gravesend, which was reached about 8.30 p.m. The day was voted the most enjoyable ever spent by the bands who wish to record their very grateful thanks to the incumbents and ringers of the towers visited for the kindness and trouble taken on behalf of their visitors.

S.W.C.

PRESENTATION.

On Sunday, Sept. 4th, before ringing for evening service, a little ceremony took place in the belfry at St. Illtyd's Church, Bridgend, Mr. R. Evans presenting Mr. A. J. Stanley with a smoker's companion, as a token of esteem, from his brother ringers. Mr. Stanley, who has gone to reside near Newport, has been a ringer at St. Illtyd's Church for many years, and, naturally, will be greatly missed. As a farewell, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but unfortunately came to grief. A 420 Stedman Triples was, therefore, rung by: J. Evans 1, C. H. Perry 2, A. J. Stanley 3, R. Gregory 4, R. Evans 5, A. J. Pitman 6, D. R. James (conductor) 7, B. J. Toby 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Bolney, where the Sussex Association held a meeting the other day, is one of the villages most remote from a railway station in Sussex, but it possesses a musical ring of eight bells, which would doubtless be much more in request by ringers were they a little more accessible. Bolney can boast of having had a peal of eight as long as almost any other tower in the county, with the possible exception, perhaps, of Chichester Cathedral campanile.

One of the bells was the product of the Whitechapel Foundry in 1582, and was cast by the first of his line, Robertus Mot. Other bells came at different times; but one by William Eldridge, of Chertsey, cast in 1660, remained for more than two hundred years. The peal of eight was completed in 1740, by Robert Catlin, who in the previous year had succeeded to the business established in London by Samuel Knight, previously of Reading.

This foundry, which is presumed to have been in the neighbourhood of Shoe Lane, Holborn, ceased with the death of Catlin's successor, about 1781, so that Bolney has a link with a long extinct line of founders, who were in business in Reading as long ago as 1560.

An interesting anniversary falls in next week. On October 12th, 1754, Holt's ten-part peal of Grand sire Triples was rung for the first time. This was at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and is recorded in the peal book of the Cumberland Youths. George Patrick, who was a leading conductor in London in those comparatively early days of peal ringing, rang the treble and 'call'd hobs.' The ringer of the 5th was Francis Wood, grandfather of Matt. Wood, whose death in 1912 severed a link of more than 160 years in London ringing.

Clent, where the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association rang their quarterly peal on Saturday week, possesses among its bells four by Bagley, one of the successors to the Henry Bagley, the first Northamptonshire bell founder, who established himself at Chacombe, Northants, in 1632. The four bells at Clent date from 1681, others were added in 1718 and 1723 respectively, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. made them eight in 1902.

Readers are reminded of the appeal made last week for help towards the restoration of the bells at the Parish Church, Barley, Herts: £100 is needed, and contributions should be sent to Mr. W. Mausfield, or Mr. R. Howard, Church End, Barley.

One of the Old Brigade took part in a peal at St. John's, Deptford, last week. Mr. Joseph Law, who is in his 80th year, rang the 4th to a peal of Grand sire Triples, and great credit is due to him for the performance.

In response to the appeal made last week for the use of volumes of 'Bell News' in connection with the Central Council Library, Mr. D. J. Nichols, of Kettering, has kindly offered to present to the Council the bound volumes of that journal for the years 1903-04-05. Offers of volumes covering the other years between May, 1901, and December, 1910, will be welcomed by the Librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

The peal of ten at Stafford, rung by the Whitechapel Foundry, are to be rededicated on Sunday, and on the following Saturday there will be an open ringing meeting.

What will be one of the heaviest peals of eight in the country will be opened at 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 29th, when the bells at Westbury, Wilts, will be dedicated.

The old six have been recast and two new trebles added by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have hung them in an entirely new iron framework, with new fittings, including ball bearings. The tenor is over 35 cwt.

Major C. F. Jerram, D.S.O., of H.M.S. 'Raleigh,' has recently been in port at Quebec, where he took the opportunity of visiting the Rector of St. Matthew's. Major Jerram, who is keenly interested in ringing, made suggestions for improving ringing at St. Matthew's Church, where there is a peal of eight bells, and it is hoped that good results may follow.

The attention of Salisbury Guild ringers is called to the meeting of the Devezes branch, which is to be held at Bradford-on-Avon to-morrow (Saturday).

THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your report of the meeting of the Suffolk Diocesan Association, held at Hadleigh, on Saturday, Sept. 17th, you state that the towers of North Walsham and St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, were represented. This is not so. It is true that I and Mr. G. F. Burton were at Hadleigh, but we were there in the capacity of representatives of the Norwich and Ipswich Association to take part only in a conference held previously to the general business meeting of the Suffolk Diocesan Association. It is obvious that the towers of North Walsham and St. Peter Mancroft could be represented at a Suffolk meeting.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, Secretary.

Norwich and Ipswich Association.

North Walsham, Norfolk.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Eastern District took place at North Cave, on Saturday, Sept. 24th, this being the first visit of the association, thereby fulfilling the rule as to unaffiliated towers. A most hearty welcome was accorded the members by the Vicar (the Rev. M. N. Rice, M.A.), whose keen interest in ringing made the visit doubly agreeable. The bells, a nice light ring of six, by Taylor, were made good use of during the afternoon.

A service was held at 4 p.m., and a short address given by the Vicar, who spoke from Zechariah xiii. 20, 'In that day shall there be upon the bells of the houses, Holiness unto the Lord.' He referred to the difficulty of change ringing, and said that ringers should be very careful of their privilege in being able to ring bells.

An excellent repast was afterwards provided by Mrs. Foster in the Albion Hotel, and short work was made of the renowned local delicacy, 'Cave cheesecakes.'

The business meeting followed, the Vice-President (Mr. A. E. West) being in the chair. One new member was elected—Mr. L. Dobson, of Market Weighton. It was proposed that the annual meeting be held at Selby, subject to the usual permission being granted, failing which, Pontefract should be visited.—A vote of condolence to the relatives of the late Mr. Charles Jackson was passed, by the members standing in a few moments in respectful silence.

An informal discussion took place on the advisability of having fixed dates for the meetings, and the secretary was asked to put this on the agenda for the annual meeting.

The Vicar had previously expressed a desire for expert assistance for his ringers, and a band was arranged to visit North Cave once a month.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his instructive address at the service; also to the organist, the verger (Mr. J. T. Blanchard) for his excellent arrangements, and to Mrs. Foster for the splendid catering. This concluded the business, and ringing was again indulged in until dusk. Thus ended a very pleasant meeting, in this most delightful of villages, nestling at the foot of the Yorkshire Wolds.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

A most successful meeting of the Western District was held at Wetherby, on Saturday, Sept. 24th, when over 80 members and friends attended. The bells, a fine new peal of eight, rang out merrily during the afternoon and evening in various methods. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, who gave an interesting address.

Subsequently the visitors sat down to a good tea in the churchroom. The business meeting followed, Mr. G. Bolland being in the chair, supported by the Rev. C. C. Marshall (president) and the Rev. P. P. P. P. P. (Vicar of Wetherby).

Owing to no invitations being forthcoming for the December meeting, it was left in the hands of the committee to select a place.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells and churchroom was accorded, on the motion of the Rev. C. C. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Cotterell.—The Vicar, in responding, said it was a great honour to Wetherby to have a meeting of the association there. Everything was done to make the meeting successful, and he hoped the ringers had enjoyed themselves. He also wished they would pay Wetherby another visit.—A vote of thanks to the local company and the ladies who served tea, was replied to by Mr. Johnson.—The tower was again visited, bringing a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

ESSEX RINGERS IN HERTFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, Sept. 17th, the Woodford and Loughton ringers had their annual outing, and were accompanied by Mr. G. F. Margetson and Mr. H. T. Scarlett. A very pleasant journey by charabanc brought them to St. Albans about 10.30 a.m. Ringing at St. Stephen's was first on the programme, but the nice peal of six were going none too well. Touches of Bob Minor and Treble Bob and Bob Doubles for the young ones were brought round. Next, at St. Michael's, everything was found in first-class order, and some good ringing took place, touches of Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor, Stedman, Grand sire and Bob Doubles being brought round. After an excellent dinner at Messrs. Slater's Restaurant, the handbells were brought into use, and touches and tunes were rung to the delight of the staff and people in the street below. A move was then made for the Abbey, where the visitors were met by Mr. Whiteman, who piloted them up the lofty tower. Grand sire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung, and all were very pleased to have a pull on this heavy peal of eight. The party then continued the journey to Hatfield, where they were kindly met by some of the local ringers. The ringing on this splendid peal of eight included Grand sire, Stedman, Bob Major, Treble Bob and Double Norwich, some of the local men taking part. After tea, at the Salisbury Temperance Hotel, it was found the time had gone too quickly, and a visit to Hadley had to be abandoned. Therefore, after a few more tunes and change ringing on the handbells, and a selection on the piano by Mr. Margetson, a start was made for home, which was reached about 10 o'clock, after a thoroughly enjoyable day. The ringers wish to thank all the Hertfordshire friends who helped them spend such a pleasant time.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PROGRESS OF THE NORTH-EAST BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the North-East Branch was held at Calverleigh on Saturday, September 24th, and brought together no less than fifty-three ringers, representing Bampton, Bickleigh, Calverleigh, Chipstable, Exeter, Holcombe Rogus, Huntsham, Lifton, Milverton, Sowton, Thorverton, Tiverton, Washfield, and West Moors (Dorset). This constituted a record attendance for the branch, and it speaks volumes for the enthusiasm for change ringing in this corner of Devon, where the difficulties of the art itself are magnified by difficulties of transit and the isolated situation of many towers. It was evidence also of the value of subdividing unwieldy associations into districts, providing regular meetings which give the most out-of-the-way tower its turn, and intensifying the spirit of emulation and a guild patriotism by concentrating upon the smaller area. Calverleigh is a tower which stands almost to itself, amidst beautiful scenery, and possesses a light ring of six bells (tenor about 6 cwt.), and an aspiring band of change ringers. A feature of this meeting was the number of clerical ringers present, and advantage was taken of the occasion to ring two six-scores of Grand sire Doubles by clergymen only: Revs. W. G. Carew (Bickleigh), Maitland Kelly (Lifton), E. J. Barton (Holcombe Rogus), F. Carter (Witleigh), E. V. Cox (Bampton), O. C. Cox (West Moors). Ringing was kept up continuously during the afternoon and evening in Grand sire and Stedman Doubles, with a touch of Bob Minor towards the end. At the service in church, the Rev. Maitland Kelly, president of the Guild, gave an address, recalling the memory of William D. James killed in the war, and urging upon all ringers the desire of improving themselves in the practice of their art.

Tea was served at the Court, by kind permission of Major and Mrs. J. Chichester, and afterwards the general meeting was presided over by the Rev. E. J. Barton, chairman of the branch. The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (the Rev. E. V. Cox) presented a very encouraging report. Membership, he said, had increased from 86 to 94, and the accounts showed a balance in hand of £5 13s. 9d.

All the officers were unanimously re-elected.—Twerton was decided upon as the place for the December meeting.—Votes of thanks were accorded to Major and Mrs. Chichester, the Rev. F. and Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Woodley, and her helpers at the tea, and to the chairman and secretary for their services during the past year.

The Rev. E. V. Cox, to whose spirited efforts and practical enthusiasm for change ringing the growth of the branch is very largely due, in replying, emphasised the need of passing on to the mastering of Stedman and Plain Bob Minor by those who can now ring Grand sire.—The President of the Guild spoke of the joy it gave him to have such proof of the flourishing condition of the branch, and likewise impressed the expediency of moving on to Minor Methods, with Plain Bob as the foundation. He also called to mind the splendid propaganda work done by the Twerton men many years ago.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Curdridge, on Saturday last, when members, to the number of 25, were present from Alverstoke, Curdridge, Gosport, Havant, Portsmouth, Portsea, Wickham, and visitors from Upham, Bishopstoke, North Stoneham, and Southampton, and the Rev. E. Banke James. The fine peal of eight were available during the afternoon and evening, and were used to full advantage. Shortly after 5 p.m. the first contingent of ringers went to tea (as accommodation would not permit of all sitting down at once), and two courses of Cambridge Surprise Major were rung by the remaining ringers. After these had finished their repast, the business meeting was held, when several new members were elected, including the Rector of Soberton as an honorary member.

Portsmouth was chosen for the annual meeting, to be held in January, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

A letter was read from the Vicar of Curdridge, regretting, through indisposition, that he could not attend, although he wished the Guild a hearty success.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and a vote of sympathy to him, closed a successful meeting, at which all the standard methods were rung.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Wonersh, on Saturday, September 17th, and was well attended. Ringers were present from Capel, Dunsfold, Godalming, Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas, Guildford, Shalford, Shere, Ockham, Walton and Woking. Service was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave an address. Tea was held at the Grantley Arms, presided over by Mr. W. R. Melville, who also took the chair at the business meeting which followed.—A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Wonersh for the use of the church and bells, and for conducting the service; also to the Vicars of Bramley and Shalford for the use of the bells there.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Saturday, August 27th, an attempted peal of Grand sire Triples, failed after 2 hours 40 minutes' ringing; R. J. Dawe 1, E. J. Pannett 2, G. Apps 3, T. Mitchell 4, T. Gasson 5, F. Attwater (conductor) 6, G. Wood 7, A. Wheale 8.

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PEALS TAPPED ON HANDBELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I see in your leading article of last week you attribute my arguments to either ignorance or prejudice, and run away with the idea that the Exercise will find amusement out of the tail of my letter. Perhaps they will, but it won't all be at my expense. Now, I don't think you can lay either of these things at my door. In the first place, I do not think I am ignorant of much concerning the practical side of ringing, and I can hold my own in any argument concerned with it. When I speak or write it is from my own experience, and not from what others have told me. As regards prejudice, do not run away with the idea that I think that records which I have set up cannot be beaten. I should be pleased to see some of them beaten. It would give me an opportunity to try and set up some fresh ones. But let these performances be beaten by scientific change ringing, not by mechanical systems of tapping, which is not ringing at all. I still say that from a scientific point of view the ringing of an inside pair of bells to a peal of London is one of the greatest achievements, and when someone rings more than two bells it will be beaten, and not until then. If Mr. Morris is capable of that, he would have fallen in with my suggestion, and it would prove whether his performances are done on the same lines as change ringing. You speak of my knowledge of tapping, what about your own knowledge? You say 'these performances are beyond us.' How do you know who they are beyond? No one with any exceptional ability as a ringer has ever taken it up seriously. Now, sir, I think you would have shown more wisdom if you had left this subject to those who started it. I should never have taken any part in it had I not been concerned in the discussion on it, which resulted in the Essex Association deciding not to book the peals. The fact that you are Editor of this journal does not entitle you to try and be the dominating figure in all disputes which arise out of ringing, and you are not justified in opposing decisions set up by the Central Council. I fail to see what your object can be unless it be self-preservation, but if you are open to stand by anything for the sake of this, we shall soon be seeing peals which are 'lapped' appearing in your columns, and all I can say is that in doing so you are dragging change ringing down to the lowest possible level, and dragging science into the dust. It has always been my object to raise the standard, and if I have not succeeded I certainly have never done anything to lower it.—Yours, etc.,

W. PYE.

The last thing that one would attribute to Mr. Pye is ignorance in the practice of ringing. On the contrary, the suggestion of ignorance was made against us by Mr. Pye in his last letter, when he said that 'those persons who so readily express their opinions know very little.'

Mr. Pye, however, now goes on to another issue, and says we have no right to try and be the dominating figure in all disputes which arise out of ringing. But neither has Mr. Pye in those in which he takes a hand. It is, however, the duty of an Editor to put facts before his readers, and as far as possible do justice to all. We doubt if both sides of a question could have been more fairly put than in our article upon 'Tapped Peals,' in our issue of Sept. 16th. Up to that time Mr. Pye and others had the free use of our columns to express their views. We endeavoured to sum up fairly between the two claims, but Mr. Pye challenged us with being unjust to 'double-handed' peal ringers. Now that we have, as we think, proved that we were 'not guilty' under this count, he desires to deny us the right of expressing our views. If in the exercise of our duty and privilege of helping to mould opinion we appear to some people 'to be trying to be the dominating figure in all disputes,' that is not our fault. No writer ever had everyone in agreement with him, and we certainly do not expect to have the whole Exercise in agreement with us on every subject which we deal with; but if our articles cause others to think then our object has been served.

Further, Mr. Pye says we are not justified in opposing decisions set up by the Central Council. We imagine, however, that we have as much right to criticise them as anyone else, if we do not agree with them, but, in regard to peal tapping, can Mr. Pye point to one single word we have written in which we have disagreed with the Central Council, or, for that matter, with the attitude of the Essex Association, in whose decision Mr. Pye had a voice, and on whose behalf he took up the cudgels in our columns.

What we are waiting for now, however, are not side issues, but Mr. Pye's plan, upon which a peal can be tapped by one person, which does not require a greater mental effort than the ringing of two handbells to a peal in the same method. That will be the best proof of Mr. Pye's authority to dictate on this subject.—Ed. 'Ringing World.'

MR. MORRIS REPLIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As Mr. Pye has been handling my name pretty roughly lately, I think it is about time I had a say in the matter, in reviewing the 'debate,' if one may term it so. He is simply confirming what we said in our first letter, that the Essex Association did not understand the subject sufficiently to pass such a resolution, and there ought to have been an inquiry into the subject. In his talk of educational value, Mr. Pye was only theorising, whilst we, having tested

the practical value derived from tapping, knew what we were talking about. His second letter practically lost sight of the subject, and as Mr. Broyd has dealt with it, I pass that, and come to his third. I may say at once I never saw a fairer view taken of a subject than that taken by the Editor in a previous issue. I am sure there is no ringer who would try to belittle the most clever feats of that gifted family, the Baileys, or of the Guildford and Birmingham bands, not to mention others. My own doings I leave to the judgment of others. I would like to ask Mr. Pye how long he has been a judge on the capabilities of a man? I quite agree with him when he says it requires men of exceptional ability to ring a pair of handbells to a peal of London, but that does not say that sooner or later a man will not come along who will be able to do the work of the whole eight. And may I also ask that when he is conducting a peal in that method does he not follow the course of each bell, for that is what I have always thought a conductor ought to be able to do? If so, why should he say such a thing is impossible in tapping? And again, I have never to my knowledge told him how much or how little I know of London. I might say in passing that I could have rung London long ago had I the same chance as himself. I notice, too, that he is trying to tell the Exercise that I tap by a system that has no relation to change ringing, yet he curiously enough omits any details. I think, however, my letter of explanation will be sufficient answer to that. Whether I shall be able to make an expert ringer through tapping remains to be seen. I am a better judge of that than he can be, so he need not worry about that. I note, too, that he mentions once or twice that one cannot call tapping ringing. We have never made that claim yet, but we have made the claim that tapping is a great aid in the progress of our art. If I were asked to deliver a lecture on change ringing, I should take my bells with me and intersperse my remarks, with change ringing, thereby illustrating what I had to say by a practical demonstration. Is not this promoting the art more than by mere talking? Again, if I were asked to stand in a peal in the tower, I should practise the peal over, and I suggest that I should be of more practical service to the band when the peal came off than if I had just looked at a paper.

In his last letter, Mr. Pye is unconsciously paying me a great compliment, by saying in effect, it is impossible for me to spring into fame in a few weeks. I say, with the lessons of the great war still in our memory, how can any man say what is impossible and what is not, where men were performing impossible tasks almost every day, tasks in which, I am proud to say, a large number of my brother ringers took part? I am sure that Mr. Pye cannot tell the capacity of my brain. If he can he is very clever, for that is more than I know myself. I see, although he is up against tapping peals, he wants me to take four handbells with him and another. I do not think it would be a great matter to do that; but the point is, why should I cater to the wishes of a man who, trying to denounce my other performances, has no objection to me wasting time over freak performances. I may say that as I am only a common workman, I have no time to waste over such luxuries as freaks, by the performance of which no good purpose would be served. May I say here, that any knowledge I may have that is any good to any of my brother ringers, is theirs for the asking. In my opinion the church to-day is up against the biggest fight in her history, one may almost say a fight for existence, and she is looking to her ringers to give her every ounce of support of which they are capable, and it is up to us to get every recruit we can by every means that lies in our power. I say to any ringer who has any fresh ideas, for teaching or in ringing, never mind how silly they look at first sight, try them out, and see what they come to, for it is the trying out of such things from which one gains experience, if nothing else; do not mind the opinions of men who have placed themselves on such a high pedestal that they cannot see the struggles of their humbler brothers trying to keep a hand together. I am pleased to say these are few and far between, for I have had many letters from different parts of the country, telling me to go straight on. That is the spirit that will make any organisation go ahead; not the spirit we have seen running through this debate.—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

A letter from Mr. W. Keeble is unavoidably held over until next week.—Ed.

TRUE PEAL AFTER ALL.

Sir,—I am sorry to say that in my letter last week, with reference to the peal of London Surprise tapped by Mr. Morris, I condemned a true peal, as the only leads of the plain course used in the 5,600 are the 1st, 7th and part of the last lead, and repetitions cannot occur in those with the tenors together. You will see I have committed a technical error, for which I most humbly apologise to Mr. Morris, the Exercise and yourself, for wasting your valuable time and space.

EDWARD MULLINS.

Birmingham.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.—At St. Margaret's Church, on August 26th, an attempted peal of Grandsire Triples, failed after 2 hours and 40 minutes' ringing: G. Richardson 1, R. J. Dawe 2, E. J. Pannett 3, A. Pierpoint 4, P. Marchant 5, J. A. Hart (conductor) 6, A. Causley 7, G. Hunter 8.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HIGHAM, KENT.—On Sunday evening, October 2nd, at the Parish Church of St. John, as a welcome to the new Vicar, who was inducted on the preceding Thursday, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 20 mins.: J. Avis 1, F. A. Mitchell 2, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 3, G. Morrad 4, G. A. Jones 5, Miss E. M. Goodship 6. Also 120 of Grandsire and Plain Bob. All the ringers came from Milton-next-Gravesend.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 2nd, at St. Peter's Church, for harvest festival, 1,263 Stedman Caters: R. Brough (conductor) 1, C. Dean 2, F. Larby 3, H. J. Balcombe 4, W. Bullpitt 5, J. Sparrow 6, D. Wright 7, G. Burt 8, W. Groves 9, C. Kitching 10.

GUILDFORD.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 2nd, for the dedication festival, at St. Nicolas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Clark 1, E. A. Etheridge 2, G. R. Nicols, junr., 3, E. Radford 4, G. Nichols 5, G. Tomsett 6, S. Radford (conductor) 7, E. Heath 8. Also rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the ringer of the 5th.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, October 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. B. Crowder 1, T. A. Easterby 2, A. Bradley 3, J. Law 4, E. J. Pannett 5, H. J. Norgate 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. F. Bennington 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for harvest festival, evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. A. Fosdike 1, J. Crowder 2, E. J. Pannett 3, J. Law 4, T. A. Easterby 5, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, Arch. Bennington 8.

BIRKENHEAD.—At St. Saviour's, on Sunday, Sept. 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. Brocklebank 1, W. T. Robson 2, S. Barnes 3, C. Davies 4, J. Martin 5, J. Evans 6, H. Ludkin (conductor) 7, S. Maston 8. Rung for the harvest festival.

PUTNEY.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, on Sunday, Sept. 25th, on the occasion of harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: C. Moody 1, H. Rowland 2, H. E. Good 3, J. Herbert 4, C. E. Collis 5, Wm. Langdon 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, T. Bolton 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for morning service (harvest festival), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: A. C. Hardy 1, C. Fenn (conductor) 2, F. C. Russell 3, E. Parker 4, E. H. King 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, R. Fenn 7, H. Freestone (Dagenham) 8. Composed by J. George. For evening service, 832 Superlative Surprise and 336 Stedman: G. Cobbs 1, H. E. Parker 2, E. H. King 3, E. Andrews 4, C. Fenn (cond.) 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, R. Fenn 7, A. C. Hardy 8.

BOUGHTON (UNDER BLEAN), KENT.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, Sept. 25th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: S. Banester 1, H. Baker 2, S. R. Garner 3, T. E. Eades 4, S. Fox 5, R. Trendell 6, E. Trendell (conductor) 7, F. Leonard (first quarter-peal) 8. Ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 hail from Ospringe, the rest are local ringers.

NORTHAMPTON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday morning, Sept. 25th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. Blundell 1, A. P. Hensman 2, W. E. Atterbury 3, W. Farey, senr., 4, J. C. Dean 5, H. Rainbow 6, W. J. Allen (conductor) 7, W. T. Farey, junr., 8.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples, by H. W. Wilde (published in 'The Ringing World' Sept. 23rd): J. H. Lenton 1, G. Spurr 2, W. Hawley 3, A. Walker, junr. (first touch as conductor), 4, T. Holder 5, W. Pearson 6, H. Walters 7, A. Walker, senr., 8.

LONG STANTON.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. B. Woolley 1, E. G. Hibbins 2, E. J. King 3, W. H. J. Hooton (conductor) 4, G. Crisp 5, C. W. Cook 6. E. J. King hails from London. For evening service, on the same day, 720 Plain Bob: W. Hawkes 1, F. Cook 2, G. Crisp 3, L. A. Cook 4, J. B. Woolley 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6.

WORCESTER.—On Sept. 25th, for harvest festival, at St. Helen's, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,344 changes), in 50 mins.: W. C. Jones 1, F. W. Neate 2, T. Walters 3, J. J. Jefferies 4, G. Hinton, junr., 5, W. Lewis 6, W. Page (conductor) 7, J. R. Mackman 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for evensong, at St. Mary's Church, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Royal: T. Talbot 1, ... Brough 2, J. Sparrow 3, W. Hewitt 4, U. Skeit 5, A. Clark 6, D. Wright (conductor) 7, A. Trappitt 8, A. Clayton 9, C. W. R. Grimwood 10. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, in honour of the birth of a daughter.

MARKET DEEPING.—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 25th, for morning service, 360 Double Bob: E. A. Sneath 1, E. Wright 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, A. Riggell 4, J. Landon 5, G. Wells 6. For evening service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Mills (Edenham) 1, E. Wright 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, A. I. Holmes (Edenham) 4, J. Landon 5, G. Wells 6. After service, 720 of spliced Oxford and Kent: G. Mills 1, E. Wright 2, A. I. Holmes 3, H. M. Day (conductor) 4, J. Landon 5, G. Wells 6. First 720 of spliced Treble Bob by all the band.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, at St. Barnabas Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Vickers 1, J. Sear 2, W. Jeffs 3, Miss Vera Robinson 4, A. Vickers 5, W. Dedman 6, F. Dedman (conductor) 7, F. Buttrum 8. Composed by Harvey Reeves. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by Miss Robinson, and the first quarter-peal by a lady in Linslade tower.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, at the Parish Church, for harvest festival, morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples: H. Belcher 1, W. Etherington 2, E. V. Beadle 3, H. Folkard 4, A. Beckensale 5, W. Lidbetter 6, G. Spencer 7, A. Lewin 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Webb 1, W. Etherington 2, C. Tricker 3, T. Beadle 4, W. Lidbetter 5, A. Beckensale 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, H. Brooks 8.

GUILDFORD.—For harvest festival, evensong, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,344 Bob Major: F. Radford 1, Mrs. Hazelden 2, H. Hutton 3, E. E. Weatherby 4, J. T. Scott 5, W. R. Melville 6, G. W. Steere 7, C. Hazelden (first of Major as conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major by F. Radford and Mrs. Hazelden.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Parish Church, for harvest festival (evensong), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Saunders (first quarter in method) 1, W. J. Meers 2, G. F. Swann 3, C. Cotterell 4, J. Preston 5, J. W. Pemberton (conductor) 6, G. F. Gamison 7, J. E. Pyewell 8.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—For morning service, on Sunday, Sept. 18th, 608 Double Norwich Major: W. Arnold 1, W. Keeble (conductor) 2, J. Turner 3, R. Fleuty 4, J. Fleuty 5, P. S. F. Redgwel 6, J. French 7, F. Claydon 8. Also 1,280 Double Norwich Major: W. Arnold 1, W. Keeble (conductor) 2, J. Turner 3, R. Fleuty 4, F. Redgewell 5, F. Claydon 6, A. Saunders 7, W. Sillicote 8.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), being 4 six-scores each of St. Simon and Plain Bob, and 2½ of Grandsire: Miss C. Wilma Lawson 1, R. C. Underwood 2, W. E. Coles (first quarter in three methods inside) 3, J. F. Brooks 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 5.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, for service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: S. Head 1, S. Carter 2, E. Overall 3, G. H. Barker 4, G. H. Carter 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.—On Oct. 2nd, for service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, S. Head 3, W. H. Lawrence 4, G. H. Carter 5, E. Overall (conductor) 6.

CLAPHAM PARK.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday evening, Sept. 4th, 742 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: Miss A. M. Philip 1, Miss F. Orr 2, H. Langdon 3, A. Smalley 4, T. Langdon (conductor) 5, W. S. Langdon 6, R. F. Forward 7, C. Perkins 8.

BANGOR.—North Wales Association.—On Sunday, Sept. 4th, at St. David's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: J. R. Medwinter 1, W. Crane 2, J. Lund 3, W. T. Pegler (conductor) 4, T. Jones 5, A. J. Hughes 6, A. E. Pegler 7, J. L. Jones 8. Composed by S. A. Cullington, Llandudno.—On Sunday, August 7th, for Welsh service, 720 Bob Minor: J. L. Jones 1, A. J. Hughes 2, T. Jones 3, M. J. Morris 4, W. T. Pegler (conductor) 5, A. E. Pegler 6.—On Sunday, August 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: T. Jones 1, J. H. Medwinter 2, W. Crane 3, M. J. Morris 4, A. E. Pegler 5, A. J. Hughes 6, W. T. Pegler (conductor) 7, J. L. Jones 8.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Next meeting at Bradford-on-Avon, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. F. Brown, Hon. Sec., 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—The 284th Anniversary Dinner will be held at 'The London Tavern,' Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 12th.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Putney (by permission of the Rev. Canon Rivington) on Saturday, Oct. 8th, from 3 p.m. Will try and arrange tea as usual. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Cowbridge on Saturday, Oct. 8th at 4.30. Bells (8), and also Llanblethian (6), available. Tea provided.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Alwalton on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea please let me know early. — John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting 6.30.—Walter Hughes, Branch Sec.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Saxmundham District.—A Quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Aldeburgh-on-Sea on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells of the Parish Church (6) ready from 3 o'clock.—George Willson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The Monthly meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available 4 p.m.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Dulverton on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Service in the Parish Church at 3 p.m. Meeting and tea to follow in the Parish Room.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., Dunkery, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upton, Torquay, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next Monthly meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Sandwiches provided. Business meeting at 5.30.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Oct. 8th, as Leyland bells are at present out of order. Usual arrangements.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—By kind permission of the Rev. T. A. Lee, the Quarterly meeting will be held at Thornaby-on-Tees on Saturday, Oct. 8th. The bells of St. Paul's Church will be available from 2 p.m. Service in the Church at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 o'clock, followed by a business meeting in the same room. Annual subscriptions for the year ending Sept. 30th, 1921, are now due, and the Secretary will be pleased if all who have not yet paid will kindly do so before that date.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. District Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Beckington, Oct. 8th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5. Bells (8) available all the afternoon and evening.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45 followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

STAFFORD.—The bells of St. Mary's (10) have now been rehung. Opening ceremony takes place Sunday, Oct. 9th, after Morning Service. Saturday, 15th, bells available from 2.30. All visitors welcome. Tea can be arranged at reasonable charge for all those who notify me not later than Tuesday 11th.—F. Y. Haggis, Hon. Sec., 124, Corporation Street, Stafford.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at 7.30 p.m. at Southwark Cathedral on Oct. 11th (Wheat-sheaf afterwards); St. Magnus on the 13th and 27th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 18th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th. *Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION (for the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk).—The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, Norwich, on Thursday, Oct. 13th, at 2.30 p.m. The President, the Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich, in the chair. The rings of bells at St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John de Sepulchre (8), St. Michael Coslany (8), All Saints' (5), will be open for the use of members, excepting during the time of Divine service. Divine service will be held at St. Peter Mancroft Church at 12.30 p.m. Preacher, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Thetford. The President and committee earnestly hope that all members attending the annual meeting will be present at that service. Dinner will be served at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. per head. Those who intend to be present at the dinner are earnestly requested not to forget to notify the same to the Secretary on or before Monday, Oct. 10th. Committee meeting will be held at the Bell Hotel at 11.30 a.m. Arrears for 1920 and subscriptions for the current year should be paid at once, for the preparation of a financial statement to lay before the annual meeting. The Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich has very kindly offered to conduct the members round the Cathedral after the annual meeting. It is earnestly hoped that many members will avail themselves of this Ciceronian event.—Arthur L. Coleman, Secretary, 'High Croft,' North Walsham, Norfolk.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at St. Mary's, Lewisham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30, at 1/6 per head. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Oct. 11th?—F. A. Smith, Hon. District Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The Autumn meeting will be held at Stanton Harcourt on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available during the day. A service at 3 p.m. by the Vicar, Rev. Symes Thompson. 4 p.m., tea at 1/6 each at the Harcourt Arms. Meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pitminster on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea provided in the Schoolroom at 5.30; meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, Oct. 11th.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pitsford on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea notify me not later than Oct. 10th.—S. J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Road, Northampton, District Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above Association (Bristol Branch) will be held at Westerleigh on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock at the Old Inn. Please notify Branch Sec. not later than Oct. 10th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The Autumn meeting of the district will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Tower open from 3 until 9 o'clock. Half railway fares up to 2/- allowed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Oct. 11th?—E. G. Buesden, Hon. District Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteign and Leominster District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aymestry on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) available at 3.30. Tea in the schoolroom at 5 p.m. Service, 6 p.m.—A. Talbot, Dist. Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Southam on Saturday, Oct. 15th next. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Short service in Church at 4.45. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea send word to Mr. E. G. Berry, Mill View, Southam, not later than Thursday, Oct. 13th?—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays, 7.30 p.m., St. Clement's Oct. 17th and 31st; Bishopsgate 24th. Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement's 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral (St. Philip's) on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (10, tenor 30 cwt. in D) available from 3.45. Business meeting in belfry at 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual party will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at Milnrow. All ringers and friends will be welcomed. Tickets; Gent's 2/6, ladies' 2/3; these may be purchased from F. H. C. Massey, 40, Buckley Hill Lane, Milnrow.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Rye, Sussex, on Saturday, Oct. 15th. The bells will be available from 2 p.m. Tea will be arranged for 5.30.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Hounslow, on Wednesday, Oct. 19th. Ringing 7 to 9 p.m. Church near the Barracks station.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A preliminary meeting for an East Suffolk branch will be held in Ufford Church Room on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Bells available from 2 p.m. Will all ringers in East Suffolk who wish to welcome the Association please send me word?—Herbert Drake, Sec., Ufford, Woodbridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Half-yearly meeting will be held at Wantage on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Ringers please notify me by 17th.—A. E. Lock, 6, Vineyard, Abingdon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this District will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. C. C. Gosselin (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow in St. Luke's Institute. It is particularly requested that all who require tea notify me by Tuesday Oct. 18th, and not later.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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A good substantial dinner was enjoyed at the Temperance Hotel, after which the visitors returned to the tower, where they were met by Mr. F. Pitstow, senr., and Mr. Penning, and some very good touches of Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters were brought round. Some of the younger members had their first touch on ten bells, and they rang in most creditable style. Proceeding to Stansted, where everything was ready for ringing, further touches were rung, and then the party headed for home, passing through Dunmow and on to Felstead, where Mr. Farrow had the bells in readiness, and a few short touches of Treble Bob Grandsire and Stedman brought the ringing to a close. Home was reached about 11 p.m., after a most successful and enjoyable day. The ringers would like to thank the clergy of the various churches for the use of the bells, also the various local men who met them and assisted them in making everything such a success.

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The history of the old ringing societies is always a subject of great interest to the majority of ringers. The present is built upon the past, and a knowledge of what was done by bygone generations is often of value—not only in upholding traditions, but in helping to a fuller realisation of the origin of present practices, and of the difficulties and obstacles which had to be surmounted, by those who in their day helped to lay the foundations upon which the Exercise has been erected. The modern associations have had the advantage of the ringing papers to record their progress, and their membership has been such that the printing of their own special Reports has been warranted, thereby providing, for all who come after, a reliable record of their doings. The old societies were not so fortunately placed. They had no ringing Press to help them, and could not afford to have recourse to printing. All they could leave us were their written records, and, happily, where these have survived, they are, for the most part, carefully preserved; and well they may be, for they are irreplaceable. Such records as those contained in the peal and minute books of the College Youths and the Royal Cumberlands, the St. Martin's Guild and the Painswick Youths, which carry us back to the 17th and 18th centuries, are guarded with great care by the Societies, and some other of the old records have found safe lodgment in the British Museum. But there are, unfortunately, other records which do not now seem to be in existence, or, if they are, are in the hands of those to whom they are of no value, and, possibly, of no interest. Mr. E. Alex. Young is anxious to find the records of the earliest days of the 'Society of St. James' Youths,' which, as the London County Association, is now approaching its centenary. Although founded in 1824, there is no minute of any description in the records held by the Society before May, 1830, and yet these first six years must have been, and from an historical standpoint undoubtedly were, among the most important in the Society's career. Another organisation, not so old as the St. James', but now practically defunct—although there are numerous 'life members' still in the active ranks of ringing—is the Waterloo Society. It would be interesting to know where the 'belongings' of this former London organisation are, and to put them into safe keeping before they are lost. Doubtless many valuable old MSS. have disappeared merely because of the death of the person last entrusted with them, and the passing of the papers into the hands of someone who had no knowledge of their interest or value. Mr. Young's endeavour to find out something of the first years of the history of the St. James' Youths may, we hope, prompt others to take up the search for other lost records which are known to have existed.

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JAMES L. WELLS... .. 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 7
PRYCE TAYLOR 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 8
JOHN OLDHAM 4	EDWARD READER... .. 9
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JOSIAH MORRIS 4	*CHARLES CATTELL Tenor

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THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION

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DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 3	ALFRED H. WATSON 7
*VICTOR E. KERRIDGE 4	JOHN HALL Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.)

On Thursday, Oct. 6, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD Treble	JOHN HODGH, SEN. 5
HERBERT HERDMAN 2	ALGERNON P. G. STONE 6
CHARLES SANDERS 3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7
MAURICE SWINFIELD 4	GEORGE F. NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

First peal of Triples on the bells.

BARKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... Treble	* EDWARD D. SMITH 5
GEORGE W. FAULKNER 2	FRANK C. NEWMAN 6
ARTHUR J. NEALE 3	ERNEST G. COTTIS 7
EBENEZER ANDREWS 4	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

* First peal on 8 bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. G. Cottis.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;

WILLIAM BIBBY Treble	FRANCIS BIBBY 5
HENRY C. COLLYER 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	THOMAS H. LIGHTFOOT 7
GEORGE H. RANGLES 4	CECIL R. RADDON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Rung on the eve of the harvest festival. This composition, the Author's No. 213, is now rung for the first time.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

* ARTHUR DAY Treble	THOMAS KENDALL 5
FREDERICK HUNT 2	* HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 6
HERBERT WOOD 3	* BEN JARMAN 7
HARRY WOOD 4	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringer of the 3rd was elected a member of the Association before starting the peal. The ringers of the treble and 7th belong to the local band, the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor hail from Luton, and 6th from St. Albans Cathedral.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN AVIS Treble	* HENRY T. BARNES 5
* JAMES CARROTT 2	WILLIAM HARPER 6
MISS ETHEL M. GOODSHIP 3	† WILLIAM E. WARE 7
JOHN BURLES 4	† FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Composed by the late DR. F. E. W. MEADOWS.

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor and first attempt. Messrs. Carrott, Barnes and Ware are members of the local band. For calling see peal 121, sec. 2, Central Council Collection.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Kent and Oxford Spliced. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
FRANK FOX 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
ARTHUR NEWELL 3	HENRY W. WILDE 7
GEORGE JONES 4	JAMES MORGAN Tenor

Composed by JAS. MORGAN. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

This peal has one lead of Oxford in each course so that 7—8 are never in the slow. A. Newell has now rung a peal on each bell.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOSEPH PLANT, JUN. ... Treble	JOHN PERRY 5
FRED BIRKS 2	JOHN WARRILOW 6
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
JOHN J. TAYLOR 4	EDMUND WESTWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHTS.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED ABBOTT Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 5
* JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 3	JOHN POTTER 7
* GEORGE POWNALL 4	TITUS BARLOW Tenor

Composed by HARRY JOHNSON. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

J. H. Riding and R. D. Langford belong to Crewe. * First peal in the method.

QUEDGELEY.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

T. BALDWIN Treble	CAPT. A. A. BENNETT, C.A. 5
W. HARRIS 2	E. E. DAVIS 6
J. AUSTIN 3	C. H. AUSTIN 7
J. GILLET 4	J. STEPHENS Tenor

Conducted by C. H. AUSTIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Bennett, wife of the ringer of the 5th, also to the ringers of the 2nd and 4th

BIRSTALL, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt.

* CHARLES E. LAWSON ... Treble	WILLIAM E. H. ASH 5
JOHN PALFRAMAN 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
FIRTH HOPWOOD 4	HENRY SMITH Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

* First peal in the method.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX. — At St. Swithin's Church, on Sunday morning, Oct. 2nd, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: T. Baker 1, W. Mills 2, G. Hewett 3, N. E. Hope 4, H. Coomber 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8. Also in the evening, a 504 Grandsire Triples: T. Potter 1, W. Mills 2, G. Tizzard 3, G. Hewett 4, H. Coomber 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*FRANK W. PERRENS Treble	ABRAHAM WILKERSON 5
HARRY ARGYLE 2	JOSEPH E. FENTON 6
WALTER MALINS 3	FRANK PERVIN 7
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by F. PERVIN.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sunday, Oct. 9, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings, rung with 7, 6, 8 covering.

Tenor 22 cwt.

*JACK WALFORD Treble	JOHN PERRY 3
†FRANK BILL 2	*H. E. BOOTH 6
†GEORGE WARNER 3	*ERIC SPEAKE 7
H. E. WAKELAM 4	A. G. HUNT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled immediately after the unveiling of the parish war memorial by Colonel Frances Hugo Lindley Meynell, D.S.O., D.L. It is also the first peal rung in Brewood on tower bells by an entirely local band.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

COLWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*WILLIAM G. CURTIS... .. Treble	†SHIRLEY BURTON 4
JOHN WARRILOW 2	JOHN J. TAYLOR... .. 5
JOHN PERRY 3	THOMAS PERRY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells. Rung for dedication festival.

STANTON-ON-HINE-HEATH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, three of Grandsire and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*WALTER LYCETT Treble	*ALFRED S. BAYLEY 4
EDWARD WOODVINE 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST... .. 5
*WILLIAM D. WASE 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Oct. 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Bob Minor called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ERNEST BAILEY... .. Treble	FREDERICK WADE 4
†CHARLES F. SAYER 2	EDWIN R. GOATE... .. 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods on a working bell. Arranged and rung to oblige the ringers of the 2nd and 5th, who belong to Beccles, and as a birthday compliment to Albert J. L. Naunton.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Court, and two each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

*FRED HILL Treble	*ARTHUR ROWLEY 4
E. HARRY STONELEY 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
ERNEST STONE 3	EDGAR VALLANCE Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung in honour of the festival of St. Michael and All Angels.
* First peal.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER W. BONHAM... .. Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 4
HARRY SEAR... .. 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS... .. 5
HERBERT C. EDWARDS 3	EDWIN YATES Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

First peal in seven methods on an 'inside' bell by H. Sear and his goth for the Oxford Guild. Rung on the eve of harvest festival.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED T. POULTON Treble	JAMES BLAKE 4
JOHN CLARK 2	Ex-Sgt. J. WILLIAMS... .. 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 3	WILLIAM POSTON... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Rung on the 49th anniversary of Mr. J. Williams' wedding.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 4 six-scores Canterbury Pleasure, 4 Old, 4 Plain Bob, 10 Grandsire and 20 with Extremes, each differently called. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM H. CLARKE Treble	ARTHUR CATELL 3
CHARLES ALLSOPP 2	FRED STANFORTH 4
ERNEST MORRIS Tenor	

Each variation was called by the ringers of 2, 3, 4, 1, 5 respectively, and this is the first 'all conducted' peal of Doubles by the Association. Rung on the 11th anniversary of the marriage of the 4th ringer. This is the 6th tower in Leicestershire in which Mr. E. Morris has rung a peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Sept. 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT 90, BLACKMAN LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JAMES R. KEMP 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	JOHN AMBLER 7-8

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by P. J. JOHNSON.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Oct. 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MOLLINS. Conducted by the Performer.
Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Oct. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT 20, BEDFORD STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

CYRIL HERBERT 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
ERNEST HERBERT 3-4	*DOUGLAS HARRIS 7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
Witness: CHARLES HERBERT.

First peal in the method 'in hand' by all except the conductor.
* First peal of Grandsire.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, Oct. 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM 1-2	GEORGE F. SWANN 7-8
ALBERT WALKER 3-4	BERNARD W. WITCHELL 9-10
JAMES E. GROVES 5-6	*JAMES GEORGE 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
Referees: PERCY O. LAFLIN and W. G. ANKER.

* 700th peal.

CLAPHAM.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT 63A, OLD TOWN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 size in G.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS 1-2	F. I. HAIRS 5-6
J. A. TROLLOPE 3-4	*W. H. HEWETT 7-8

Composed and Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.
Witness: MRS. BENNETT.

* First peal of Major on handbells. This composition has the 6th extent at home and 21 times wrong.

READING SOCIETY'S OUTINGS.

A very successful and enjoyable day was spent by the ringers of St. Mary's Society, Reading, on Saturday, Sept. 28th. The party of 14, including a few ladies, went by motor to Southsea. Leaving at 8 a.m. Petersfield was the first halt. Here a visit was paid to the Church of St. Peter, the bells of which were placed at the disposal of the party, and a hearty welcome accorded them by the Vicar and the members of the Petersfield band. An interesting hour was spent looking round the church, which is a fine example of Norman architecture, and has a light, roomy tower, with a nice peal of eight bells. Several touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and Stedman, were successfully brought round.

Then the whole party retired to lunch, a repast which was well served and greatly appreciated. The journey was then continued, and Southsea reached about 2.30. The day being exceptionally fine and warm, the party decided to extend the trip across to the Isle of Wight. Touches, double-handed, of Grandsire Triples and Caters were indulged in en route. The day was well advanced by the time they reached Southsea again, and after a light tea, a start was made for home, Reading being reached about 10.30 p.m., after a thoroughly enjoyable day's outing.

On Saturday, August 20th, St. Giles' Society, Reading, had their annual outing. The party, consisting of the ringers, their wives and friends, 28 in all, left Reading by charabanc at 8.45 a.m., arriving at Hagbourne about 11 a.m., where a halt was called, and a visit paid to the belfry. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Bob Major were rung, and tracks were then made to the Fleur de Lys, where another touch of 'knife and fork surprise' was partaken of, and justice was done to a substantial dinner provided by Host Napper. After dinner the party left for Blewbury, where attempts were made to ring touches on the bells, but without success, as the bells, especially the 6th, required a visit from the bell hanger instead of the ringers. The party next proceeded to Wantage, where tea was provided by Mr. Ash, the Market Place. Subsequently several touches were rung upon the fine peal of eight bells in the parish church, the ringers leaving for home at 8 p.m., and reaching Reading at 10 o'clock. They take the opportunity of tendering their thanks to the various incumbents for the use of the bells, and to those who made the necessary arrangements.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON BRANCH SECRETARY'S APPEAL.

A very successful meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Whittle-le-Woods, on Saturday last about 30 members attending, and enjoying some good ringing on the fine peal of eight. The business meeting was held, under the chairmanship of Mr. H. E. Woodhouse, and the list of towers for meetings, as prepared by the branch secretary (Mr. E. A. Martin) was adopted with one slight alteration. This list will be circulated in due course to all the towers in the branch. Information was given to members of the rise in subscriptions and the price of instruction books.

In presenting a report of the year's working, the Branch Secretary made a strong appeal to the eight-bell ringers to attend the six-bell meetings, and go in for something better than Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

At the close of business, a hearty vote of thanks were accorded the Vicar and local ringers for the use of the bells (so readily given when another tower was not available). Standard methods, with the addition of Double Norwich, were rung during the afternoon and evening.

A meeting of the Rossendale Branch was held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch, on Saturday, Oct. 1st, when members were present from Ramsbottom, Helmsford; St. Saviour's, Bacup; Haslingden and Rawtenstall, in addition to the local ringers.

Some excellent touches were rung during the afternoon and evening, the bells being kept going till after nine o'clock. These bells, which have only recently been rehung on the latest principle by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., are satisfactory in every way, and are a splendid ring.

Ramsbottom was chosen for the next meeting, and the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, also to the local ringers for having all in readiness, brought the meeting to a close.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION MEETING AT HORSHAM

A successful quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex Association was held at Horsham on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Members, including Miss Fisher, were present from Brighton, Billingshurst, Earlswood, Crawley, Dorking, Chiddingfold, Horley, Heene, Shipley, Pulborough, Shoreham, West Grinstead, Hurstpierpoint, Slinfold, Ruspur, Kirdford, and the local band. Ringing progressed during a full afternoon, and tea was served at the Queen's Head Hotel. A business meeting followed, Mr. E. C. Merrett occupying the chair.

Only one new member was elected, viz., Mr. G. Daynes. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Arundel on Dec. 17th. The new rules of the association were discussed, but nothing definite was arrived at.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Merrett for presiding, to the Vicar of Horsham for granting the use of the bells, and to Mr. Leo Paice for making the arrangements.

The meeting over, most of the members returned to the belfry, and the bells were kept going till nine o'clock. It is interesting to note that a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in 1756 is commemorated by a tablet in the belfry. The present bells have been recently overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and great credit is due to them for the excellent tone and 'go' of the ring.

MR. H. SEAR'S 100 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire Doubles ...	9	7
Grandsire and Plain Bob	4	3
Minor, 1 method	2	2
Minor, 7 methods	6	—
Grandsire Triples	29	16
Grandsire Caters	6	—
Grandsire Cinques	1	—
Stedman Triples	25	4
Stedman Caters	4	—
Stedman Cinques	1	—
Bob Major	5	3
Kent Treble Bob	1	—
Double Norwich Major ..	3	1
Superlative Surprise		
Major	3	—
Bob Maximus	1	—
Total	100	Conducted 36

Rung in 40 different towers.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: C. Gentry, A. Tarhun, seur., P. Timson, J. Clarke, C. Pease, H. W. Kirton (conductor), J. Wood, W. Pease. A. Tarhun belongs to the local band, the rest from Chelmsford Cathedral.

JAMES GEORGE RINGS HIS 700th PEAL.

An aspiration is a joy for ever, a possession as solid as a landed estate, a fortune which we can never exhaust and which gives us year by year a revenue of pleasurable activity. — Robert Louis Stevenson.

We have on many occasions in the past recorded items in connection with the extraordinary career of Mr. James George, and we now record in its proper place his 700th peal—Stedman Cinques on hand-bells rung in the Cathedral belfry, Birmingham, by members of the St. Martin's Guild.

We say 'extraordinary' advisedly, as although there are now quite a few men who have 700 peals to their credit (or discredit, according to the point of view!) we know of no other man who has achieved this huge total who did not start early in life, while our friend George did not learn to pull a bell until he was 36 years old. 'Old,' did we say! Tut, tut! the word is anathema to J. G., who swears that he feels better than he has ever felt in his life, and that not only could he do all the big jobs he has ever done over again, but do them better.



One of his greatest regrets is that no band has yet beaten the 12,240 of Treble Twelve rung at Ashton in 1911, in which he rang the tenor, as until this is beaten he has no excuse to go for a longer length. Can't someone oblige?

In the meantime, Mr. George is spending some of his boundless energy and enthusiasm in teaching a young band at Bishop Ryder's Church to follow in his footsteps, and all who have ever tried this know only too well what a difficult task it is. A ringing tour in which peals are scored every day with the help of a crack band is child's play compared to it, and there is no doubt as to which of the two ways of annoying the public helps the better to spread the art of change ringing.

Quite a large number of his peals are of the 12-bell variety, his first of Stedman Cinques being rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on October 16th, 1894. Only seven of those who took part in this peal are still in this vale of tears, and some of those have given up ringing and other bad habits, and are now living rational and respectable lives. But J. G. is positively incorrigible. We understand that before we have had time to announce to an expectant world the achievement of his 700th peal, he has actually rung another, and thus started gaily for another century. We warn him, however,

that we cannot undertake to write up his 800th peal before the end of the current year.

By-the-by, the photo which is here reproduced, is an excellent likeness of Mr. George as he is to-day, and it will be noticed from the air of complacency on his benign countenance that he is not at all worried about the present, repentant for the past, or troubled as to the future. We have no doubt but what he will in due course (or earlier), if his luck holds good, join the select few who can claim to have rung 1,000 peals, and we trust he will live to fulfil his ambition.

He has rung in almost every corner of the British Isles, and it is common knowledge that to enable him to do this to the best advantage, the whole resources of the L. and N.W. Railway were for many years placed at his command. Why, when he used to come to Birmingham from Rugby he frequently missed the last train home, but then he used to catch the one after that, and it was more than the officials dare do to let that train go out without first ascertaining whether 'the man from Rugby' was on board.

The following are the associations and societies of which Mr. George is a member: Essex, Midland Counties, Middlesex, Winchester, Salisbury, Sussex, Hertford, Oxford, Archdeaconry of Stafford, Worcestershire, Hereford, Lancashire, Kent, College Youths, London County, Waterloo; All Saints', Fulham; St. Martin's, Birmingham; Durham and Newcastle; Raunds, Wellingborough and District; St. Margaret's, Westminster; Bedfordshire, United Counties, Ashton-under-Lyne, Gloucester and Bristol; St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester; St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich; Norwich Diocesan, St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich; Nun-eaton; St. Andrew's, Rugby; Surrey, Warwickshire, Cheltenham and District, Llandaff, Irish, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Salop, Dudley and District Guild, Chester Diocesan, Worcester Cathedral.

Appended is the list of his 700 peals, which have been rung in 260 different towers, and 41 different counties, in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

	Tower Bells Rung.	Bells Conducted.	Hand bells Rung.
Bob Minor	1		
Grandsire Triples	59	14	6
Stedman Triples	110	3	4
Union Triples			1
Bob Triples	1		
Darlaston Bob Triples	2		
Grandsire Major	2		
Bob Major	28 (A)	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2		
Kent Treble Bob Major	43 (B)		
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	27 (C)		
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1		
Superlative Surprise Major	74		
Cambridge Surprise Major	12		
Bristol Surprise Major	4		
London Surprise Major	5		
Grandsire Caters	30 (D)		1
Stedman Caters	113		10
Grandsire Royal	1		
Aston Royal	1		
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	33 (E)		
Bob Royal	9		
Little Bob Royal	1		
Forward Royal	1		
Grandsire Cinques	3		
Stedman Cinques	86		16
Grandsire Maximus	1		
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	10 (F)		
Forward Maximus	1		
	562	18	38

(A) including 6000. Both rung (D) including 6011 and 8009.
 (B) including 6336 in one day. (E) including 6080 and 7280.
 (C) including 6720. (F) including 6000 and 12,240 Record.

STOURBRIDGE OUTING.

The ringers of St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, held their annual outing recently, and journeyed to Bridgnorth by charabanc. The outward journey was through Wolverley and Shatterford. The party visited the tower of St. Leonard's, where they were welcomed by the local ringers. The belfry and the view from the tower were of special interest. Two good touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were brought round, and a move was then made to the Castle Restaurant, where a capital tea awaited the party. Another visit was made to the tower, and with some of the local men Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. The homeward journey was made through Enville, Stourbridge being reached in good time. The ringers wish to thank Mr. J. Overton and his fellow ringers at Bridgnorth for the splendid arrangements, and for their hospitality in putting the bells at their disposal.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION. TOWERS IN THE WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough district was held at Earls Barton, by kind permission of the Vicar, on Saturday, Sept. 24th, when the following towers were represented: Northampton, Kettering, Wellingborough, Peterborough, Irthlingborough, Wollaston, Castle Ashby, Easton Maudit, Doddington, Isham, Wilby, Bozeat, Mears Ashby, Ecton, and the local ringers. During the afternoon, short touches in various methods were rung, including Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. A short service was held in the beautiful and interesting old Parish Church, and the Vicar, though far from being well after a recent operation, officiated. Tea was partaken of in the schoolroom, kindly provided by the local ringers and their wives, the company numbering about 40.

The business meeting followed, and, in the absence of the vice-president, Mr. W. Wilson, the treasurer of the association, was voted to the chair. Apologies were received from Mr. Wilford (of Northampton) and Mr. G. Basford (of Finedon).

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Wellingborough.—Three out county members were elected, viz., Messrs. F. W. Brinklow, of Oxhey; A. W. Dix, Watford; and Mr. J. King, of Southam. Owing to three of the Yardley Hastings ringers having joined the association, the question arose as to whether they were in the Northampton or the Wellingborough district, the tower being about half-way between the two. In the discussion which ensued it was felt by those present that it should be in the latter district, as they had only three towers with peals of six bells, whilst the Northampton district had seven towers with six bells, and the secretary was requested to write to the Rector, expressing this view, and hoping that this would be satisfactory to him and his band of ringers.

It was decided to hold occasional meetings in various parts of the district, apart from the quarterly ones, in the hope of creating a greater interest in the work of the association, and to help forward the art of change ringing.

The newly-appointed secretary appealed to all the members for their hearty support during his term of office, and to do their best in regard to Sunday Service ringing, and by attending the services so that they could be looked upon as churchworkers in the true sense of the word.

Amongst those present at the meeting were Mr. D. J. Nichols (hon. general secretary of the association), Mr. R. Richardson, Surfleet; Mr. T. Tehbutt, Miss Phyllis Hare, Miss A. Parkins, Miss C. Hepburn, etc.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, with the hope that he might speedily be restored to health, the local ringers, and the ladies who helped with the tea, brought a most successful meeting to a close.

A course of Grandsire Caters was then rung on handbells; also a short touch of Stedman Triples, whilst others again visited the old tower to have another pull.

THE HATTERSLEY LIBRARY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn regarding the Central Council Library, I desire to inform him that the Sheffield Cathedral Company have in their tower the 'Charles Henry Hattersley Library,' the contents of which are at the disposal of the ringing community, subject to the conditions shown in the catalogue. The books Mr. Jenkyn inquires about are amongst the collection. If you would kindly publish the contents of the catalogue much labour would be saved, and an advantage gained by those who are desirous of knowing what our collection consists of. It must be distinctly understood that postage both ways must be paid by those wishing to borrow books.—Yours faithfully,

COLIN HARRISON, Hon. Librarian.

53, Baltic Street, Sheffield.

We gladly comply with Mr. Harrison's request, and append the information he suggests. The library contains copies of 'Clavis Campanologia,' and the works by Shipway, Hubbard, Thackrah, Sottan-stall, Bannister, and Troyt; the Snowdon series, the Central Council publications; 'Duffield,' by Sir Arthur Heywood; Yorkshire Association Reports from Oct. 30th, 1875, to Sept. 30th 1915; 'Church Bells' from 1874 to 1879; 'Bell News' from 1881 to 1915; 'Campanologia' and 'The Bellringer.' The historical and other volumes are 'The Bell,' by the Rev. Alfred Gathy; 'Bells and Bellringers,' by Benjamin Lomax; 'The Bells of England,' by Dr. Raven; 'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging,' by Sir Arthur Heywood; 'The History of Shore-ditch Church,' by H. J. Bradley; and 'Sheffield Cathedral,' by the Rev. H. Cecil and J. R. Wigfull.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A new ringing peal of ten for Scotland is to be dispatched from the Loughborough Foundry at the end of this month. They are for His Grace the Duke of Argyll, and are to be erected at Inveraray. The tenor is 41 cwt., and they will, we believe, be the heaviest ringing peal north of the Tweed.

A bazaar held recently at Llanfchain, in aid of the Church Belfry Fund, realised £160.

Mr. James George, 'of England,' has just rung his 700th peal, and has, we believe, now scored more than any other ringer in the Midlands.

By ringing his seven hundredth peal, Mr. George enters a small but select circle. The following are, we believe, the ringers who have previously passed the 700 mark: Mr. W. Fye, the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, the late Mr. E. Fye, Mr. I. G. Shade, and the late Mr. Bertram Prewett, Mr. G. R. Fye, Mr. G. Williams, Mr. J. W. Washbrook, Mr. F. Bennett, Mr. K. Hart. If there are others we shall be glad to hear of them—they are not intentionally omitted.

There is to be a week of celebrations in connection with the re-opening of the bells at All Saints', Hereford, on All Saints' Day, November 1st. In addition to the ceremony itself, a week of peal ringing at neighbouring towers is to be arranged, and those who wish to take part should peruse the notice in another column.

Among the visitors at the dedication of the new peal at Bradford Cathedral, on Saturday, October 1st, was Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, who, after the ceremony, was invited to call a touch of Stedman Caters, and next day to conduct a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major on the bells of St. Paul's, Shipley, along with Mr. Pryce Taylor. The peal unfortunately came to grief when half-way through.

We are approaching the 190th anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Triples, a performance claimed for the band at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. Although this was challenged by a rival Norwich company, the figures of the peal are not now in existence, and its truth or otherwise cannot at this date be determined. But Oct. 25th is the anniversary of this performance. Will it be celebrated at the famous tower of Mancroft, where there is a most gratifying revival of ringing?

One of the early records put up in Treble Bob Royal was by the College Youths on Oct. 19th, 1766, when in 4 hrs. 21 mins. they brought round a peal of 6,000 at Shoreditch.

The first recorded peal of Treble Bob Major, containing the 60 course ends, was performed on Oct. 20th, 1794. It was 6,720 rung by the Cumberland Youths at St. Giles', Camberwell, and was conducted by that famous old ringer and composer, George Gross. William Shipway took part in the peal.

Thirty-eight years ago, on October 16th, 1883, the Amalgamated Society rang the longest peal of Grandsire Major on handbells. This was 10,176 in 4 hrs. and 55 mins., by: T. Russam 1—2, J. Carter 3—4, T. Miller 5—6, J. W. Cattle 7—8. It was composed and conducted by Mr. John Carter, and contained the 120 course ends and tenors together throughout. Mr. Carter was the first to compose a 13,320 with the tenors together throughout without a bob at every lead.

By the way, Mr. Carter has just returned to London, after a summer sojourn in the Isle of Man.

SOCIETY OF ST. JAMES' YOUTHS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have been trying to throw some light upon the opening years of the 'Society of St. James' Youths.' They were founded in February, 1824. There appears to be, however, no written memo or minute until May 17th, 1830. Neither is there a recorded Mastership, until that of Mr. William Dunn, who was so acting in September, 1834.

It would appear likely that Mr. J. Collinson and Mr. T. Tolladay were amongst the early Masters. I should be very glad to know of anything which may have come down either written or by way of tradition in this matter. Also, if there were two ringers about 1830 known as Mr. Mann and Mr. John Coleman.

Incidentally, I feel that it is a great pity that any of the old records of ringing societies should be lost or get into improper hands, as has been too often the case in the past. Our present Guilds, or the Central Council, would be only too glad to have the care of such records, and might well encourage the return of the same.—Yours faithfully,
E. ALEX. YOUNG.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 51 mins.: A. J. Howard 1, R. Pieton 2, T. Pitkin 3, P. H. Doick 4, W. Norris 5, F. Edwards (conductor) 6, W. E. Oakley 7, E. Elliott 8. * First quarter-peal. P. H. Doick was on a visit from Fulborough, Sussex.

BRADFORD'S NEW BELLS.

A MAGNIFICENT RING.

On Saturday, October 1st, at the Cathedral, Bradford, the dedication of the recast ring of ten bells was performed by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Bishop Perowne. Long before the appointed time, 3 p.m., the Cathedral was well filled, and well-known ringers from all parts of the country were striving to gain admittance to the tower to have a pull upon this glorious new ring. Yorkshire claims to possess more ringing peals of fine quality than any other county, and such magnificent rings as Beverley Minster; St. Mary's, Beverley; Bridlington Priory; Holy Trinity, Hull; Huddersfield Parish Church; Selby Abbey, etc., immediately occur to one's mind, and are justly famed. Bradford Cathedral is now to be added to the list.

The recast tenor weighs 25cwt. 2qr. 21lb., and both inside and outside the tower the purity and richness of the bells individually and collectively is truly remarkable. This is partly attributable to the openings made in the tower roof for the escape of the sound, but principally, of course, to the perfect musical qualities of the bells themselves. Messrs. Taylor and Co., of the famous Loughborough Foundry, have carried out the recasting of the bells and their re-hanging with new fittings of their latest type, and consequently the bells now 'go' with the greatest ease and precision. The harshness of the old peal was only too apparent, especially in close proximity to the tower, but Messrs. Taylor have produced a remarkable transformation, and everyone was enthusiastic upon the glorious and booming effect, without noise, of the recast rung.

The inscriptions of the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—'For unto you is paradise opened, a city is builded and rest allowed,' Book of Ecdras.

From his desolate wife, in memory of her beloved husband. Sir J. Arthur Godwin, Kt., first Lord Mayor of Bradford, died April 29th, 1921, aged 68.

2nd.—'Praise to the Holiest in the height.'

In reverent thanksgiving to our immortal dead from the members of the Cathedral choir. Henry Coates, Organist and Choirmaster.

3rd.—'His servants serve Him day and night in His Temple.'

In memory of Edward Billson, Churchwarden, 1904-5, 1908-12. Died 17th April, 1919. Presented by his devoted widow, Sarah Billson.

4th.—'Lovest thou Me? Feed My lambs,' St. John xxi. 13.

The offerings of the teachers and scholars of the Cathedral Sunday Schools in gratitude for the heritage of freedom won by our splendid men.

5th.—'Labourers together with God,' 1 Cor. iii. 9.

This bell was given by the sidesmen of the Cathedral in thanksgiving for the blessings of victory and peace.

6th.—'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends,' St. John xv. 13.

To place on record our love and gratitude to the men of this church and parish who paid the supreme sacrifice in the great war, 1914-1918. Given by the mothers of Bradford.

7th.—'He asked life of Thee, and Thou gavest him a long life: even for ever and ever,' Psalm xxi. 4.

In memory of Edward Alexander Shepherd, captain in 4th-5th Battalion of the Black Watch. Killed on Sept. 3rd, 1916, at Beaumont Hamel, aged 41. Presented by Elizabeth Mitchell.

8th.—'Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain,' Psalm cxvii.

To commemorate the men of the city of Bradford who gave their lives for King and country in the great war, 1914-1918. Anthony Gadie, Lord Mayor, 1920-21. King George V.

9th.—'Te Deum Laudamus.'

In memory of the men of the Diocese of Bradford, who laid down their lives in the war, 1914-1918. Arthur William Thompson Perowne, D.D., first Bishop of Bradford.

Tenor.—To the Glory of God. Bradford Cathedral, 1921. The peal of ten bells was recast in memory of the men who fell in the great war, 1914-1918. William Stanton Jones, Vicar; Arthur Wellesley Ward, John Edward Holdsworth, Churchwardens.

The service was highly impressive in character. Clergy from many parts of the diocese were present. The congregation included the Lord Mayor of Bradford (Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Gadie) and the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. Gadie).

Special hymns were sung, and the choir sang the anthem, 'How blest are they,' with impressive effect. At the selected part of the service the Bishop, clergy, churchwardens, and choir marched in procession to the west door of the Cathedral, under the tower, where Archdeacon Stanton Jones (Vicar of Bradford) asked the Bishop to dedicate the bells.

The Bishop performed the dedication in the following words:—

To the glory of God, and in grateful memory of those who gave their lives for King and country and a righteous cause, I dedicate the memorial peal of bells in this tower. May all who hear their sound realise the peace of sins forgiven, the joy of faithful service, and the power of the endless life to which may God vouchsafe to bring us all; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A consecratory prayer followed, after which a short muffled peal was rung. Following the blessing the National Anthem was sung, and Trumpeter MacLoughlin sounded the Last Post.

The Bishop preached a thoughtful sermon on the lessons of the bells.

In the process of recasting, writes a correspondent, the bells have been changed from the worst peal in Yorkshire to the best for their weight. The new tenor is 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21lb. in D, as against 27 cwt. 14lb. for the old tenor. The new bells have been hung in the old oak frame, which is a very strong one. The bell hangers have braced and bolted it together in such a manner that it is quite rigid and likely to last for 100 years with a reasonable amount of attention which all frames require from time to time. Also the bells are hung in ball bearings, which is a great advantage. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have completed their work splendidly.

The Cathedral is surrounded by warehouses, and there have been complaints about the noise from time to time. To avoid this, the louvres have been closed up with reinforced glass, the roof of the tower opened out, and a lantern built on the top, which has proved very satisfactory in the moderation of the sound.

The opening ceremony was entirely a parochial affair. The ringers' opening will take place at a later date, when it is intended to invite the Yorkshire Association to hold a meeting at Bradford. This meeting will be announced in 'The Ringing World' in the usual way.

FUTURE OF THE LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION. EFFECT OF DIVISION OF DIOCESE TO BE DISCUSSED.

A quarterly meeting was held at Cowbridge on Saturday, Oct. 8th, when a large number put in an appearance. The bells, a ring of eight, by Evans, of Chepstow, were cast in 1722, the tenor being about 15½ cwt., and hang, as most of Evans' rings were hung, left-handed, making it somewhat awkward for young ringers. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon, and at 4.30 an adjournment was made to the Schoolroom, where tea, most kindly provided by the local ringers, was served. The business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Hopkin-James). Instructors' reports were read, and a number of new members made. It was decided to hold the next Llandaff Archdeaconry quarterly meeting at Llantrisant.

Notice was given that at the next annual meeting, which is to be held at St. Woolos, Newport, on Boxing Day, that owing to the formation of the new Diocese of Monmouth, the title of the association must be amended, or a new association formed, the matter to be discussed and decided then.

After the usual votes of thanks to the Vicar, the ladies, and to the local men for their hospitality, the meeting closed.

The bells were again requisitioned, and, as the bells of Llanblethian were also available, and were within easy distance, quite a number journeyed there. The weather was delightful, and with the presence of several ladies from St. Athan, Rumney, Whitchurch, Cardiff and Bridgend, added pleasure to the proceedings. From the ringing point of view, it was quite a red-letter day for Cowbridge, for never before has there been such a muster of ringers at the church. The meeting was a huge success.

AN ALARMING EXPERIENCE.

Ringers at Lenton on Saturday week, had an alarming experience. An attempt was being made for a peal of Treble Bob, and ringing had gone on merrily for an hour and 25 minutes, when, to the surprise of the band, a piece of plaster from the ceiling came down with a crash beside the ringer of the 6th, whom it missed by about an inch. But the 6th man, being a miner, coolly remarked, 'Keep going, I am used to them.' A few minutes after, however, three bells had a scramble for the slow, and bringing up the wrong course end, put a finish to the attempt. The distance from the roof to the belfry floor is about 40 feet. The band was: W. Thornley 1, S. Wesley 2, T. H. Kirkby 3, A. Hickton 4, E. C. Goby (conductor) 5, H. Harrison 6, H. Turner 7, J. F. George 8.

DOUBLE NORWICH COMPOSITIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir.—In the Norwich and Ipswich Association report for 1920, peal No. 3,276 was composed by me and first rung at St. Mary's, Debenham, December 1st, 1897, conducted by W. Pye. The figures appear in the report for that year. Peals, No. 3,264, 3,369, 3,401, are only simple variations of my peal. I think young composers ought to look up old reports and ringing papers before publishing old peals as new.—Yours sincerely,

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PEALS TAPPED ON HANDBELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Morris's question as to whether my being able to repeat a peal figure by figure has ever been any use of me, I may say at once 'yes,' since I should do so by the rule of the method and the coursing order; but at the same time, in my view, that does not imply that tapping is any aid to Mr. Morris's teaching. If so, in what way? As I yet fail to grasp his system of tapping, but I am open to be convinced.

Now, sir, to business. With reference to your leading articles, I agree with some exceptions. If I remember right, there was another ringer of exceptional ability besides the Brothers Pye, who helped to achieve the supposed impossible, i.e., ring the first peal of London double-handed, and it so happens to be your humble. No offence, Mr. Editor, but I rather like to see credit given where it is due. You say, sir, that a peal tapped is a greater performance than ringing double-handed. I, with Mr. Pye, say it is not. Tapping is not change ringing, and I am prepared if necessary to go anywhere within the four corners of the British Empire to debate this. You, sir, say it is a greater mental strain. I say it is not, for this reason: a man who taps by himself has a system, and never has the danger or risk of being shifted by another ringer. He has everything, so to speak, in his own mind and hands, and should he make a false blow or two can put it right without calling on another to do so. Now, sir, with all due respect to you as Editor, I maintain that tapping never was, is not now, and never will be, change ringing. I have always understood there are two strokes in ringing changes, i.e., handstroke and backstroke. What stroke does a tapper imply? None at all. I have discussed this tapping with several well-known ringers, including a well-known ringing family, who were present at Finchingfield last Saturday, who can ring London on the tower bells, and most of whom are good double-handed ringers, and without exception their opinion is that a tapped peal does not supersede a peal 'rung' double-handed. There are three classes of men in ringing, as in other sciences; some are born great, others achieve great things, and some have greatness thrust upon them. There are plenty of the latter category about, and I will leave you, sir, and your readers to decide for themselves to which each one belongs, including Mr. Morris and yours truly,
W. KEEBLE.

Mr. Keeble points out some of the advantages which the peal tapper has over the 'double-handed' peal ringer, in order to justify the assertion that tapping a peal is not a greater mental strain than ringing a pair of handbells. May we point out some of the advantages on the other side? Mr. Keeble says it is not a greater strain to tap a peal for this reason, a man who taps by himself has a system, and never has the danger or risk of being shifted by another ringer. He has everything in his own mind and hands, and should he make a false blow or two, can put it right without calling on another to do so.

But it should also be borne in mind that in a 'double-handed' peal there are three others who by word or gesture may put the fourth one right when he makes a slip. That is an advantage which the peal tapper does not enjoy, and a trip is almost certain to be fatal. Again, in place making, and in leading in London Surprise and some other methods, there are whole pulls 'wrong.' The mechanical action of the up and downstrokes in ringing are a valuable aid in this matter, which, of course, the peal tapper cannot avail himself of.

As to 'system,' which, after all, is only another word for method, does not the double-handed ringer, ring by 'system' or 'method'? And which is the more difficult performance, to apply the system or method to two bells or to eight?

That is, after all, the only question with which we have been concerned, for it was upon that and that alone that we were challenged.

We have never said that tapping ever was, is now, or ever will be, change 'ringing'; neither have we said that the Central Council or the Essex Association are wrong in excluding these peals from their records. We have given both sides of the question as to whether these performances promote the art of change ringing; but we have never stated which view we take, because we are still open to conviction on this point.

We mention these matters once more, in order to keep the issue clear. Side issues as to what it has been imagined we have done and said, and what it has been imagined we have a right to do and say, have been raised; but it has not yet been proved that we were wrong when we said that 'by whatever system these peals are accomplished they are a far greater performance than ringing a pair of handbells to a peal.'

We have received a great number of letters on the subject from ringers in all parts of the country, and many competent handbell ringers, some of whom have had some practical experience of the difficulties of tapping, have endorsed our views. One letter, which was not sent for publication, contains, however, some valuable information, by a ringer who can both ring and tap methods, that we are

sure the writer will forgive us in making an extract. He says: 'Mr. Pye infers that there is some secret or trick in it, and that any other person in possession of the alleged secret could do the same. Before I joined up I could tap 720's of Minor in 35 methods, including about a dozen Surprise methods, and the only secret I know about it is—hard and constant practice. I have always transposed row by row, as one would write on paper, after learning what places have to be made. For Minor tapping I think this way would be the quickest to learn if one wants to tackle a peal of spliced methods. After the first method, anyone might make progress quickly, but Mr. Pye is very wide of the mark in talking of fame in a few weeks. It is the amount of study before the first peal that no one knows of, that takes the time, and is more likely to be many months. You are quite correct about the concentration. A single mistake is fatal. It is no use looking for the man you are dodging with to give you a friendly nod! Since being demobbed I have done very little. I am not able to concentrate as I did. Active service may be the cause. A 720 of Cambridge is about all I have bothered with lately.'

Sir,—The correspondence upon this subject has left one of your readers no wiser than he was before, but has reminded him of the old proverb, 'Ne autor ultra crepidam'—(A cobbler should stick to his last). Great eminence in peal ringing on tower or handbells in company with others does not carry with it the pen of a ready or convincing writer, nor (apparently) much appreciation of the different kind of skill shown by the single-handed 'tapper.' So far as I gather, the performances of Mr. Pye and Mr. Morris, though each remarkable, are on a different plane, and hardly comparable; and I think that the Essex Association showed, at the present stage, a wise discretion in confining itself to the entry in its peal book of one of Mr. Morris' tapped peals, as a curiosity in skilful execution, but hardly in pari materia (as lawyers say) with ordinary peal ringing performances.—Yours faithfully,
T. L. PAPILLON.

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VISIT TO WARWICK.

St. Martin's Society, Leicester, chose Warwick as the venue of their annual outing this year, and made the journey by road. 'We had some confidence in our bus this time,' writes a correspondent. Its buzz gave one the feeling that it would arrive where it was supposed to. On a previous annual excursion we had one that reminded us of a churn full of old tins. That one also arrived, but 'somewhere' 10 miles from our destination or a railway station, and there gave out. The faith in our converted Leyland was fully justified, for we reached Warwick within five minutes of scheduled time, after a splendid run via Nuneaton, Coventry and Kenilworth Castle, with a stop at Cotton Arches.

Our friends of St. Mary's gave us a hearty welcome, and the ringers soon had the bells (a fine peal of 10) going to Stedman Caters. The ladies of the party also got busy exploring the fine old town. The advance party was soon augmented by the 'millionaires,' who arrived in their own car, combinations, etc. With the 'millionaires' assistance the first course of Cambridge Royal on the bells was brought home, after which an adjournment was made to the Dale Hotel, where the ladies had already arrived. Full justice was done to a fine meat tea, and we owe a 'lemonade' to the man who recommended the Dale. After tea a further visit was made to the tower, when Superlative and more Stedman Caters were brought round, the ladies meantime visiting Leamington.

Mr. Adams, the genial sexton of St. Mary's, had made special arrangements for the use of a room at the Punch Bowl for an hour's convivial with the local ringers. Here the handbells were brought into use for tunes and change ringing, but all too soon our bus was ready for the homeward trip. Bidding adieu to our friends of Warwick, we started for Leicester in the wake of the millionaires. It was not a bee-line. Any old road seemed to suit. The intention was to travel home via Rugby, but on leaving Leamington our chauffeur introduced a course that was not in the main block, and promptly lost his way. No one worried, we knew the bus would get there; it did so in spite of us, so it did not matter. We only added 10 courses to the first half. Here we found the advance party waiting for us. The last half, Rugby-Leicester, 21 courses, was brought up in the small hours, in 1 hour 10 minutes. We would like to thank Mr. Adams and the Warwick ringers for their kindness in making the arrangements and meeting us. It was unanimously agreed that this was the best 'annual' we had ever had.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Eastern Counties Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild held a most successful meeting at Sutterton on Sept. 24th, when the bells were kept going by mixed bands until nine o'clock. Ringers were present from Surfleet, Pinchbeck, Spalding, Wrangle, Peterborough, Kirton, Skirbeck, Freiston, Benington, Leake and Wrangle. A capital tea was provided at the Angel Inn, a party of 43 sitting down. The bells of Wigtoft and Algarkirk were also rung during the evening. The next meeting will be held at Wrangle in January.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CHARING, KENT.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for harvest festival, a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles (2,520 changes), in 1 hr. and 28 mins., by: W. Henniker (first touch away from tenor) 1, H. Good 2, S. Hopper (longest touch) 3, J. Edwards 4, F. Good (longest length as conductor) 5, J. Collroy 6. This is the longest touch on the bells since 1913.

WYKE REGIS, WEYMOUTH.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for harvest festival, evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: A. Munts 1, P. Wilshire 2, C. H. Jennings 3, J. W. Rose 4, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 5, A. W. Sevlour (Bristol) 6, A. J. Rose 7, J. Beale 8.

NORTH STONEHAM.—Winchester Diocesan Guild. — On Sunday Oct. 2nd, for the harvest festival service, in the evening, 1,152 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 41mins.: E. Dumper 1, W. G. Edwards 2, G. Williams (conductor) 3, W. G. Rowe 4, C. J. Fray 5, A. Marks 6, W. T. Tucker 7, O. H. Giles 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's, for harvest festival, on Oct. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins.: E. Easton 1, C. Brown 2, R. H. Boddington 3, S. D. Breeze 4, H. Wincote 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, Robt. Fardon 7, A. E. Smith 8.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for evening service (harvest thanksgiving), a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Wheadon 1, R. Smith (Northfleet) 2, W. J. Wheadon 3, E. Brown 4, J. H. Cheesman (conductor) 5, E. Bates 6, H. Simmons 7, H. Audsley 8.

OLD CHESTERTON, CAMBRIDGE. — On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for morning service, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: W. Mansfield 1, R. Rayner 2, H. Mansfield 3, A. W. Brighton (London) 4, F. E. Kempton 5, W. Eusden (conductor) 6.

FRINDSBURY.—Kent County Association.—At All Saints' Church, for harvest festival, on Sunday, Sept. 25th. For morning service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: W. Beaumont 1, T. Beaumont 2, P. C. Springham 3, W. Evans 4, C. Winsor (conductor) 5, E. A. G. Allen 6, R. Paine 7, J. Aitkin 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: C. Winsor 1, W. Beaumont 2, P. C. Springham 3, T. Beaumont 4, T. M. Pattenden 5, W. Evans 6, E. A. G. Allen (conductor) 7, J. Aitkin 8. After evening service, 574 Grandsire Triples: T. M. Pattenden 1, T. Beaumont 2, P. C. Springham 3, R. Payne 4, E. A. G. Allen 5, W. Evans 6, C. Winsor (conductor) 7, J. Aitkin 8.

CHATHAM. — At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, on Sunday, Sept. 25th, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original: F. Belsey 1, J. Hunt 2, H. Hogarth 3, S. Shellock 4, C-Sgt. J. Bennett, R.M. (conductor) 5, F. Richardson 6, C. Norris 7, G. Laurence 8.

FULHAM. — For harvest festival, on Sunday, Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. F. M. Tuke 1, A. Cutmore 2, J. W. Driver 3, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4, A. Harding 5, F. Skevington 6, H. Belcher 7, F. S. Palmer 8.

STEBBING.—Essex Association.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 25, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Barker 1, G. Wiffen (first in the method) 2, J. T. Barker 3, H. P. Emery 4, E. Claydon 5, A. Shufflebotham (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Barker 1, G. Wiffen, Boeking (first in the method) 2, J. T. Barker 3, H. P. Emery 4, A. Shufflebotham 5, E. Claydon (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, for morning service, 720 Double Court: E. Hynds 1, G. Wiffen (first in the method) 2, A. Shufflebotham 3, H. P. Emery 4, H. Redgewell 5, E. Claydon (conductor) 6.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 25th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), being 4,120's of St. Simon, 4 of Plain Bob and 2½ of Grandsire, in 45 mins.: E. Ball 1, A. Trueman 2, A. Lovelock 3, J. Vincent 4, W. Trueman (conductor) 5, A. Dennis 6. First quarter by all the band, and on the bells, and the longest length by all local ringers on the bells.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—After Divine service, on Sunday morning, Sept. 25th, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 40 minutes on the occasion of the harvest festival: I. Evans 1, F. Ward, E. Hortin 3, D. Appleby 4, H. Coley 5, J. F. Davis 6, C. Wallator (conductor) 7, A. E. Roed 8.

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's Church, for harvest festival, on Sunday, Sept. 25th, for morning service, 616 Grandsire Triples, by: C. Willis (longest touch) 1, J. T. Williams 2, Wal. Dobbins 3, A. Sluman 4, H. Willis 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (longest touch as conductor) 7, H. Warrie 8. For evening service, 168 Grandsire Triples, with R. Baird treble.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 minutes: H. E. Gillett 1, W. Stratford 2, J. Collette 3, H. Gillett 4, H. Packer 5, W. Large, Todenham (conductor) 6, T. Banning 7, J. Buttler 8. Also 720 of Bob Minor: W. Stratford 1, J. Collett 2, H. Gillett 3, H. Packer 4, W. Large (conductor) 5, T. Banning 6, J. Buttler 7.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: Sid Hopper 1, H. C. Castle 2, A. Webb 3, P. Page 4, H. Parkes (conductor) 5, C. W. Everett 6, Tom Tabrett 7, E. Powell 8.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.—Central Northants Association. — On Sunday, Sept. 25th, at St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival, evening service, 720 Bob Minor: C. Moore 1, Miss K. Moore (first 720) 2, R. F. Lawrence 3, D. Shatford 4, R. W. Lawrence (first 720 as conductor) 5, R. G. Black 6. First 720 of Minor by an entirely local band.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sept. 25th, for harvest festival, evensong, the last 742 of Holt's Original: J. Simmonds 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Johnson 3, W. Scott, senr., 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, J. Leal 8.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for harvest festival, early service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: V. Glass 1, A. Chalk 2, W. Butler 3, H. Dorking 4, A. Evers 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6. For morning service, 720 Plain Bob: W. Mellin 1, W. Butler 2, V. Glass 3, H. Dorking 4, A. Evers 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6; and 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Butler 1, E. Bright 2, W. Mellin 3, H. Dorking 4, A. Evers 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Double Court: V. Glass 1, A. Chalk 2, W. Mellin 3, H. Dorking 4, W. Butler 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—For evening service, on Sept. 25th, the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. (1,260 changes): B. J. Toby 1, R. Evans 2, J. Evans 3, R. Gregory 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, H. Jenkins 6, D. R. James 7, A. W. Wright 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—For evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 25th, at St. John's Church, 504 Stedman Triples: Miss Phyllis Hare 1, W. Cross, junr., 2, T. Vaughan 3, W. Cross, senr., 4, T. Tebbutt 5, H. Bechey 6, F. Cooke 7, F. Davis 8.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Walker 1, W. H. Newell 2, H. Golding 3, H. Gates 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepheard (conductor) 6, W. Floyd 7, H. D. Butler 8.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for harvest festival, 504 Stedman Triples: Rev. R. F. Wilkinson 1, H. Allsop 2, A. Dent 3, W. Jacques 4, F. May 5, C. Carr 6, T. Bettison (conductor) 7, J. Bleby 8. Also 224 Kent Treble Bob Major.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for harvest festival, evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: Miss M. Wood 1, J. Corbett 2, H. Gould 3, H. Stapleton 4, F. Gould 5, F. Francis 6, F. Nye (conductor) 7, W. Vardell 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, for harvest (thanksgiving), a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. W. Alps 1, H. P. James 2, T. Langden 3, C. Burden 4, A. F. Pike 5, E. Penn 6, J. E. Davis 7, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 8.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1,260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES,
234567
752634 1
527634 4
275634 4
Nine times repeated, with
Holt's S for B half-way and
end.

Numerous Authors.

832 DOUBLE NORWICH
MAJOR.
23456 1 4 5 6
26435 — — —
64235 — — —
32465 — — —
24365 — — —

Repeated.

F. W. Rogers.

378 GRANDSIRE CATERS.
23456
25364 1 2 5 2 1S
Rounds by 4S, 3S, 5S.

G. E. Symonds.

1,260 STEDMAN TRIPLES.
2314567 3.4 5.6 7.8 12.13
5413267 x — x
4352167 x x
1302457 x x
Four times repeated.

Harold Walker.

RESTORATION OF FINCHINGFIELD BELLS. REOPENING CEREMONY.

On Saturday week the ancient ring of eight in Finchingfield Church, Essex, were reopened, after being rehung and quarter turned. The Vicar, the Rev. Harry Jordan, entered into the restoration scheme most enthusiastically, and the work has been completed at a cost of £230. The bells are rehung on the most modern principles.

A special service marked the occasion. The Vicar officiated, and the lesson was read by Mr. A. W. Ruggles-Brise, J.P., C.C. The Rev. J. A. Evans, D.D., Rector of Sible Hedingham, was the preacher, and he congratulated the parishioners on having made their church bells safe, sound, and serviceable. It was a great delight to the neighbouring churches that the work had been carried out so excellently. There was a charm in the sound of church bells which influenced the hearts of more people in the world than any other sound. Nothing was more charming and soothing, and nothing could better prepare the heart for service. People might ask, 'Why have bells to call people to church, when there are clocks?' The answer was that there was authority from God to use musical instruments to invite people to His house. God appointed first two silver trumpets to give the invitation, and trumpets were succeeded by bells. On some fountains could be seen the figure of a bell ringer, with an evil spirit in flight. The voice of the church bell was the voice of God, because it was God's command. He hoped that the bells of Finchingfield would now sound sweeter and merrier, would carry further, and that the voice of the messenger would be answered by the people responding, 'O Jesus, I come.'

The service closed with the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' and immediately afterwards a short touch of Treble Bob Major was rung, conducted by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association). The offertory for the bells' fund amounted to £4 17s. 4d.

Tea followed in the Schoolroom, served by the ladies of the village. Among the guests were Sir Fortescue Flannery, Bart., M.P., and Lady Flannery. The Rev. H. Jordan welcomed the ringers and visitors, and gave a report on the finances, showing total receipts and promises of £203 5s. The ringers of Essex contributed £33 2s. 6d. The work was taken in hand fifteen months ago, so they had every cause to be satisfied with the speedy and successful progress made (applause).

THE RINGERS' HELP.

Mr. A. W. Ruggles-Brise, J.P., C.C., on behalf of the parishioners, thanked the Vicar for the splendid enthusiasm he had shown in taking up the work, and Mr. Howard for the ready help the ringers had given.

Mr. Howard replied that it was the work of the Essex Association to help in getting peals of bells restored and repaired where such work was needed. The Vicar of Finchingfield and all the local ringers were members of the association, as Mr. Brise had been for a great many years. He (Mr. Howard) contended that ringers were the keenest workers in the church. If a church choir went out they admired the organ and all they saw at other churches, but they did not want to hear the organ played for them to sing, but if a band of ringers went to another church they were not satisfied till they had rung the bells. He never heard of a choir or a combination of choirs subscribing to purchase a new organ, but the ringers subscribed to restore bells and to provide new peals (hear, hear). The sound of the Finchingfield bells had been greatly improved by the bells being quarter turned and new clappers put to them, and he hoped the local band would now take up change ringing. The Master welcomed Mr. F. J. Pitstow (Saffron Walden), the new secretary to the Essex Association, and thanked the ladies of Finchingfield, who provided the tea.

After the tea various touches were rung, ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major by upwards of 50 ringers from Braintree, Saffron Walden, Sible Hedingham, Chelmsford, Yeldham, Felsted, Stebbing, Rayns, Feering, Kelvedon, Bardfield, Bocking, Earls Colne, Broomfield, Greenstead Green, Dunmow, Finchingfield, and Ipswich. Many of the ringers cycled long distances to the gathering. The arrangements for the day were efficiently carried out by Mr. B. Redgwell, hon. district secretary.

The work has been carried out by Mr. A. Howell, of Ipswich. The 'go' of the bells (tenor 18½) and the improved tone were the admiration of all present.

During the evening, the Vicar threw open to the ringers his beautiful garden and grounds, which are in keeping with this picturesque village, which is acknowledged to be the prettiest in the county.

NEWPORT PAGNELL.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 2nd, after harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: A. Gregory 1, F. C. Tompkins 2, E. Lathall 3, W. C. Brown 4, G. Boon 5, H. J. Warren (conductor) 6, W. F. Smith 7, J. Gregory 8.

NOTICES.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at St. Mary's, Lewisham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30, at 1/6 per head.—F. A. Smith, Hon. District Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pitsford on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—S. J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Road, Northampton, District Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The Autumn meeting of the district will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Tower open from 3 until 9 o'clock. Half railway fares up to 2/- allowed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Oct. 11th?—E. G. Buesden, Hon. District Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at The Saviour's, Bolton, instead of Horwich, on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual party will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at Milnrow. All ringers and friends will be welcomed. Tickets: Gent's 2/6, ladies' 2/3; these may be purchased from F. H. C. Massey, 40, Buckley Hill Lane, Milnrow.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Rye, Sussex, on Saturday, Oct. 15th. The bells will be available from 2 p.m. Tea will be arranged for 5.30.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Southam on Saturday, Oct. 15th next. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Short service in Church at 4.45. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea send word to Mr. E. G. Berry, Mill View, Southam, not later than Thursday, Oct. 13th?—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays, 7.30 p.m., St. Clement's Oct. 17th and 31st; Bishopsgate 24th. Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement's 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at 7.30 p.m. at St. Magnus on Oct. 27th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 18th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th. *Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral (St. Philip's) on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (10, tenor 30 cwt. in D) available from 3.45. Business meeting in belfry at 5.30.—A. Paddon, Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Hounslow, on Wednesday, Oct. 19th. Ringing 7 to 9 p.m. Church near the Barracks station.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Please let me know on or before Oct. 16th how many intend to be present from your tower.—E. Steele, 109, George Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—The Annual meeting will be held at Isham on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4 o'clock (address by Rev. E. J. Atkins). Tea 4.30. Gentlemen cordially invited. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than the 19th.—Cecil E. Hepburn, The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holbeach (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available from 12 o'clock. Service at 3.30. Meat tea will be provided at The Chequers Hotel at 4 o'clock.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Beeston on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Ringing from 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Cuckney on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2 until 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1/3 per head to members, 2/- to non-members, who notify Mrs. Harvey, Church Cottage, Cuckney Mansfield, not later than Oct. 19th. Visitors welcome.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the White Cot Dairy for those who send me notice by Tuesday the 18th.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Guilborough District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Long Buckley on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Oct. 18th.—W. Bott, Dist. Sec., Guilborough.

SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A preliminary meeting for an East Suffolk branch will be held in Ufford Church Room on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Bells available from 2 p.m. Will all ringers in East Suffolk who wish to welcome the Association please send me word?—Herbert Drake, Sec., Ufford, Woodbridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Half-yearly meeting will be held at Wantage on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Ringers please notify me by 17th.—A. E. Lock, 6, Vineyard, Abingdon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The meeting at Pitminster arranged for Oct. 15th has been postponed until Oct. 29th owing to illness near the church. Times of service, tea, etc., to remain. Will intending visitors kindly let me know by the previous Tuesday, as tea is being provided?—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this District will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. C. C. Gosselin (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow in St. Luke's Institute. It is particularly requested that all who require tea notify me by Tuesday Oct. 18th, and not later.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Barnes, on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Ringing from 3.30. Short service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting at The Old George, Mortlake. Will those requiring tea please inform Mr. C. Hunt, 34, Charles Street, Barnes, S.W. 13, not later than Wednesday, 26th inst., so that adequate arrangements can be made?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dist. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Mytton on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting, 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland Section.—The Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29th, at Smethwick. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Tuesday the 25th? Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. W. Salter, 10, Station Road, Erdington.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual festival will be held at Durham on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Committee meeting at 11.30 a.m., Three Tuns Hotel. Service at the Cathedral at 12.30 with address by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Welldon, D.D. All members are earnestly requested to attend. Dinner at the Three Tuns Hotel at 1.30 (members 2/-, non-members 4/-). By permission of the Dean and Chapter the Cathedral bells may be rung. The duration of touches must not exceed 15 minutes, with an interval of 15 minutes between. Ringing must not interfere with services. By the Vicars' permission, St. Oswald's and St. Nicholas' bells will be available all day. All requiring dinner must notify me by the 25th inst. Subscriptions for 1921-2 are now due.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec., 80, Fern Dene Road, Gateshead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Service in the Cathedral at 4.30. Tea and business meeting at the Bell Hotel at 5.30. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Oct. 26th.—P. Timson, District Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

SALOP GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Ellesmere Oct. 29th. Ringing, service and meeting 5 o'clock. Tea, 6 o'clock, at the Café, 1/6 if ordered by 24th from Rev. F. Tension, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—All Saints' Parish Church. Dedication and opening ceremony of new peal of eight bells Saturday, Oct. 29th, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed. Teas 1/- each. Intending visitors kindly notify E. H. Arnold, Hon. Sec., 4, Church Terrace, Westbury.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reopening of All Saints' bells, Hereford, Tuesday, Nov. 1st. Bells from 2 p.m. At 5 p.m., tea in St. Peter's Parish Hall free to those notifying me not later than Oct. 25th. Service 7 p.m.,

preacher Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. Peals will be arranged at other towers during the week Oct. 31st to Nov. 5th, those wishing to take part must notify me not later than Oct. 22nd.—C. Edwards, Ringing Master, Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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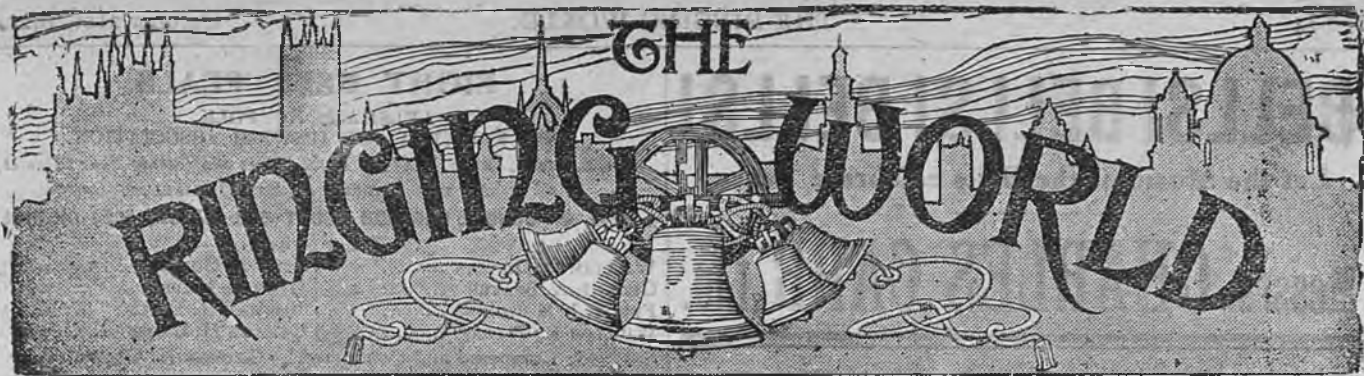
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'REMEMBRANCE DAY.'

The suggestion which, according to a correspondent, is to be carried out in the Central Northamptonshire Association's areas, viz., to ring the bells of the churches half-muffled on Armistice Day in remembrance of those who fell in the war will, doubtless, commend itself to a large number of ringers all over the country. November 11th is to be 'Remembrance Day,' and those who wish to do honour to the glorious dead will find the opportunity thus presented a very suitable one. The 'two minutes' silence,' which bids well to become an honoured and established custom on this day, has been found to be an act which goes right to the heart of the people of this Empire, and to appeal to their sentiment and to their desire to remember those who passed into immortality on the field of honour. Such an occasion is one on which ringers may well unite in doing their part, as they are privileged to do, in interpreting the national spirit.

On the other hand, there may, perhaps, be those who will prefer to let the sound of the bells recall the relief and joy that was felt at the termination of the years of war, and whose peals will be in celebration of this phase of the anniversary. May we suggest, in these cases, that it would be in keeping with the spirit of 'Remembrance Day' if the open ringing were preceded with a half-muffled touch, as a reminder to all who hear the bells of those who died? This is the least we can pay, and it can be done at very little cost of time or trouble. Indeed, these considerations ought not to weigh at all in a matter like this, for those whose memory we would honour gave no thought of time or trouble—or even of self. They gave all.

We hope, therefore, the Central Northants Association's lead may be widely followed, and that ringing may take place throughout the land in every tower where there is a peal of bells, and where ringers can be got together. Association Committees have time to take this matter in hand and circularise their branches in order to get concerted action. In any event, November 11th should not be allowed to pass unmarked by the bells.

While on this subject, may we suggest for the consideration of the Central Council, that the list which they have compiled of members of the Exercise who fell in the war should be inscribed on vellum and deposited in the newly formed library? It may not be possible to add many details to the names, except, perhaps, the place and the Association to which each belonged; but this, if done, would provide in compact form, a record of those from the belfries of the land whose memory is honoured in the Exercise. There is no other way of keeping a complete list, but, if suitably done, it would form a not unfitting memorial to those who passed to the great beyond in the service of King and country.

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On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY 5
GEORGE A. SPARKS 2	GEORGE MAYERS... .. 6
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY 7
WILLIAM E. BASON 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Rung after meeting short for Treble Ten.

BAOUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN FITTON Treble	STANLEY PICKUP... .. 5
GEORGE BROWN 2	WILLIAM ASHWORTH 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	GEORGE STAFF 7
WILLIAM CRABTREE 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

First peal in this method by all except the ringer of the 3rd. The ringers of treble and 7th hail from Milnrow, 4th and tenor from Todmorden, 3rd from Blackburn, and 2nd, 5th and 6th are of the local band.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, Oct. 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HERBERT FOWLER Treble	JAS. H. CHARLESWORTH 5
*MILTON FOWLER 2	*OLIVER GREATHEAD 6
SAMUEL HARRISON 3	*FRED LEWIS 7
ALBERT HELLIWELL 4	JOHN R. BREARLEY Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by JOHN R. BREARLEY.

First peal on the bells, which were dedicated in Nov., 1914, by the Bishop of Sheffield. * First peal. The ringers of the 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor hail from Bolsterstone, the rest being local men. Rung at the second attempt.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Oct. 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKETT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. C. V. EBBERSON Treble	FRANK CROFT 5
HERBERT E. DAY... .. 2	GEORGE T. CROFT 6
ERNEST W. DAY... .. 3	*WILLIAM J. CROFT 7
ERNEST J. NEWELL 4	CECIL V. EBBERSON Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

α The ringer of the treble was elected a life member of the Association previous to starting the peal; it was also her first peal and first attempt. * First peal in the method.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Oct. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS ATKINS... .. Treble	*JOHN W. BOOTH 5
WILLIAM SMITH... .. 2	HARRY WHITTLE 6
†JOHN SADDINGTON 3	†WILLIAM THORLEY 7
RICHARD PAINE 4	EDWARD READER Tenor

Composed by H. WHITTLE. Conducted by E. READER.

* First peal. † First peal of Major on an 'inside' bell. Mr. Whittle has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

ACTON, W.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
*SAMUEL D. BREEZE Treble	*HARRY G. WINCOTE 5	†ROBERT HOLLOWAY 6	†ROBERT FARDON 7
JOHN THOMAS 2	†ROBERT FARDON 7	*ERNEST E. EASTON Tenor	
*CHARLES A. BROWN 3			
J. WILLIAM FRUIN 4			

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung to celebrate the incorporation of Acton, which became a borough on the above date. * First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. All are local men except the conductor.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.		Tenor 17 cwt.	
WILLIAM WATTS Treble	ERNEST GOWER 5	ALFRED J. TURNER 6	ROBERT J. DAVE... .. 7
HERBERT RANN 2	ALFRED J. TURNER 6	ROBERT J. DAVE... .. 7	GEORGE RICHARDSON Tenor
GEORGE PIPER 3			
FRANK BENNETT 4			

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This peal was arranged as a compliment to Mr. A. J. Turner on his 50th birthday. It was intended to have rung Grandsire Caters, but owing to indisposition of one of the band at the last minute, the above was substituted.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.	
*GEORGE GRANT Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 5
REGINALD BROWN 2	CHARLES J. FRAY 6
OWEN H. GILES 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	WILLIAM T. TECKER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Double Norwich, also first peal of Major on the bells.

SEELY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Oct. 13, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 18.		Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.	
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT Treble	JOHN EATON... .. 5	ALBERT E. NORMAN 6	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM BALL 2	ALBERT E. NORMAN 6	SAMUEL GROVE 7	HARRY PARKES Tenor
*LESLIE G. CARTWRIGHT ... 3			
HERBERT C. SPENCER 4			

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung as a birth-day compliment to Mr. William B. Cartwright on attaining his majority. * First peal and elected a member before starting.

CLANFIELD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5698 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.	
JOHN HOLMAN Treble	ERNEST BISHOP 5
ROBERT W. HYNTER 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER 6
TOM O'HARA 3	SIDNEY PALMER 7
GEORGE LANCASTER 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. (No. 333.) Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This composition contains the 6th its extent in all positions at 12 course-ends (5 times wrong and 7 times right), and is now rung for the first time.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
*CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... 5	JOHN HOYLE... .. 6	HENRY R. NEWTON 7
WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... 2	JOHN HOYLE... .. 6	HENRY R. NEWTON 7	A. F. MAUDSLEY TUKE ... Tenor
GEORGE W. FRAYNE... .. 3			
ROBERT HOLLOWAY 4			

Conducted by WILLIAM E. GARRARD.

* First peal and first attempt.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.	
ALBERT E. NORMAN Treble	THOMAS H. REEVES 5
PERCY O. LAFLIN 2	JOHN NEAL 6
SAMUEL GROVE 3	ALBERT WALKER... .. 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... .. 4	JAMES E. GROVES... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.	
GEORGE FLEMING Treble	ALBERT FLEMING 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	*ARTHUR S. BOAR 6
WILLIAM P. GARRETT... .. 3	*GEORGE E. SYMONDS... .. 7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 4	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

BIGGLESWADE BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.	
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE... .. 5
*AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 2	EDMUND J. HOBBS 6
MISS A. M. DURRANT 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
ALFRED KING 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers of the treble and 5th hail from Bedford, 2nd and 7th Dunstable, 4th Luton, 3rd Stevenage, 6th Husbome Crawley and tenor Norwich.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.		Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.	
T. W. BOND... .. Treble	S. F. MACEY... .. 5	N. SPINDLOW 6	G. CAUDWELL 7
MRS. A. E. LOCK... .. 2	S. F. MACEY... .. 5	N. SPINDLOW 6	G. BROOKS Tenor
A. E. LOCK 3			
H. HOLIFIELD 4			

Conducted by N. SPINDLOW.

The above was rung in connection with the meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch at Stanton Harcourt the same day.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

**STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6184 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION REVERSED.**

CHARLES H. BRIGGS <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN... .. 5
JOHN OLDHAM 2	HARRY BROUGHTON 6
GEORGE CLEAL 3	HAROLD J. POOLE 7
HARRY ARGYLE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Briggs. The composition is now rung for the first time in this form.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

PERCIVAL W. CAVE <i>Treble</i>	JOHN A. BURFORD 5
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	GEORGE CONDICK 6
JOSEPH T. DYKE 3	WILLIAM A. CAVE 7
RICHARD CLARK 4	THOMAS GRIFFIN <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

Thomas Griffin was elected a life member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. This composition is now rung for the first time, and is an odd bob peal containing 420 bobs and two singles. All 6-7's at backstroke.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

N. J. PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

EVERED T. WALSON <i>Treble</i>	REUBEN COPELIN... .. 5
HORACE BELCHER 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 6
ALAN R. MACDONALD... .. 3	WILLIAM HAIGH 7
WILLIAM HARPER 4	JOHN AVIS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH.

This peal was arranged by Fred M. Mitchell, who thanks all concerned.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

*On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2	HENRY T. WILSON 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7
WILLIAM DUDLEY 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SRN. ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by E. BARNETT. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESEMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells. This peal was arranged by Clr.-Sergt. James Bennett, R.M., who thanks all concerned.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,*

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK SHAW... .. 5
JAMES SHAW... .. 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
MISS ELLEN SHAW 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
JACK BARNES 4	JAMES HOULDSWORTH... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES HOULDSWORTH.

The composition was the Author's No. 129, and is now rung for the first time. Arranged for W. W. Wolstencroft, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and was his first peal in the method.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Tuesday, Sept. 27th 720 London Surprise Minor (taken from 'The Ringing World'): R. S. Cherriman 1, R. Stredwick 2, F. Trusler 3, A. Cherriman 4, K. Hart 5, A. White (conductor) 6.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

*On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR PARSONS... .. <i>Treble</i>	JAMES BUTLER 5
WILFRED G. COOK 2	H. TOM GARDNER 6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3	H. CHARLES BOND 7
WILLIAM C. CUSS 4	JOHN HAYWARD <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. William Payne, who for some years was chapelwarden at the above church, and was greatly esteemed and respected in Cirencester.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sunday, Oct. 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

JESSE FRANCIS <i>Treble</i>	† JOSEPH T. DYKE... .. 5
EVELYN I. MOORE 2	WILLIAM R. BAXTER... .. 6
THOMAS F. KING 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
* ERNEST F. WHITE 4	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by SAMUEL J. HECTOR.

* First peal. † 100th peal. Rung on the occasion of the dedication festival.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

*On Tuesday, Oct. 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 4 six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, 8 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

G. NOWELL <i>Treble</i>	F. SPENCER 3
S. LOACH 2	T. SQUIRES 4
WALTER WHITE <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

The above is the first peal on the bells, and was rung on the occasion of the harvest festival. After the peal the ringers were entertained to tea by the Rector.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, Oct. 4, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

D. BURTON <i>Treble</i>	* PRYCE TAYLOR 4
W. E. WHITE 2	T. SQUIRES... .. 5
WALTER WHITE 3	JOHN OLDHAM <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

* First peal of Minor and first 720 of Treble Bob. Messrs. Taylor and Oldham are from Loughborough.

BIRDGWATER.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

FRANK HOLMAN <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM GIGG 4
PERCY SUGG... .. 2	BERTRAM T. JEANES 5
WILLIAM T. LUCAS 3	REGINALD SUGG <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by B. T. JEANES.

First peal by all except conductor. First peal as conductor. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th are still in their 'teens' and great credit is due to R. Sugg for the way he rang the tenor throughout the peal.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Court,
Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt.

ALFRED SOUTH Treble	ALFRED J. H. PEAKE 4
JOSEPH WALDOCK 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD 5
JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM 3	FRED CHALK Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

HILPERTON, TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JESSE FRANCIS Treble	WILLIAM BAXTER 4
SYDNEY PEPLER 2	CHARLES DOEL 5
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

CHURCHKIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

FRED CHAMBERS Treble	ARTHUR INGHAM 4
TOM STANCLIFFE 2	*LEONARD ROSTRON 5
*FRED HOLLINS 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor, and first of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Ingham, W. Hindle and F. Hollins.

BLINFOLD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one of Oxford Single Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

PERCY H. DOICK Treble	JAMES BORDFIELD 4
JOHN AKEHURST 2	ALBERT FEIST 5
WILLIAM SHORT 3	WILLIAM STANFORD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STANFORD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rector (the Rev. F. G. Hughes), who died on Sept. 17th, 1921.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven differently called 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM THORLEY Treble	JOHN SADDINGTON 4
RICHARD PAINE 2	HARRY WHITTLE 5
JOHN W. BOOTH 3	ALBERT JOYCE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

CHALFONT ST. GILFS, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and four of Oxford Bob, with seven different callings.

WILLIAM ELCOMBE Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 4
HENRY W. EDWARDS 2	FREDERICK R. STARR 5
*GEORGE OLNEY 3	ALFRED ELBURN Tenor

Conducted by G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

First peal by all except conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Oct. 6, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN GATERS, 5053 CHANGES;

WILLIAM H. BARBER 1-2	EDWIN H. LEWIS 5-6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3-4	JAMES E. GOFTON 7-8
R. ALDER GOFTON 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, Oct. 6, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. A. GODFREY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN A. GODFREY 1	GEORGE COOKE 5
CHARLES S. TUTHILL 2	*WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 6
ARTHUR W. BALDWIN 3	WILLIAM E. BASON 7-10
CHARLES WYBROW 4	ROBERT W. COOKE 9-10

Composed and Conducted by W. E. BASON.

* First peal on ten bells.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Oct. 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by the Performer.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.

THE ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

IN ST. CHAD'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising five 120's of Stedman Doubles, eight of Canterbury Pleasure, 16 of Plain Bob Doubles and 13 of Grandsire Doubles, with a different calling for each six-score.

JAMES E. LILLEY 1-2	CHARLES R. LILLEY 3-4
REGINALD R. POLE 5-6	

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District of the Hertford County Association was held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Oct. 1st, about 20 members and friends attending, including Mr. Ben. Jarman and Mr. F. Edwards, of the St. Albans and Watford Districts, respectively. The towers represented were: Berkhamstead, Tring, King's Langley, Watford, Harpenden, and the local tower. The methods rung during the day were Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman. A short service was held, the Vicar (the Rev. A. F. Robson) giving a very interesting and helpful address, which the ringers greatly appreciated.

After service, the Vicar invited the ringers to St. Mary's Hall, where he had thoughtfully provided a very nice tea, which he and Mrs. Robson served.

The business meeting was held afterwards. The Vicar, who presided, extended a hearty welcome to the association.—Mr. R. Walker was elected a ringing member. It was also decided to hold the next meeting at Apsley, a six-bell tower, the date to be left to the secretary.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the address, and also to him and Mrs. Robson for so generously providing the tea, concluded the meeting.

The tower was again visited, and various touches rung, the Vicar and Mrs. Robson being interested spectators.

FUNERAL TOUCHES.

After the funeral of Sir Frederick Eldridge for 34 years churchwarden at Croydon Parish Church touches of Stedman Triples were rung at St. John's, with the bells fully muffled, and on Sunday, Oct. 9th, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by J. Rumble 1, A. Mason (conductor) 2, J. E. Cooper (first quarter inside) 3, W. States 4, H. Skeet 5, A. Clark 6, S. Roper 7, A. J. Crawley (first quarter) 8. Sir Frederick Eldridge was a staunch supporter of the church and the borough.

PEALS TAPPED ON HANDBELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your issue of the 7th, Mr. Morris says the Essex Association did not understand sufficiently to pass a resolution: He is making a great mistake; it was discussed before the meeting took place by those who were present, and the general opinion was that his method was nothing but a transposition of figures. He speaks again of the practical value derived from tapping. There are, no doubt, occasional ringers of limited experience who would believe him, but I have never met them. If he has derived so much benefit from tapping, I wonder he has not grafted some of it into his so-called humbler brethren, and not wasted time tapping peals of Bob Major. Of course, he has a perfect right to do as he likes, but it is useless to try and stuff the Exercise that he is doing it to help others. His object is to achieve fame for himself; or, perhaps, it would be more correct to say, have it thrust upon him. He says he could have rung London years ago had he had the same chance as myself. I consider he has had more chance to ring Surprise Methods than I ever had. I had to scrape a band together and practise them, and go many miles to do it. We rang Superlative, Cambridge and London inside six months, without any assistance, and we only practised London three times, and rang a peal at the first attempt. Now, if a lot of novices could do that without help, surely a company with a list of 16 ringing members in the Essex Report for 1918, and a man in the company like himself who professes more knowledge of London Surprise than myself and a peal of eight bells at their disposal, have nothing to stop them if they have any energy in them. It is either that or they have no leader. If I was capable of doing what Mr. Morris professes to do, ring eight bells, I should not want to tap peals to educate myself. He asks how long have I been able to judge the capabilities of a man? That's about the only thing I flatter myself upon being able to do, and I have proved a good many times that I only want to see a man at the end of a rope once, and I can soon sum him up. When I have wanted to get a band together for anything out of the ordinary, I have never had one let me down. To my knowledge I have never met Mr. Morris, but I can sum up his knowledge of the practical side of ringing from his letter of the 7th instant. He backs out of the job of taking four bells to London, and says he has no time for freak performances. No doubt it is too big a freak for him. I will reduce my request from four bells to two, and find two others besides myself. I wonder what lame excuse he will have to offer against this. There is another thing I might mention. Some weeks ago, Mr. Keeble said he would like to umpire a peal of London tapped by Mr. Morris. I have never seen any answer to this and why?

Now, Mr. Editor, you say in your issue of the 7th you don't want any more gide issues, but my plan whereby a peal can be tapped without more mental strain than ringing a pair of bells. Before answering that question, I will ask you one. As you say you have had a lot of letters not for publication on the subject, may I ask are all these writers the same opinion as yourself? If not, why take extracts out of one person's letter against his wish, and make use of it to try and make your own case good? I have never yet used other people's opinion on the subject, but as you have begun it I may say that since this correspondence started I have met hundreds of ringers who have been of the same opinion as myself, and many of them are men of great ability on tower and handbells, and many of them could tap, although they do not tap peals, and those who tap admit that their knowledge of ringing is their drawback at tapping. One thing is the transposition of figures which is not practicable in ringing. Mr. Keeble is quite right when he says it's not so difficult as ringing a pair of bells; and to support my argument I will guarantee Mr. Morris could not tap four, and let someone else tap the other four. You say in your last issue you have not said which view you take. It is not necessary to do that when you are standing by one side all the time. You are the person who gave a tapped peal the preference over a double-handed peal and started the discussion, and it's up to you to prove it, which at present you have failed to do.—Yours, etc.,

W. PYE.

In answer to Mr. Pye's question addressed to us, only one of many private correspondents has taken a view entirely opposite to ours on the question. The reason we selected the extract given last week, was that, coming from a man with a larger knowledge of tapping than the majority of people, it was highly informative, and as fair to one side as to the other, for we carefully eliminated the expression of opinion on the merits of tapping. Editors, of course, receive letters on many subjects, in which topics in the public eye at the moment are touched upon en passant, and which it is not possible to reproduce.

We have answered Mr. Pye's question frankly; is it too much to expect that he will now give us what we have asked for?

In view of Mr. Pye's offer to Mr. Morris, may we suggest that a further and still more convincing test of the relative merits of the performances would be for Mr. Morris first to ring a pair of handbells to a peal attempt, and then for Mr. Pye to start tapping a peal, and see which can get the further?—Ed. 'R.W.'

MR. MORRIS' AND MR. KEEBLE'S ARGUMENTS.

Dear Sir,—In replying to my previous question, Mr. Keeble is practically proving that Mr. Pye's assertion on the educational value of tapping is entirely wrong. In repeating the rows of a peal, he must transpose. When tapping I do the same, keeping an eye on the coursing, to see that my transposing is all right. Mr. Keeble says that this is of service, both to himself and colleagues, when ringing in the tower, so it will be clearly seen that, as our education is almost identical, if it is of great value to him in the belfry it must also be of great value to me. Thus, by his own words, he is proving that tapping is promoting the art, as it is of great value to every ringer the tapper rings with. This being so, the performer is conforming to Rule 1 of the Essex Association, and promoting the art of change ringing, and his performances ought to be recognised, and yet he says in his previous letter he holds no brief for it, and indicates that he would vote against my peals being booked. This is, to my mind, rather strange. He also says that he sees nothing in the rules of the Essex Association to allow them to be booked, and goes on to say that he is well aware of the same having been set at defiance. I fail to see how the rules can be set at defiance, when they are not there. In his first letter he says that undoubtedly they are wonderful performances, yet in his second letter he is trying to prove they are not. As I do not understand that way of arguing I must give it up, but the fact now remains that tapping is promoting the art of change ringing. I am still receiving letters of congratulation, and as I cannot answer all the letters, will the senders please accept my most sincere thanks for their kind words? I am still waiting for the details of the system by which, according to Mr. Pye, I am supposed to tap peals. I have every sympathy with your correspondent on tapping. May I suggest that he should use his will power a little more freely, and force himself into it? I mean when he has got a disinclination for it, it is then he should drive himself into it. I know, for I have 'had some.' Can I persuade him to take it up again, and come into friendly rivalry with myself?—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

AN OFFER.

Dear Sir,—I am afraid a great deal of ink, paper, time, and many hard words, have been wasted over something which, like water, would have found its own level if left alone, and I know that one of such small account as my unworthy self won't help the matter much; but dare I 'step in where angels fear to tread,' and offer a very simple solution to a very simple affair? If Mr. Morris could meet Mr. W. Pye, Mr. G. R. Pye and Mr. W. Keeble, and take, say, 3-4, and call a peal of London in hand, in the presence of four neutral umpires who know the method, it would settle for a long time the question as to whether it is easy to ring London 'in hand.' Mr. Morris would find that it is easier to tap eight than to control eight. Napoleon, while on St. Helena, could not make all his clocks strike just when he wanted them to do so. I would even dare to say, if Mr. Morris got the peal home that I would pay his fare to the Metropolis to try his peal.—Yours sincerely,

ONCE A BEGINNER (AT LONDON).

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BISHOP'S ADVICE TO A YOUNG BRANCH.

At the invitation of Bishop Macarthur, the Isle of Wight District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild assembled at Shanklin on October 8th. Ringing at St. Saviour's-on-the-Cliff was first indulged in, and the Bishop conducted a short service in the church at 3.45 p.m. In the course of his remarks the Bishop emphasised the necessity of the members of this young branch setting a high standard to work up to, both as regards quality of ringing and punctual and regular attendance, especially for Sunday Service ringing.

Afterwards, the company, numbering 46, wended their way to the Bishop's residence, 'Luccombe Hill,' situated on the renowned landslip leading from Shanklin to Ventnor, the grounds of which reach to the very cliff's edge, and from whence one can look across the English Channel. It was amongst these surroundings that tea was served, his Lordship and his household, in addition to the Vicar of St. Saviour's and Mrs. Bere, attending on the ringers. After tea a vote of thanks to the Bishop was proposed by the Rev. J. C. Orr, Rector of Whitwell, seconded by Mr. J. B. Williamson, the former expressing the company's appreciation of the keen interest evinced by his Lordship in their doings, and for his earnest address at the service.

Bowls were indulged in on the lawn by a portion of the company, and the other portion returned to St. Saviour's for further ringing until 9 p.m. The towers represented were Brading, Carishbrooke, Chale, Newport, Ryde, Shanklin and Whitwell.

A meeting for combined practice was held on Saturday last at Swanmore, when about 20 members were present from Portsmouth, Portsea, Wickham, Curdridge, Bishopstoke and Swanmore. Touches of Grand-sire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Single and Double Oxford, Grand-sire, Colleger, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor, were rung during the afternoon and evening. It is hoped to arrange further meetings of this kind during the coming winter.

LONG STANTON RINGER'S DEATH.

The Long Stanton (Cambs) band has sustained the loss of another member of a family of four brothers who have taken a prominent part in ringing in the village since its formation in 1912. In November, 1918, Albert Cook died of pneumonia, at the early age of 25, and on Thursday of last week, Leonard Alfred Cook, aged only 23, succumbed to an attack of paralysis. He had rung, according to his custom, for the morning and evening services on the previous Sunday, but this proved to be his last active service, for he did not go to work the next morning.

The deceased had only taken part in one peal, viz., of Bob Major, but he could ring in about a dozen methods on six and eight bells, and his loss will be keenly felt. (R.I.P.)

The funeral took place on Sunday, Oct. 16th, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. B. Woolley), in the presence of a very large congregation. After the service, 360 Bob Minor was rung in whole pulls on the back six, which were muffled on the back stroke, by the following: W. Hawkes 1, J. B. Woolley 2, W. Pye 3, H. G. Benson 4, G. Crisp 5, W. H. J. Hooton (conductor) 6.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**TONBRIDGE DISTRICT AND WAR MEMORIAL.**

The quarterly meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Penshurst on Saturday, Oct. 8th, and was attended by about 35 members. Some good practice was obtained in the Standard methods by mixed bands. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. H. Rycroft), who also gave an excellent address, in which he traced the history of bells which used to call the people to church as far back as the 13th century.

After service, the members adjourned to the Village Hall for tea. The Rector presided, supported by the Rev. Horsley (curate), Mr. Constable (churchwarden), Mr. Baker (clerk of the Church Council), Mr. Edwards (verger), etc.

The business meeting followed.—The District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter) referred to the association war memorial. He said that at the annual district meeting, held at Sevenoaks, last February, he asked the local secretaries to collect any subscriptions from their respective bands, and send them on to him, but he had not received a single penny from any of the members. He asked them again to make some effort for this object, as the Central Committee were meeting in November, and would no doubt be making some move in the matter.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, etc., and to all who had assisted to make the meeting such a pleasant one, were passed, to which the Rector replied.

On the appeal of Mr. F. White, of Tunbridge Wells, a collection was made on behalf of the St. Dunstan's Hostel, which realised one guinea.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH MEETING.**

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Bradford-on-Avon, on October 8th, when about 50 ringers gathered together from the towers at Bath, Batherton, Melksham, Chippenham, Bradford, Trowbridge, Warminster, Westbury, Holt, Devizes, St. John's and St. Mary's, Steeple Ashton, Keevil, and Southbroom. The ringing throughout was of a very good standard, touches of Grandsire Triples Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob, being rung. After the usual Guild service, an excellent tea was partaken of at Mr. Somner's restaurant in the Chambles. The business meeting followed, presided over by the Master of the Guild (Major C. C. Hughes D'Aeth). The next three meetings were provisionally arranged as follows: Bromham, Nov. 12th; Steeple Ashton, Dec. 3rd; Devizes (annual), January 7th.—Three new life ringing members were duly elected, viz., Mr. E. J. Truman, of Chippenham; Mr. W. Hobbs and Mr. W. Watts, of Bath.—£1 2s. was collected towards the Memorial Tablet Fund.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the excellent address at the service, also for allowing the use of the bells, and the Vicar, replying, said he would like to see all present at Westbury on the 29th October, when their new peal of eight were going to be dedicated.

This concluded the business; the ringers then returned to the tower, where further touches were rung until 8 p.m.

FAREWELL TO VERGER.

On Saturday, October 1st, at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, eight members of St. Chad's Society attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) as a farewell to Mr. W. Taylor, who has been verger for 30 years. All went well until the last 700 changes, when one of the band let his bell over: A. Shorte 1, J. E. Lilley 2, S. Snelson 3, R. Pole 4, D. J. Boucher 5, W. Fairhead 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, R. Chilton 8. The band were afterwards congratulated on the excellent striking, but were disappointed at not getting the peal. All the above are Sunday Service ringers at the church.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

An important meeting is to be held to-morrow at Ormesby, when members of the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association and the Cleveland and North Yorks Association will discuss the question of amalgamation.

Mr. A. J. Turner, whose 50th birthday was celebrated by a peal at Lewes, Sussex, last week, has been connected with the tower for more than thirty years, and he has rung over a hundred peals on the bells. At various times he has served in the offices of steeplekeeper, secretary and captain.

As we have already mentioned in this column, the anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Triples occurs next Tuesday, this having been rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on October 25th, 1751. The same day is the anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Caters rung out of London. This was at St. Philip's, Birmingham, in the year 1790.

On October 23rd, 1791, which was Sunday, Holt's Original was conducted for the first time in London by a ringer taking part in the peal. This was at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, and for more than a century it was believed to be the very first occasion upon which the conductor had rung one of the bells and called this peal. On Oct. 23rd, 1884, the College Youths celebrated the anniversary by ringing the composition non-conducted at the same church.

There is reason now, however, to suppose that the composition was conducted by one of the ringers in a peal at Saffron Walden, on Christmas Day, 1753, and again on New Year's Day, 1754, for an ancient newspaper cutting was unearthed a few years ago recording the peals and the ringers' names, and stating that the peal was 'composed of 148 Bobs with two singles.' As no other composition of the kind was known to exist at that date it seems evident that these peals must have been the Original, and that the performances were unknown to the London ringers 38 years later.

The old custom of 'Ringing for Gofer' is observed at Newark Parish Church on Sunday evenings in October and November. Over three centuries ago a wealthy merchant, named Gofer, lost his way one night in the forest that then surrounded Newark. He carried much money, and thieves were many, so that he feared robbery and murder. Then suddenly he heard Newark bells, and was guided home by their sounds. As a thanksgiving for his escape he left a legacy to the Newark bell ringers on condition that they 'rang for Gofer' every year on the Sunday evenings of October and November.

The peal of Bristol at Royston, Herts, on Oct. 1st was not the first of Major on the bells, but the first Surprise peal. The first peal of Major was one of Kent Treble Bob rung on May 11th last.

Among the greater doings of some of the 'star artists' of the Exercise, the work of some of the humbler brethren is apt to be overlooked, but here is a case where a word of congratulation is certainly merited. Little more than a year ago what change ringers there were among the bands at Chalfont St. Giles and Amersham, Bucks, could ring only Grandsire Doubles called in one way.

Practically without help from outside, except occasionally from Mr. G. H. Guttridge, they have persevered in the art, and on Saturday last, with Mr. Guttridge as conductor, five of the band rang their first peal—seven differently called 720's in two Minor methods, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob. This is a performance which in merit ranks as high as many a peal which will receive far higher points in the Analysis.

Another praiseworthy 'first peal' was the one at Bridgwater, with a band which included four youths still in their 'teens.

Mr. Henry Briggs, of Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, who celebrated his golden wedding during the past week, has been connected with the belfry of the parish church for the long period of 55 years. He is still on the active list, and only a fortnight ago rang over two hours in an attempt for Stedman Triples, which was lost through no fault of his. He has children and grandchildren who are ringers, and members of the fourth generation are almost ready to be initiated into the mysteries of the art. He still takes great trouble and interest in teaching young ringers, and it is hoped that he will be spared for many more years to carry on the good work. His brother (and sister) ringers unite in wishing him and Mrs. Briggs many more happy years in double harness.

Scotland's heaviest ringing peal of ten is at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, the tenor being 42 cwt. 2 qr. 21lb. in C, so that the new bells for Inverary, with 41 cwt. tenor, will not be the heaviest across the Tweed. Both peals are by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the S. and W. District was held at Putney on Saturday, October 8th, between 40 and 50 ringers being present. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, and the methods ranged from Grandsire to Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. J. Herbert and T. Bolton for their welcome to the association and assistance.

A DEVONSHIRE HOLIDAY.

By W. H. F.

A year or two back the 'Bishop of Swindon' was good enough to suggest a visit to North Devon for one of our ringing tours, and in such glowing terms that I was induced to send out invitations to a number of the members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild to go down there for the 1921 holidays.

Preliminary correspondence with the Rev. E. S. Powell, of Holbeton, and the Rev. E. V. Cox, of Bampton, both holding secretarial positions in the county, led me to abandon visits to Buckfastleigh (12 bells) and Lundy Island (8 bells) as being too venturesome. These gentlemen were, however, able to coax their fellow members of the cloth at some 14 parishes to sanction our attempts, and so we had quite enough to last the week, added to which Mr. Jas. Hunt, of Taunton, made negotiations for some half-dozen towers in Somerset, where the 'fag end' of our holiday ended. It was quite a voyage of discovery, for little was known of the bells at many of the Devon parishes to which we were going; in fact, the Shepherd of our flock gave me a tower which was afterwards found to possess but six bells, whilst at another parish the bells were found to be quite unringable—Witheridge—tenor 28 cwt.

We discovered a friend at court in Mr. A. H. Searle, of Exeter, who paved the way for our noisy art, by gracefully alluding to the musical treat in store for Devonshire folk, in the 'Devon and Exeter Gazette,' and giving a list of the places to be visited. One paragraph I ought to introduce for the perusal of a Lancashire parson whom I recollect raised the question in our ringing Press that peal tours were of no value, and should be deprecated:—

'The West Country was before the great war the happy hunting ground for scientific ringers from other parts of the country, who desired to combine the pursuit of their hobby with holidays spent in visiting various places—endeavouring to score peals, and in doing a little missionary work. The party will be a strong one, mustering about 15, and including Canon Coleridge, son of the Vicar of Cadbury, who astonished the natives of Plympton St. Mary many years ago by ringing the tenor there through a peal of some 5,000 changes.'

FORCES GATHER AT COLLUMPTON.

Full programmes, having been sent out, with ample instructions to those concerned, ten men were collected at Collumpton on the tenth day of September, and met with Royal success in the Kent Variation. Our team travelled down in two sections, via Exeter and Taunton, both trains being due at Collumpton at 4.5 p.m. Departure for Tiverton at 9.40 left little time to 'bite and sup' with the brotherly home hands—who had given our week a good start off. We picked up another man on our way, carrying a mysterious looking handbag, which was, on inquiry, found to be packed full of London Surprise fresh from Leicestershire. We stayed at the Palmerston Hotel at Tiverton, which has been carried on by Mr. Webber for 25 years, and for three nights found ourselves very comfortable. On arrival there was some controversy with the chambermaid as to where the 'singles' were to be placed, and how many 'doubles' were required. Having had some experience of army billeting I was able to place the 'eleven' in a suitable position to enjoy their 'going off' course at back.

On Sunday the eleven were early afield, touches of Cambridge Surprise and Stedman Triples being rung for the morning service at the parish church (tenor 28 cwt.). The going was not good, as attention to the old oak frame is needed. Members of the local society kindly joined us, and the Vicar (the Rev. W. Burroughs), who addressed us with words of welcome, offered belfry prayers, as is the custom here; and impressed upon us all his personal wish that those who ring for the services should attend them. We had the privilege of hearing him (an eloquent speaker) give his farewell address to a Tiverton congregation on his retirement to live at Oxford, and his reference to our visit that day almost inferred we had come from Oxford on purpose to ring him there. Tiverton tower is noted for the family of Graters, who furnished a team of Graters to ring a peal many years before the Exercise possessed so many clever ringing families as it does to-day. The peal boards here are polished oak, with engraved brass plates, cut shield shape, about 16 inches over all, and the effect is very neat and good.

AT THE HOME OF THE TROYTES.

After luncheon our car conveyed us to Huntsham, the home of the Troytes. A tiny belfry, and a close atmosphere after a hearty meal were reasons for the Cambridge Major lasting but 40 minutes. This was followed by touches in various methods and a special touch for the evening service later on. The church and churchyard were inspected. Here lie the remains of Charles Acland W. Troyte, the author of 'Change Ringing' (1876). Gazing at the marble cross that marks his resting-place, the lines came forcibly to memory—

Ever the same, yet ever new,
Changed and yet true—

and one realised as a change ringer all that he did for an art that had almost decayed at that period of ringing history.

Huntsham Court to tea, by the generous invitation of Mr. and Mrs. G. Acland Troyte, was a real Sunday at home, and we were loath to

depart. The journey ended at Tiverton, as it began, amidst refreshing showers that promised, in a grazing country, richer Devonshire cream for the days to follow. An hour or so in the smokeroom at the Palmerston, where handbell vibration distorted the smoke rings silently floating upwards, and then early to bed, for the 'orderly' in the morning would be calling 'show a leg there'—incidentally, I believe, he saw three.

On Monday, our party was increased to twelve by the arrival of Mr. Wm. Mead, of Clun, who is not a peal hand in the ordinary sense, but desired to see fresh fields and pastures new, o'er mead and dale. The morning broke with fine clouds and bright sunshine. Breakfast at eight, motor-car at 9 a.m., were the orders for a drive to Oakford and Bampton. Double Norwich at the former tower was successful, followed by a decent lunch at one of those 'emporiums' for work, business and pleasure, that usually adjoins the last happy resting-place of the villager, commonly called a 'public-house.' The interior of Oakford Church resembles an early Victorian Methodist Chapel. It is probably the best lighted church in England, as huge windows with clear glass are numerous on each side of the nave.

BAMPTON, TIVERTON AND SOUTH MOULTON.

At Bampton (no connection with Oxon) the Vicar met us at the church and kindly helped us to ring a course of London Minor and other methods on his rumbling peal of 6 bells. They are to be restored when the £ s. d. comes along. There is a set of old oak stocks beside the tower, and the two ancient yew trees have their boles encased with stonework some six or seven feet high, with a stone bench all round at the tower level, forming a resting-place for the living.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox had thoughtfully prepared a Devonshire tea for us at the Vicarage, and we learnt what a good-tempered motor and side-car could now perform under favourable management. The Vicar's wife evidently possesses one of the best of coxswains. Our drive home to Tiverton was direct to the church for Cambridge Major, where the Vicar of Holbeton was awaiting us. An hour of Cambridge led two men to repeat what the tenors said to the bell frame—'You've shifted,' and the men concerned were not sorry to leave the bell frame motionless. What Pryce the bellhanger? Mr. J. W. Washbrook will possibly recollect Tiver-tenor with kindly feelings.

On Tuesday we said 'Good-bye' to Tivertonians. The start was delayed by the treasurer's settlement of accounts, cheques for £24 showing that a family of twelve want keeping nowadays. The lucky 13 of us sailed off for South Molton, through a stretch of real countryside, with tall banks and narrow roads that offered little passing room to other motors. We were now in the land of 'up and downs,' both as to towers and territory. The church was visited at once, and a team successfully tackled Stedman Triples, whilst others engaged reception-rooms at the George Inn, and stowed all the baggage at the railway station in readiness for the train journey at 9.55 p.m. into Barnstaple. The churchwarden, and the towerkeeper, Mr. Tapp, met us, and evinced great interest in our method ringing; the latter becoming somewhat excited when the bells came home, after three hours or more ringing. Going up the stone stairway with him I heard him shout in eager tones, 'They've got it—the bells are round, thank God.'

(To be continued.)

'LEST WE FORGET.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I beg to offer the following suggestion to all ringers throughout the length and breadth of the country, that wherever there is a peal of bells of five and upwards, and a band of ringers to ring them, they be rung half-muffled on Armistice Day, the muffled side in ever grateful remembrance of those we loved and lost, and the open side in joy and gratitude for those who returned and for the blessing of victory. I am quite sure if this were done it would appeal to the hearts of all as nothing else can, and would show that we, as ringers, were doing our part to keep in mind that ever memorable day, November 11th, 1918. 'Lest we forget.'

Might I just say that we of the Central Northants Association have decided to carry this idea out, subject, of course, to the approval of the incumbent in each case.—Yours faithfully,

F. BARBER.

Hon. Sec. of Wellingsboro' District.

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Please allow me to say that I entirely agree with Mr. Powell in regard to the variations he speaks of. My object in writing was to try and have this matter thrashed out, seeing that it is some thirteen or fourteen years ago since the question of London Royal was first before the Exercise. It looks to me that the same result is going to happen once more, and each of the contending parties be left with their own opinions. One must admit that it is very creditable to all the gentlemen concerned to produce these extensions, but I have no doubt that they would welcome a settlement as to which is correct.—

Yours faithfully,
Preston, Lancs.

E. R. MARTIN.

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BIG OXFORD GUILD GATHERING. RINGERS ENTERTAINED AT COOKHAM.

Some 80 or more members of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild gathered at Cookham on Saturday, Oct. 1st, when they were entertained by the Cookham Ladies' Guild of Church Workers. The proceedings began with touches on the bells of the parish church, and during the day the following were among those who were present: Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough), the hon. secretary of the branch; from Cookham—T. J. Fowler, J. Johnson, C. Tegg, E. Tuck, G. Chainey, W. H. Walker, F. W. Johnson and J. L. Kirk. Bray—P. G. Morris, A. E. Crocker, J. N. Beall and F. J. Russell. Boyne Hill—G. Martin, R. Howard, J. A. Martin, L. Martin, A. Martin, A. Martin, junr., Mrs. A. Martin, L. W. Copey, A. G. Walker, E. Eldridge, J. Maw and E. Hobbs. Fulmer—C. Harding, F. Gudgin and Winnie Cooper. Tilehurst (Reading)—Mrs. A. G. Horne, E. Horne, E. C. Chapman, F. W. Lane, H. Goodger, E. G. Foster, E. M. Shepherd and J. O. Levendon. Chalfont St. Giles—G. H. Olney, J. Chapman, H. Edwards and J. Astels. West Coles—R. Howard and W. Ripington. High Wycombe—Upton Wooler, W. Goodchild. W. Wycombe—C. A. Smith, G. Twitcheo, Mrs. Twitcheo, Harry Butler, Miss Butler and J. W. Wilkins. Beaconsfield—J. Blackmore and Mrs. Blackmore. Marlow—E. W. Atkins, V. R. Gibson, G. Hinxon, H. Collins and E. Green. Slough—G. T. Leader and W. H. Fussell. Iver Heath—Emily Fuller and G. H. Gutteridge. Stoke Poges—W. Bate-man and W. Henley. Waltham St. Lawrence—G. A. Martin, W. E. Mortimore and J. Cooper. Warfield—G. W. Higgs. Old Windsor—W. Walling, F. Middleton, A. Cross, R. Wood and E. Neighbour. Staines—E. Butler and W. C. Parker. Enfield—J. Thomas. Hillingdon—N. G. Williams. Old Edward Keeley, one of the original Cookham team, who is still living, and is one of the oldest ringers in Berks, was too feeble to be present, but Mr. W. Newell, 'father' of the Reading ringers, was present, carrying his 83 years well. Visitors were interested in the belfry in an old newspaper cutting recording a bell ringing competition in Berks 150 years ago, for silver laced hats, and, further, in the framed photograph of the memorial in the cloisters at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, which was erected to the memory of 120 members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild who fell in the war.

Choral evensong was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Batchelor. The choir sang well under the direction of Mr. W. A. Ayres, A.R.C.O. The lesson was read by Mr. J. L. Kirk (Maidenhead). During the singing of the third verse of the hymn, 'Hark, hark! my soul,' Mr. Ayres skillfully introduced on a bell-like stop an obligato imitating the chimes on eight bells, written by himself, and making a most effective and appropriate variation for such a festival.

The Rev. Dr. Batchelor preached from the words, 'Make thee two trumpets of silver . . . that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly and for the journeying of the camp.' The Vicar first welcomed the ringers, and, after briefly reviewing the history and uses of bells, went on to say that bells and bell ringers used to be looked upon as a separate element in the services of the Church; but this was not the case to-day in a single parish in the Oxford Diocese; here the bell ringers were regarded as an integral part of the services of the Church, as serving the Church and the worship of God just as did the clergy or the choir. They remembered their ringers, not as people heard but not seen, but rather as actually holding an official capacity in the worship of God in the churches. The ringers on their part were more and more recognising what a sacred privilege was theirs, what a responsible task was theirs in calling the people to the services of the Church, pealing over a marriage, or tolling when death visited the parish. The bell ringers present, the Vicar felt sure, realised the sacredness of their office and its responsibility, and carried out their tasks for the honour and glory of God. The bells of a church also marked the 'journeying of the camps.' Every new year 'rung in' marked another stage in the 'journeying of the camps.' Sunday by Sunday they reminded the people they had reached nearer to what God would have them be—and nearer, because of their having obeyed the summons of the bells and come to God's House and joined in the prayers of the faithful. Hence the bell ringers recognised what a privilege they had in helping to make life stronger and holier and more beautiful for all through calling the people to the House of God.

The party, after service, gathered on the lawn of the Vicarage, where they were received by Dr. and Mrs. Batchelor, and where tea was served to them by the following ladies: Miss Leith, Mrs. Leith and party, Miss Greenwood, Mrs. Ellis, Miss Ellis, Miss Gamble and Mrs. Earle.

After tea, the Rev. Upton Wooler (West Wycombe) proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Batchelor and the Ladies' Guild for their kind hospitality, and Mr. L. W. Copey (Boyne Hill) seconded, the vote being supported in very grateful terms by the Rev. W. Whitting-

stall, of Chalfont St. Giles, who said the reception of the ringers that day reminded him of the apt entries in a visitors' book in Cornwall—'We expect a good tea. Later: We have had an excellent tea' (applause). This well represented the experiences of that large party at the hands of their friends at Cookham. Dr. and Mrs. Batchelor had expected only 60 visitors, but they had 'risen to' the needs of over 90; and their very warmest thanks were due to the Vicar and his wife and their helpers (applause).

In acknowledging the expressions, the Vicar assured the gathering that he and Mrs. Batchelor were most glad to see them, and they were all very welcome. Such a gathering provided a sort of bond of union among the bell ringers of the branch, where they were enabled to meet at the friendly board and 'swap ideas' and sentiments and strengthen the bonds of fellowship (applause).

After tea the company was entertained on the lawn by Mr. George Martin and Mr. Arthur Martin, and the latter's two little sons, to some splendid handbell ringing, and the Vicar and others sang songs, while afterwards the bells were kept going in various methods for a couple of hours, a course of Cambridge and London Surprise Minor being included in the ringing.

A FRODSHAM OUTING.

THE JOYS AND SORROWS OF 'A PERFECT DAY.'

From Frodsham on September 17th, a long-looked-for excursion to the somewhat wild and woolly towers 'back here' took place. Profiting by experience, spare ropes, oil, marline-spike, etc., were carefully collected, and as speedily forgotten. The ancient mulberry tree at Stockton Heath was named the collecting station, and from thence the road led to Lymm. Conveyed by a local ringer of repute, whose recreation is the building of bridges and the making of cities, the party were very quickly examining the relics of the belfry. One was an ancient towing rope, another a certain cure for pimples; and there were more.

The motto on that 30 cwt. tenor must surely be 'Vox mea resonabit per montem et vallem.'

A touch of Kent was brought home, the 'Dumpling' distinguishing himself highly on the tenor, as did also the London County man, who had frozen on to the aforesaid towing rope—calling it 'his very own.' Stedman was next attempted, the award of merit going to the conductor, who happily called the bobs in the right places. Mention might also be made of the rope, which made Cambridge places during the touch, causing the 'Dumpling' to barge in the vulgar tongue in no uncertain way. Other touches were rung, the 'go' of the bells causing the old heads and fat men to veer toward the light end.

Eventually 'cease fire' was called—maybe sarcastically by the Master—and fresh fields were sought. A beautiful church, with beautiful surroundings and beautiful bells, the tenor only requiring an extra wheel attached—and a tow rope. A few courses were next rung at the Cafe Royal, ably called by the builder of many things, the striking being perfect.

Warburton was the next stop. Memories of Lymm tenor caused a cry of 'volunteers to the front.' Herminius-like, the Grappenhall representative filled the breach, and covered himself with glory. The way he rang that bell should live in ringing history—and from inquiries made he is still living.

Oxford, Kent, Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung, a Rochdale visitor standing in the latter, causing the 'Dumpling' to remark at the close of the touch, in his best Hamlet-like manner: 'Sir, I assume you are aware that I spoke to you just now.' The visitor mildly said he thought he heard something. This brought events to a close.

Tuning up the chiming apparatus, the Soham man reeled off a touch of Double Norwich, followed by Kent Treble Bob. The former finished at a shift, the latter by a bob called from outside. 'All aboard' was shouted by the pilot—a wave of the hand to his reverence—cricketer, scholar, and parson—a last admonition, 'Haste, wanderer, the sun is sinking low: he shall return, but when shalt thou?' and 'that is all,' called at the end of a perfect day.

The ringers who are duly thankful for the joys and sorrows of that day were Messrs. Fairclough, W. Bibby, J. Bibby, F. Bibby, C. Raddon, W. Ashcroft, E. Jenkins, T. Lightfoot, R. Greave and H. Collyer.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 1st, a meeting of the Halesworth District of the Norwich and Ipswich Association was held at Cratfield. Members were present from Ke'sale, Thornham Magna, Ufford, Bungay, Ditchingham, Balingham, Bramfield, Henham, Halesworth, Chediston, and Cratfield. Well-struck touches in the four standard methods were rung on the fine peal of six bells, at St. Mary's Church. The Vicar (the Rev. T. S. England) kindly provided the ringers with tea, which was much appreciated. At the close of the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and entertainment.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 16th, for evening service, at Christ Church, 672 Cambridge surprise major: W. T. Holding 1, H. F. Holding 2, K. D. Langford 3, G. H. Crawley 4, A. Crawley 5, H. Overton 6, J. H. Rising 7, K. T. Holding (conductor) 8. Rung in memory of the late Mr. C. J. B. Cooke (late Master), and Mr. B. Langford, both of whom were members of this tower.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 16th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Allwood 1, C. W. Nuttall 2, G. Hollis (conductor) 3, Rev. J. F. Amies (first quarter-peal) 4, W. Palmer 5, A. Knights 6, G. Thompson 7, F. E. Smith 8.

SKIRBEK, BOSTON, Lincs.—The Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Eastern Branch).—On Sunday, Oct. 16th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, for harvest festival, evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. Groombridge, junr., 1, F. Staffwith 2, Harold Palmer 3, W. E. Clarke 4, Harry Palmer (conductor) 5, A. Swain 6.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): C. Dean 1, D. Wright 2, G. B. Selby 3, H. J. Skeel 4, H. J. Selby 5, W. Groves 6, R. Brough (conductor) 7, Dudiey Peters 8. Ringers of 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7, hail from Croydon, the rest are local ringers.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 16th, for evening service, 720 of London Surprise, in 26 mins.: H. Turner 1, W. Halford 2, J. Hall 3, A. Freeman 4, R. H. Cox (conductor) 5, W. R. Drage 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, Oct. 16th, at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, for evensong, 820 Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: J. Ray 1, W. Mills 2, B. Johnson 3, J. Goodman, senr., 4, T. Watton 5, J. Screen (conductor) 6, E. Evans 7, B. Fullwood 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, at All Saints' Church, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. (1,260 changes): J. Ray 1, W. A. Abll's 2, W. Mills 3, F. Evans 4, T. Watton 5, J. Screen (conductor) 6, J. A. Brown 7, B. Fullwood 8.

HAMPSTEAD NORRIS, BENKS.—For evening service, on Sunday, Oct. 16th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 22 mins., six different callings: J. Weavin 1, G. Horner 2, W. Bartholomew 3, E. R. Robey (conductor) 4, R. Bates 5, E. Fowler 6.

SEDGLEY, STAFFS.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: J. Ray 1, W. Mills 2, B. Johnson 3, J. Goodman, senr., 4, T. Watton 5, J. Screen (conductor) 6, E. Evans 7, B. Fullwood 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, at All Saints' Church, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. (1,260 changes): J. Ray 1, W. A. Abll's 2, W. Mills 3, F. Evans 4, T. Watton 5, J. Screen (conductor) 6, J. A. Brown 7, B. Fullwood 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—On October 9th, at All Saints' Church, for morning service, 514 Stedman Cinques: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, H. Butler 2, R. Coles 3, G. White 4, E. Markham 5, F. K. Biggs 6, W. A. Melville (first touch of Cinques) 7, G. Twitchee 8, S. Boxall 9, C. A. Smith 10, S. T. Goodchild 11, N. C. Ingram 12.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday evening, Oct. 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: E. Webb 1, C. Tricker 2, A. Beckensale 3, T. Beadle 4, A. R. Macdonald 5, J. Milner 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, Harry Brooks 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, Oct. 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. A. Fosdike 1, E. J. Pannett 2, A. G. Bennington 3, H. J. Norgate 4, A. Bradley 5, J. Law 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8. This was a farewell quarter for A. G. Bennington, who is leaving this district for Norfolk.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, Barnes, on Oct. 9th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, W. H. Stevens 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackrill 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Wilmott 8. Also a quarter-peal, in 42 mins., for harvest thanksgiving: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, W. H. Stevens 3, W. Woods 4, F. Skevington 5, H. Cook 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, J. Wilmott 8. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples.

ALTON, HANTS.—At St. Lawrence's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: G. Noakes 1, A. A. Ham 2, V. Lowton 3, H. Evans 4, A. Evans 5, W. Perry 6, A. Hardiman (conductor) 7, L. Noakes 8.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for morning service, 720 of Double Oxford Bob: A. Barker 1, E. Hynds 2, A. Shuttlebotham 3, H. P. Emery 4, H. Redgewell 5, E. Clayton (conductor) 6.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—For harvest festival, evening service, on Oct. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins., by: F. Wilson 1, C. H. Briggs 2, C. Brown 3, H. Briggs 4, T. H. Wright 5, G. P. Garner 6, J. W. Reynolds (first as conductor) 7, H. Fullylove 8. This was a good achievement by the conductor, who as recently as five weeks ago conducted his first touch of Triples. He was heartily congratulated by his colleagues.—On Sept. 23th, also for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: P. Reynolds (first-quarter peal) 1, H. Wright 2, W. A. Needham 3, W. Reynolds 4, C. Belton 5, H. Webb 6, G. Garner (conductor) 7, S. Coe (first quarter of Triples) 8. First quarter-peal on the bells, which were dedicated July 15th last.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 2nd, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Mounter 1, S. Dawson (conductor) 2, G. F. James 3, A. James 4, G. Huxley 5, G. Durling (conductor) 6, P. J. Spice 7, F. F. Scott 8. After evening service, the last 700 of Holt's Original: A. James 1, P. J. Spice 2, G. F. James 3, E. Mounter 4, F. Pike 5, G. Huxley 6, G. Durling (conductor) 7, F. F. Scott 8.

NORTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, September 18th, for Matins, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. C. Lawrence 1, J. W. Walker (conductor) 2, J. E. Wheelton 3, E. E. Johnson 4, F. Triner 5, J. Wailley 6.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On Sept. 18th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Ray 1, W. Mills 2, R. Hall 3, J. Jagger 4, J. W. Walker 5, J. Screen (conductor) 6, J. A. Brown 7, J. Reed 8.

SLOUGH.—At St. Mary's, for harvest festival, on Sunday, 25th Sept., 504 Grandsire Triples: Dorothy M. Leader 1, W. H. Fussell 2, G. T. Leader 3, G. Bedford 4, A. Bateman 5, W. Henley 6, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 7, A. Perryman 8.

OLDBURY, STAFFS.—On Sept. 25th, at the Parish Church, in 43 minutes, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): R. Hall 1, W. Mills 2, S. Asbury 3, T. Watton 4, J. Jagger 5, J. Screen (conductor) 6, J. A. Brown 7, J. Ray 8.

WEST DIDSbury.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, Sept. 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Whitelegg 1, G. Snowball 2, W. Cooper 3, H. Brickell 4, W. Brown (conductor) 5, A. Frost 6, F. Stoneley 7, J. Cole 8. J. Cole was a ringer at the above church 32 years ago, but now resides at Penmaenmawr, N. Wales.

BOCKING.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, harvest festival, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Major: W. G. Melbourne, W. H. Dyson, F. Ely, G. Lindridge, H. Redgewell, J. Harvey, H. Welham, J. Rose, W. H. Hammond and C. H. Howard (conductor), took part.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: E. Kerley 1, R. Hinton 2, E. C. Elliott 3, C. Tiller 4, F. Sparshott 5, G. Preston (conductor) 6, S. Clarke 7, F. Knewitz 8.

CHELMSFORD.—For the harvest festival, at the Cathedral, on Sunday, Sept. 25th, for evensong, the last 742 of Holt's Original: A. Saltmarsh 1, H. Allen 2, P. Timson 3, J. Clarke 4, C. Pease 5, H. W. Kirton (conductor) 6, J. Wood 7, W. Pease 8.—On the previous Thursday, in connection with the festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: A. Saltmarsh (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Whight 2, P. Timson 3, J. Clarke 4, C. Pease 5, H. W. Kirton (conductor) 6, J. Wood 7, W. Pease 8. Rung on the back eight.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, for evensong, 720 Brown Edge: C. Pointon 1, W. Wheelton, junr., 2, J. E. Wheelton 3, W. Wheelton, senr., 4, W. Fradley 5, C. Preston (conductor) 6.

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NEWCASTLE GUILD'S OUTING. SUCCESSFUL TRIP TO BEVERLEY.

Last year the Newcastle Cathedral Guild made a very praiseworthy attempt to record the first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells of Beverley Minster, an attempt that came so near fulfilment that only a few sixes were required to complete the peal. Unfortunately, the effort came to grief. Not being satisfied with the result it was again decided this year by the Guild that another attempt be made to attain their object, and, accordingly, eleven members of the Guild, including Mr. R. Richardson, of Wellington College, journeyed through to the Yorkshire town, on Saturday, Sept. 24th, and the peal of Stedman Caters was rung in the old N.W. tower without a hitch. The performance was a very creditable one indeed, and, as far as the striking was concerned, was a very fine peal. Nothing but praise was heard from many of the local inhabitants, who seemed very pleased to have the Guild back amongst them. The main object of the week-end was thus accomplished, and put the party into very excellent spirits, or was it that the spirits got into the party? At any rate, some of them seemed to get rather out of hand, while the persistent attentions of a wasp to one notable member seemed to arouse general curiosity.

Visits were made to the belfry at St. Mary's on Sunday morning, to the Minster on Sunday afternoon, and to Holy Trinity, Hull, on Sunday evening, where short touches for service were rung and thoroughly enjoyed, especially by 'The Novice,' the methods being Stedman, Eriu and Grandsire.

An attempt to ring a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's, Beverley, on Monday, came to grief, after about two hours' ringing, 'The Novice' most likely being the cause, as the excitement of the week-end seemed to have percolated into his system, while the fact that he was trying to think out a good cure for toothache may have been another reason. This being his first attempt at a peal, perhaps he may be forgiven.

Further sight-seeing by the party, under the guidance of their old friend, Mr. Sellars, who seemed to know something about the growth of tomatoes, and about the antiquities of the place, brought the visit to a close for the bulk of the party.

The Guild regret the departure of their old friend, Canon Nolloth, D.D., from Beverley, and will always associate the successful peal at the Minster with his farewell. They also desire warmly to thank the Rectors and incumbents of the various churches where the use of the bells and belfries had been so generously given, also to acknowledge the kind assistance and help of the local ringers.

The chronicle of the doings of certain members of the party who extended their visit cannot be exactly recorded, neither can the successful method of curing toothache be divulged by

'THE NOVICE.'

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. NORTHERN BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Bewdley, some 30 members being present from various towers in the district. Ringing took place before and after service and meeting, but the 'go' of the bells prevented more than a few plain courses being accomplished. The service was conducted by the Rector, who also presided at the business meeting which followed. The usual business was transacted, Mr. W. Short being elected Ringing Master, and the other officers re-elected.

Much criticism of the way the bells had been rung was made at the meeting, and the Secretary of the Kidderminster band wished the meeting to understand that they were in no way responsible for the report which appeared in 'The Ringing World' on the opening of these bells, which said they gave general satisfaction.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for presiding at the meeting.

Mr. J. E. Groves was appointed to conduct the quarterly peal. The next meeting, subject to the usual consent being obtained, will be held at Kidderminster in January next.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with great regret that we announce the death of Mr. Fredk. George Walker, of Hemel Hempstead, who passed away on September 30th, at the West Herts Hospital, after only a very brief illness. The deceased was 28 years of age, and was for nine years a ringer at St. Mary's Church. The bells were muffled on Sunday, and on Wednesday, after the funeral, when a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,280 changes) was rung as a last tribute of esteem, by: H. Floyd 1, W. H. Newell 2, H. Golding (conductor) 3, H. Gates 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shephard 6, W. Floyd 7, J. Floyd, junr. 8. A large number of wreaths, including one from his brother ringers, as a token of respect and deepest sympathy, were laid on the grave.

NOTICES.

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CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Ormesby to-morrow, Saturday, Oct. 22nd. The bells of the Parish Church (8, tenor 18 cwt.) will be available for ringing from noon. Service in the church at 3.15. Tea will be provided at the Bungalow in the village at 3.45; members 2/-, non-members 2/6.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral (St. Philip's) on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (10, tenor 30 cwt. in D) available from 3.45. Business meeting in belfry at 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—The Annual meeting will be held at Isham on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4 o'clock (address by: Rev. E. J. Atkins). Tea 4.30. Gentlemen cordially invited. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than the 19th.—Cecil E. Hepburn, The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD: —, Elloe Deaneries-Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holbeach (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available from 12 o'clock. Service at 3.30. Meat tea will be provided at The Chequers Hotel at 4 o'clock.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Beeston on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Ringing from 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Cuckney on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2 until 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1/3 per head to members, 2/- to non-members. Visitors welcome.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the White Cot Dairy.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION. — Guilsborough District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Long Buckley on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—W. Bott, Dist. Sec., Guilsborough.

SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A preliminary meeting for an East Suffolk branch will be held in Ufford Church Room on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Bells available from 2 p.m. Will all ringers in East Suffolk who wish to welcome the Association please send me word?—Herbert Drake, Sec., Ufford, Woodbridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Half-yearly meeting will be held at Wantage on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m.—A. E. Lock, 6, Vineyard, Abingdon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this District will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. C. C. Gosselin (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow in St. Luke's Institute.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at 7.30 p.m. at St. Magnus on Oct. 27th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their Quarterly meeting at the Church of St. George, Hyde, on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—Charles Bower, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The meeting at Pitminster arranged for Oct. 15th has been postponed until Oct. 29th owing to illness near the church. Times of service, tea, etc., to remain. Will intending visitors kindly let me know by the previous Tuesday, as tea is being provided?—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The usual Monthly meeting will be held at Birstall on Saturday, Oct. 29th. All ringing friends are cordially invited.—M. Moorhouse, Hon. Sec., 10, Mitford Road, Armsley, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Secretary will be pleased if members who have not yet paid subs. for 1921 will kindly do so at earliest convenience.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Thorne on the 29th inst. Bells (8) from 2.30. Tea at 5.30, at a charge of 1/6 to those who notify Mr. C. H. Thorley, 6, Bridge Street, Thorne, not later than the 26th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—All Saints' Parish Church. Dedication and opening ceremony of new peal of eight bells Saturday, Oct. 29th, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed. Teas 1/- each. Intending visitors kindly notify E. H. Arnold, Hon. Sec., 4, Church Terrace, Westbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Mytton on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting, 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Barnes, on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Ringing from 3.30. Short service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting at The Old George, Mortlake. Will those requiring tea please inform Mr. C. Hunt, 34, Charles Street, Barnes, S.W. 13, not later than Wednesday, 26th inst., so that adequate arrangements can be made?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dist. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland Section.—The Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29th, at Smethwick. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Tuesday the 25th? Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. W. Salter, 10, Station Road, Erdington.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual festival will be held at Durham on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Committee meeting at 11.30 a.m., Three Tuns Hotel. Service at the Cathedral at 12.30 with address by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Welldon, D.D. All members are earnestly requested to attend. Dinner at the Three Tuns Hotel at 1.30 (members 2/-, non-members 4/-). By permission of the Dean and Chapter the Cathedral bells may be rung. The duration of touches must not exceed 15 minutes, with an interval of 15 minutes between. Ringing must not interfere with services. By the Vicars' permission, St. Oswald's and St. Nicholas' bells will be available all day. All requiring dinner must notify me by the 25th inst. Subscriptions for 1921-2 are now due.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec., 80, Fern Dene Road, Gateshead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Service in the Cathedral at 4.30. Tea and business meeting at the Bell Hotel at 5.30. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Oct. 26th.—P. Timson, District Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

SALOP GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Ellesmere Oct. 29th. Ringing, service and meeting 5 o'clock. Tea, 6 o'clock, at the Café, 1/6 if ordered by 24th from Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays, 7.30 p.m., St. Clement's Oct. 31st; Bishopsgate 24th. Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement's 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reopening of All Saints' bells, Hereford, Tuesday, Nov. 1st. Bells from 2 p.m. At 5 p.m., tea in St. Peter's Parish Hall free to those notifying me not later than Oct. 25th. Service 7 p.m., preacher Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. Peals will be arranged at other towers during the week Oct. 31st to Nov. 5th, those wishing to take part must notify me not later than Oct. 22nd.—C. Edwards, Ringing Master, Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Giles' in the Fields on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Short service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. The bells at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, will be available for ringing from 7 to 8 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E. 17.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service at 4.30 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bredon on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided by the Rector for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous. Bells: Bredon (5), Bredons Norton (6).—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—The 284th Anniversary Dinner will be held at The London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Tickets, 8/6 each; from Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, T. H. Taffender, A. Walker, H. J. Walton, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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A REFERENCE SYSTEM REQUIRED.

A letter which appeared in a recent issue from Mr. Edgar Wightman with regard to Double Norwich compositions, in which he points out that in one report of the Norwich and Ipswich Association there is claimed as new one peal composed by him as long ago as 1897, and three which are variations of peals by him, calls attention once more to the views which we have previously expressed as to the importance of verifying the originality of compositions. Other recent instances besides those mentioned by Mr. Wightman come to mind, including the publication of a peal of Stedman Triples which was composed by Mr. J. W. Washbrook more than twenty years ago, and a peal of London by the Rev. H. Law James cropping up as the composition used in the first peal in a new method. Now, in all these cases there is no question of piracy. The later composers have obtained their peals by perfectly legitimate methods and independent research and without any knowledge of their prior existence. But we have got to remember that the composition of peals has been going on in a more or less intensive manner for the last half-century and over, and that, therefore, in the common methods, at any rate, it is extremely difficult to get anything new; indeed, the fact that a previously composed peal of London was again produced as a peal of Northampton Surprise goes to show that it is never safe to assume that a composition for an absolutely brand-new method is necessarily obtained for the first time. All this, however, only goes to emphasize the need for great care in claiming the authorship of a peal.

The real difficulty about the matter appears to be in the means available for checking the originality. Reference to all the existing text-books and publications would not necessarily enable a composer to be certain that his peal was or was not new, even supposing all these books were at his disposal and that he was prepared to spend the great time that would be involved in the search. In the same way, it would not follow that he would be sure of obtaining the information if his peal were published, say, in our columns, for there are many compositions which have been rung in past years which are now unknown to all but a very few, and the reappearance of the figures would not in all cases call the original to mind.

What is required is some sort of reference file in which the peals are so classified that those most nearly like any freshly produced composition could be turned up in a few minutes. It was suggested recently that some such scheme was necessary for methods; it is more necessary for peals, for scores of compositions of peals are produced for every new method that sees the light. In com-

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piling the Central Council's 'Collection of Peals,' the Committee had through their hands a great number of compositions which they could not use, and these, with those that have been published and those which could be obtained from living conductors, would form the nucleus, at any rate, of a collection which could be classified for the purpose of reference. The task would be a big one, but it will grow bigger still as the years go on, and unless some scheme on these lines is adopted the future will be chaos, and ringers yet unborn will be putting forward, as original, compositions rung by their grandfathers.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANCES

Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. PICKETT... .. 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 8
ARTHUR J. NEALE 3	JAMES GEORGE 9
FRANK R. COPEMAN 4	GEORGE A. CARD... .. 10
*ROBERT G. CHAPPEL 5	ARTHUR D. BARKER 11
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6	ERNEST BRETT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal on 12 bells and first attempt. † First peal of Stedman Cinques, and is from Norwich.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
AND THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, LONDON BRIDGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5025 CHANCES

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN N. ONBORROW Treble	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 6
ALBERT A. HUGHES 2	JAMES WILLSHIRE 7
HARRY R. PASMORE 3	SAMUEL E. ANDREWS 8
ALFRED B. PECK 4	HENRY R. NEWTON 9
ALAN R. MACDONALD... .. 5	*JAMES H. RUMLEY Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.

* First peal.

SOUTHGATE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*GEORGE BESTER Treble	*WILBY J. HAZELL 6
*WALTER J. BOWDEN... .. 2	*EDMUND G. TOMLINSON 7
*NORMAN A. TOMLINSON 3	*HARRY MILLER 8
GEORGE B. LUCAS 4	*JOHN E. MILLER 9
CHARLES W. BIRD 5	JOHN ARMSTRONG Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

* First peal of Kent Royal. First peal of Treble Ten as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. C. W. Bird hails from Kettering. Rung as a welcome home to Lord and Lady Inverforth on their return from America, they having recently had electric light installed in the church as a thankoffering for mercies received.

ALFRED BOWELL, CHURCH BELL FOUNDER, IPSWICH.

**APPLETON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wednesday, Oct. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 3/4 cwt.

GEORGE STACE Treble	ARTHUR H. WHITE 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 2	F. STEDMAN WHITE 7
HARRY HOLIFIELD 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... 8
W. H. J. HOLIFIELD 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
CUTHBERT G. WHITE 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

The treble man hails from Headington, and it was his first peal of Caters and first attempt.

**WIMBORNE, DORSET
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE MINSTER OF ST. CUTHBERGA,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	REV. C. CAREW COX 6
EDITH K. PARKER 2	*A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 7
CHARLES H. GORDON 3	ERNEST BISHOP 8
*PERCY W. WITHAM 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE 9
FREDERICK W. TOWNSEND ... 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal in the Salisbury Diocese. The band desire to express their keen appreciation of the welcome accorded to them by the Vicar, the churchwardens and local ringers.

**EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
WILLIAM PYE 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 8
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	KEITH HART 9
CHARLES T. COLES 5	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

**FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN PART.

LEWIS WISEMAN Treble	SIDNEY HALE 5
HORACE COOPER 2	BERNARD PETTITT 6
FRED WILKIN 3	CECIL BARKER 7
ARTHUR WASH 4	WILLIAM CROSS Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS WISEMAN.

The ringers are members of the Sible Hedingham company. First peal on the bells since restoration. It is upwards of a hundred years since the last peal was rung here.

**HEATHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, Oct. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN E. BURTON Treble	ALBERT ROUGHT 5
*MISS GLADY'S M. A. GEORGE ... 2	FREDK. H. KNIGHTS 6
GEORGE SPARKS 3	ROBERT BLAKE 7
GEORGE T. PEGNELL 4	CHARLES E. BORRETT Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by CHARLES E. BORRETT.

* First peal.

WORSLEY.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Oct. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOSEPH H. RIDYARD Treble	WILLIAM PENNINGTON 5
FRED GRUNDY 2	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE 6
JOHN POTTER 3	PETER CROOK 7
GEORGE PINGOTT 4	JOHN NUTTALL Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. R. Parkin, of St. Mark's, Beesley Green, who died the previous day. The ringers of the 4th, 5th, 7th and tenor hail from Bolton, 3rd from Walkden and the remainder from the local band.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 28 cwt.

HORACE H. SMITH Treble	EDMUND J. HOBBS 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
ALFRED KING 3	FRANK WEBB 7
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

H. H. Smith's 50th peal. Rung after meeting short for Treble Tenor.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 1/2 cwt.

CECIL C. MAYNE Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 2	WILLIAM WELING 6
WILLIAM G. PARKER 3	KEITH HART 7
HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 4	JOHN H. PRESTON Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung for the festival of St. Luke.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOSEPH HALL Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF 5
WILLIAM E. CLARKE 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER 6
GEORGE E. TURNER 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. ... 4	*HERBERT GREENHALGH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

* First peal of Stedman. Arranged for Mr. Lindoff, who was on a visit from Dublin, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Oct. 20, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

*HUGH J. WARREN Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 5
EDMUND J. HOBBS 2	MARK LANE 6
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
CYRIL HERBERT 4	HORACE H. SMITH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

* First peal. It was intended to ring Superlative, but one of the band failed to turn up. Mr. Warren kindly filled the breach and was heartily congratulated on ringing a most excellent peal, as he had previously had very little practice in Major ringing. First peal in the method on the bells since being recast. This composition is now rung for the first time.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Oct. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*CHARLES MATTHEWS ... ..	... Treble	ARTHUR MARKWELL	5
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	2	ERNEST HERBERT	6
CYRIL HERBERT	3	HORACE H. SMITH	7
EDMOND J. HOBBS	4	GEORGE H. CROSS	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Oct. 20, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

ALFRED HISCOCK ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	5
WILLIAM G. PARKER	2	JOHN H. PRESTON	6
HUBERT J. CHAFFEY	3	KEITH HART	7
WILLIAM HENLEY	4	WILLIAM WELLING	Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by W. WELLING.
This and the peal at Staines were arranged for Mr. Keith Hart.

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM SPICE ... ..	... Treble	CLER. SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.	5
† WILLIAM NYE	2	† THOMAS JULL	6
* THOMAS BEAUMONT	3	ERNEST J. DOBBIE	7
SAMUEL TAYLOR	4	WILLIAM J. WALKER	Tenor

Conducted by W. SPICE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. JONES ... ..	... Treble	JAMES R. MACKMAN	5
FRANCIS W. NEATE	2	WILLIAM LEWIS	6
THOMAS WALTERS	3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES	7
SIDNEY HOLT	4	WILLIAM PAGE	Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by W. PAGE.

First peal in the method by all the hand except Messrs. Jones, Mackman and Page. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Superlative on the bells, in the city of Worcester and by the Western Branch. Rung as the annual peal for the Association.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

* LESLIE GEO. FRANKS ... ..	... Treble	THOMAS HOAD	5
WALTER FRANKS	2	WILLIAM H. HOAD	6
TRAYTON BOOTH	3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS	7
ROBERT CURTIS	4	CHARLES G. CREASEY	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a token of respect to and in memory of the late Mr. Frank Mathis, for 32 years verger at the above church and a respected member of the local band of ringers, who died on the 15th inst., aged 63 years. The Messrs. Franks and Curtis belong to the local band, the remainder to Salehurst.

HIGHWORTH, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr.

JOHN HOLMAN ... ..	... Treble	CHARLES J. GARDINER	5
ROBERT W. HYNTER	2	WILLIAM G. LANCASTER	6
TOM O'HARA	3	SIDNEY PALMER	7
GEORGE LANCASTER	4	JOSEPH E. SYKES	Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This composition contains 22 courses each 6-4-8 and 6-7-8, 6th undisturbed throughout, and is now rung in full for the first time.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN SADDINGTON ... ..	... Treble	HAROLD G. JENNY	5
WILLIAM SMITH	2	THOS. H. VALLANCE	6
GEORGE CLEAL	3	* EDWARD READER	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	JOHN OLDHAM	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN OLDHAM.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge as conductor. Arranged as a birthday peal for Harold J. Poole.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* WILLIAM STINTON ... ..	... Treble	CHARLES E. PEPKINS	4
† WILLIAM GIBBS	2	JOHN LLOYD	5
JOHN BASS	3	ROBERT MATTHEWS	Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Husselbee, an old Wordsley ringer, on his 60th birthday, also to Mr. A. E. Parsons and the conductor.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FRANK RUFFLES ... ..	... Treble	WALTER RUFFLES	4
ERNEST CURTIS	2	PERCY POTTOR	5
GEORGE STANNARD	3	HARRY HALL	Tenor

Conducted by H. HALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, Woodbine, London Scholar's Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

* ERNEST BROOKE ... ..	... Treble	THOMAS HILTON	4
ARTHUR PANTHER	2	ARTHUR GILL	5
JOHN R. BREARLEY	3	GEORGE HILL	Tenor

Conducted by G. HILL.

* First peal. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to Harold Chappell, late of Hoylandswaine band, and to John Aaron, late of Darfield and Wath bands. Ringers of 2nd and 5th hail from Wath, 4th from Darfield, 3rd from Bolsterstone. Ringers of treble and tenor belong to Hoylandswaine.

**BELBROUGHTON WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)**

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN LLOYD 1	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
ALFRED DAVIES 2	WILLIAM SHORT 5
JOHN BASS 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

**ROYDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5840 CHANGES;

Being 960 Oxford, 960 Canterbury, 960 Plain Bob and 2,160 Grandsire
Tenor 9 cwt.

*ALFRED LIVINGSON 1	ISAAC CAVILL 4
WILLIAM MARRABLE 2	BENJAMIN G. BURTON 5
WILLIAM LITTLECHILD 3	*WILLIAM MANSFIELD Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

* First peal.

**LITTLEDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thursday, Oct. 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS 1	JOHN BEVAN 4
JOHN GWYNNE 2	THOMAS HART 5
CAPT. BENNETT, C.A. 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. Williams on his 69th birthday, it also being his 69th peal. First peal on the bells.

**WILLINGTON, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven differently called 720's.

*HUBERT FOLBRIGG 1	†WILLIAM E. HOLDEN 4
EDWARD WHITE 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW 5
†THOMAS BARTHAM 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1921, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,
In the Tower,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently.

MISS EDITH E. G. HEAD 1	ARTHUR SYMONDS 4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2-3	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON 5-6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.
Witness: Mr. W. HEAD.

This is the first peal in which a lady has taken part for the Suffolk Diocesan Association. Miss Head hails from Little Walsingham.

**LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**

On Friday, Oct. 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
In the Belfry of St. Margaret's Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

ALLEN F. BAILEY 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 7-8

EDGAR H. BAILEY 9-10
Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.
Witness: H. PEARSON.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION

On Monday, Oct. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
In the Belfry of St. Margaret's Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

ALLEN F. BAILEY 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	JAMES M. BAILEY 7-8
EDGAR H. BAILEY 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.
Witness: H. PEARSON.

EALING.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Friday, Oct. 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At 69, BALFOUR ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

GEORGE E. HARBOUR 1-2	HAROLD P. JAMES 5-6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 3-4	DODGLAS HARBOUR 7-8

Composed and Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

This composition has the 6th twenty-four times each way in 5-6, with no calls at wrong or middle and only six at home.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, Oct. 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At 32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

ALFRED B. PECK 1-2	HERBERT LANGDON 7-8
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 3-4	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 9-10
HARRY R. PASMORE 5-6	THOMAS LANGDON 11-12

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.
Umpire: Mr. H. J. WALTON.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Oct. 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MULLINS. Conducted by the Performer.
Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
In the Belfry of St. Margaret's Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5004 CHANGES

Tenor size 18 in G.

ALLEN F. BAILEY 1-2	JAMES M. BAILEY 7-8
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 9-10
CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6	EDGAR H. BAILEY 11-12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.
Witnesses: H. PEARSON and GEORGE BAILEY.

Rung as a farewell peal to A. F. Bailey.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT LEWISHAM.

A successful meeting of the Southern District was held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, October 15th, about 50 members being present, including ringers from Reading, Slough, Kingston New Malden, Wimbledon, Croydon, and other districts. The association's veterans also attended, including Mr. John Carter, Mr. Ted Horrex, and Mr. J. Waghorn, senr. Mr. T. H. Taffender acted as Ringing Master, and various methods up to London Surprise were rung on the fine peal of eight. Tea was partaken of at the White Hart, and several ladies were present.

The business meeting was held afterwards and, in the absence of the District Master (Mr. H. Burton), Mr. T. H. Taffender was voted to the chair.—Mr. Skelt, of Croydon, was elected a member, and a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded Mr. H. Warnett for arranging the tea and having the bells in good order, thus making the afternoon and evening enjoyable for the visitors. After a short touch on handbells the tower was again visited till 9 p.m.

A DEVONSHIRE HOLIDAY.

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DEVON ROUND RINGERS.

With the arrival of Canon Coleridge we were almost a double team. Seven took hot lunch at two o'clock, and relaid for eight hungry peal men at 2.30. We learnt that a 'prize contest' was to be held at North Molton, and adjoining parish, for the following week, when it was expected that some 16 or 18 teams of eight would compete. Proceedings were to commence at 10 a.m., each set having the ropes for 30 minutes, and raising and falling the eight bells in peal. Umpires were provided, locked in a private room near the tower, and would number the teams, take a note of errors, and award points without knowing who the bands were, or the order they were drawn for ringing. These trials of strength and skill would last all day—keenness and sportsmanlike emulation would pervade the whole village for about 12 hours—allowing a brief interval for dinners and a ringers' service in the church. There is a greater value in these contests as church work than the change ringer usually imagines. Framed certificates, mostly printed (on neat cards similar to the larger peal cards we use) are hanging in many a North Devon tower showing the local band to be 'first prize' or 'second prize team,' as the case may be in hard-fought occupations of pre-war days. In several churches hang framed photographs of all the competitors, sometimes mustering over 100 strong, fine stalwart Devonshire men who carry on their Sunday work, simple though it may be, with faithful punctuality and very accurate ringing, irrespective of the bad going or the weight of the bells they handle.

There are more than a dozen towers in this district where round ringing only is practised, and none of them belong to the Devon Guild. Some unusual advantages we found, viz., not a broken rope during the tour, not a bearing left ungreased, no disturbance during the peals, and the lighting at night in good order. One cannot but admire the thoroughness of the Devon round ringers.

In the afternoon we motored in our 14-seater with 16 up to Chittlehampton, miles from anywhere, it was said, and found the village centre consisted of an open rectangular square, with the church on one side and 'the Bells' on the other, with picturesque houses on each frontage. It was a fine Decorated tower, similar to those of Somerset, with a useful octave, tenor 15 cwt. Forty minutes of London Surprise and 30 of Stedman were sufficient to end our efforts, which, like the weather all day, was on the damp side. In justice to the band, I may say, however, both ventures were lost by the conductors' omissions—who would be a conductor? On the other side of the square we were successful, and not quite so dry round the teatable our shepherd proving himself to be a veritable 'cow-maid' when the dishes of cream came round. Double-handed (10 bells) ringing in the open square, with all the neighbours looking out of doors; their prolific families clustering around us with the commanding Canon as centrepiece; afforded an interesting theme for an artist to record on canvas, and I wished that it could appear on a cinema screen. Fast falls the eventide—South Molton was duly reached, and train at 10.10 p.m. onward boarded, motors taking us from the G.W. Railway terminus, a mile to the Hotel Central, our headquarters in Barnstaple, till Saturday.

Wednesday in Barnstaple was our 'at home' day, with two towers close by and our party at full strength and, a three days' fair beginning in the town, joybells and joviality reigned supreme. We ordered a leg of mutton dinner for this especial occasion, and placed 'Old Caversham' and 'New Mills' to do duty as chairman and vice-chairman respectively.

Of the Central Hotel, I would like to mention its reasonable charges and our general appreciation of the attention, comfort and scrupulous cleanliness to be had there. Mr. J. Broom, the host, gave us a private room, and set one long table for our use at meal times, and what passed across it, by way of ringers' 'jargon,' besides the Devon edibles would fill a book. If you would know how to 'extend' L-O-N-D-O-N, ask the compositor. If you 'tap' a bell what sound is produced? Is it a growl or a squeak? As a motorist you would know that the 'gradient' of Fiddler's Elbow caused his army rejection—and should you happen to have an action in the High Courts, ask Lord Chagford, K.C., to brief you. When ringing double-handed 'Granta' never permit Little Bob to hear you, for unkind words have a way of coming home to roost.

Pilton Church for Stedman, in the morning, only a mile out, resulted in an excellent performance at this fine Ruhlhall eight (tenor 25 cwt.), and the pride of North Devon. The strapping end was taken off the tenor rope surprise being expressed by several local men that so 'lean' an Arab could stay the time, as two locals usually handle it for touches. Those who know the physique and stature of Messrs. Coleridge and Williams will realise that it was a decided case of 'up over' and 'down under' when they were dodging together whilst ringing the trebles.

In the evening, Double Norwich at Barnstaple Parish Church (tenor 18 cwt.) ended when the tenor clapper came out broken, with a crash that alarmed the onlookers, after 2½ hours' ringing; the Arab afore-

said expressing his genuine 'thanks' at the mishap, as the going of the tenor was too big a pill to swallow on top of Pilton. Here we rang on the ground floor with three sides, having tall pointed arches, quite open to the whole church. It was most interesting to see the townspeople and some of the Devon prize ringing men come to the pews near us to sit and watch our efforts. Stripped as we were for a peal in earnest, the whole scene gave one the impression of a free side-show for those who had come 'fairing'; but the fun of this affair was not to our liking. Our solace at home ended with a full measure of cider, tobacco, handbells, and ringers' anecdotes. Then what care I, let the peal go by, for another we'll try on the morrow.

(To be Continued.)

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

MID-DEVON BRANCH PROGRESS.

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Upton, Torquay, on Saturday, October 8th. The President of the Guild (the Rev. Maitland Kelly) was present, also ringers from London, Lifton, Exeter, Christow, Buckfastleigh, Dartmouth, Cockington, Paignton. The Rev. C. S. Powell (of Plymouth), gen. hon. secretary, wrote expressing his regret at being unable to attend. Some well-struck touches were brought round, the president, although nearly 50 years of age, taking part. Nearly 30 members were present, and the president congratulated the branch on its progress, and exclaimed, 'at last, after many years' struggle.' He recalled a visit made by the Guild to Torquay nearly 40 years ago, trying to introduce change ringing, and said it was a great pleasure to him to know the 'method' was taken up in real earnest. He held very high hope of a bright future for the Mid-Devon Branch, and suggested combined practices at various towers.

Owing to the long journey back to Lifton, the president had to leave early, to the regret of all present.

Mr. H. W. Wilkes (chairman) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the president, and said the whole of the branch most heartily welcomed him.—This was seconded by Mr. F. T. Gover, who said what a pleasure it was to welcome him, and especially to have the pleasure of ringing with him—an expression which met with a cordial 'hear, hear.'

The business meeting followed. After several propositions and much discussion it was resolved to hold the annual meeting at Paignton on January 21st, 1922.—Mr. C. Austin proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Upton for the use of the bells, and supported the proposal of combined practices.—The motion was seconded by Mrs. E. T. Gover, and carried, and Mr. C. Roberts (churchwarden) responded, saying what a pleasure it was to welcome the Guild and to hear what good progress the branch was making in change ringing. The Vicar and himself would always be pleased to welcome them, and he only wished a band could be started in Torquay.

Mr. H. J. Hole (hon. secretary) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the visitors, especially alluding to Mr. Shepherd, of Exeter, whose knowledge of the art of change ringing was always a very valuable help to any band. Paignton had benefited this summer by visitors from London, Birmingham and Bristol, who had helped to ring a good quarter-peal.—Mr. Shepherd, in reply, said it was a pleasure to come to Mid-Devon and find such progress being made. It made his heart glad to think the branch was in real earnest. Ringing was a fine exercise, both for brain and body, and a sure cure for indigestion (laughter), and many pleasant hours could be spent by the fireside learning the methods.

The ringers then adjourned to the belfry again, and the tit-bit of the day was a splendidly struck 504 Grand sire Triples, which, if rumours are correct, left the 'have-beens' and 'would-like-to-be' critics 'stony' cold.

A quarterly meeting of the Exeter and District Branch of the Guild took place at Exeter on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Tea was provided at St. Sidwell's Institute, and was attended by 36 members.—The Chairman (Mr. E. Shepherd), on behalf of the branch, extended a hearty welcome to visitors from Plymouth, Torquay and Llandaff.

The holding of the annual meeting at Heavitree, on November 28th, was confirmed. Visits were paid to various towers, including the Cathedral, St. David's and St. Sidwell's, and some excellent touches were rung in various methods.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at the Church of The Saviour, Bolton, on Saturday week, when members attended from the various towers in the district, and visitors from Leyland, Preston, Standish and Manchester. Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grand sire Triples were rung until 7 p.m., a concert in the school adjoining preventing further ringing.

At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next meeting at Walkden, and the branch secretary was appointed on the general committee in place of the vice-president.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and the ringers for their preparation.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Owing to pressure on our space, several reports are unavoidably held over.

There is every promise of a big gathering at the College Youths dinner at the London Tavern on the 12th November, and those who desire to secure tickets should do so at once.

The peal of ten at All Saints', Maidstone (tenor 31 cwt.), are to be rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. This will be welcome news to Kentish ringers, for the back end bells of this ring have provided plenty of hard work for the ringers, and, as one prominent gentleman has put it, have made more than one good heavyweight groan.

A new treble to make a peal of six at Longhope, Glos., is being cast at the Whitechapel Foundry, and the bells are to be rehung in a new frame.

The first handbell peal was rung 110 years ago next Sunday—Oct. 30th. It was Oxford Treble Bob Major at Sheffield, and the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley's grandfather took part. On Oct. 30th, 1911, a centenary peal was rung, and was 'timed' by the same grandfather clock that was used for the purpose in the original peal.

A hundred and thirty years ago next Monday—Oct. 31st, 1791—a peal of 7,002 Grandsire 'Quaters' was rung at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, by a band of Cambridge Youths. There must have been a good company at Cambridge at that time, for there are records still in the tower recording this, and peals of Bob Maximus (6,600) and Oxford Treble Ten (6,000) within the three preceding years.

On November 3rd, 1796, the first 'name' peal was rung. It was achieved by the Williams at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

There should be a number of peals of Superlative rung on Nov. 5th next, which will be the centenary of what is said to be the first peal in the method. It was at St. Peter's, Huddersfield, but whether the composition of that peal was true we are unable to say. Perhaps some of our Yorkshire readers could give us some enlightenment upon this performance.

Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough, is an enthusiastic hockey player, and between the ringing of peals, finds time, in what leisure he has, to turn out for his town's hockey club. In a match against Beeston on Saturday week he scored three goals!

Ringers who remember the doings of former days at Debenham will read with interest of the ringing of a peal at this celebrated Suffolk tower by a local band—the first for upwards of 20 years.

Few ringers can beat the record of ex-Sergt. J. Williams, of Newent, Glos., whose 69th peal is recorded this week. Although able to pull a bell for years previously, it was not until he was 60 years of age that he rang his first peal—one of Bob Minor—at Newent in October, 1912. Since then he has rung 69 peals in many different methods, on from five to twelve bells, and entailing much travelling. He is now one of the keenest ringers to be found in the West of England, and is secretary of the Forest Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. Surely a wonderful example of keenness to many young men, whose enthusiasm is often only lukewarm.

Mr. G. E. Symonds has conducted his first peals of Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, Bob Major, one, two and three Minor methods on tower bells; and on handbells, Grandsire Caters, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Does this constitute a record?

A REMARKABLE YEAR'S WORK.

MESSRS. TAYLOR AND CO.'S WONDERFUL OUTPUT.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s advertisement on another page reveals the remarkable activities of this firm during the present year. In addition to having cast twenty new peals of bells with less than 20 cwt. tenors, they are the founders of 13 rings and carillons, with tenors ranging from a ton to 130 cwt. The total weight of bells cast by them during the past year is upwards of 250 tons. A prodigious output and a testimony to the enterprise of the firm and their sterling work.

YOUNG COMPOSERS' PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Edgar Wightman's letter should be a warning to young composers palming off on the Exercise variations of peals as new compositions; particularly now we have the Central Council's collections of peals with plain hunt treble. The names of those composers who have joined the great majority ought to be reversed, and not have their masterpieces thoughtlessly usurped.—Yours, etc.,

28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

G. E. SYMONDS.

NEW BAND IN MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The Parish Church of Bassaleg, Monmouthshire, has a ring of six steel beds, by Vickers, but for a number of years there was no local band of ringers. A few months ago the local schoolmaster, Mr. J. Gould, although not a ringer himself, called a meeting in the parish for the purpose of starting a band, and old pupils of Mr. Gould's readily responded. The hon. secretary of the Llandaff Association (Mr. J. W. Jones) was approached, and asked for his assistance, and he readily responded. A start was made in teaching the novices how to handle a bell, followed by Grandsire Doubles. The new band can now ring 120's of Doubles, and the bells are rung for the Sunday services. The association's object is thus once more attained.

NORWICH & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT NORWICH.

The annual general meeting of the Norwich and Ipswich Association for the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk was held in Norwich on Thursday, October 13th, and was attended by 72 members from the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk. The general secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman) had mapped out an interesting programme, and the visitors as a consequence had a pleasant time during their brief sojourn in the city. The bells of the city churches were a special attraction, and many touches in various methods were rung under the skilful handling of the association members.

Divine service was held in the magnificent church of St. Peter Mancroft, conducted by the President of the Association (the Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich). The address was given by the Bishop of Thetford. Luncheon was served at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, under the presidency of the Dean of Norwich, with whom were the Bishop of Thetford, Rev. Francis L'Estrange Fawcett, Rev. W. C. Pearson, Rev. H. Drake, Mr. C. E. Borrett (vice-president), Mr. G. P. Burton (Kinging Master, Norfolk branch), Mr. J. Motts (Kinging Master, Suffolk branch), Mr. E. Evans (secretary, Suffolk branch), Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary), Mr. F. Knights, Mr. W. L. Duffield, Mr. J. Murray, Mr. J. Souter, Mr. E. F. Poppy, and the following District Secretaries: Messrs. F. R. Copeman, G. H. Cross, F. R. Borrett, T. Fitzjohn, and 54 members.

The King having been heartily toasted on the call of the President, the toast of 'the Church' was submitted by Mr. G. P. Burton, and acknowledged by the Bishop of Thetford.

The business meeting followed, at which the president, the vice-presidents and all the officers were re-elected en bloc.—Mr. Charles S. Tutbill was appointed district secretary for Fakenham; Mr. Fredk. Salter, district secretary for Thetford; and Mr. Victor E. Kerridge, district secretary for Framlingham.

The following were elected non-members of the association: The Right Hon. Lord Cozens-Hardy (Letheringsett Hall) and Mr. Gilbert Wellesley Overman (Manor House, Weasenham). The following thirteen were elected performing members, viz.: Messrs. G. Gibson, L. Knights, E. Newson, F. Jay, R. Smy, A. Sawyer, W. Sawyer, J. Starling, S. Love, E. Kimin, F. Wilson, F. Pearce, L. Burton.

The committee were empowered to pass the revised rules, and to transact the remainder of the business on the agenda.

A vote of thanks was moved by the President to the Bishop of Thetford for his address, and also to the clergy for the use of their bells, and this concluded the general business meeting, after which the Dean conducted a large party of ringers round the Cathedral, which was much appreciated by the visitors.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The 40th annual report of the 44th year of the association was a record of continual steady progress. During the year six hon. members, 12 hon. life members and 56 performing members had been elected, and regret was expressed at the loss of two members by death and 12 by resignation, bringing the net total membership up to 1,052. Five branch meetings were held during the year, and emphasis was laid on the necessity and importance of the district and practice meetings, which were held at 18 different towers, with thanks to those district secretaries who have carried out this very useful work on behalf of the association. The peal performances for the past 12 months showed a steady progress in quality and quantity. The report recorded that 178 peals were rung in many methods ranging from Doubles to Maximus. Four performances, however, called for special mention, being first peals by the association, viz., Suffolk Surprise Major, Yorkshire Surprise Major and two handbell peals, one of Stedman Caters, and one of Stedman Cinques. These four peals were rung by the St. Margaret's, Leiston, company, and conducted by Charles F. Bailey, and were fresh achievements to the unique family records of the Bailey brothers. The St. Mary-le-Tower company, Ipswich, were also to be congratulated on adding to the association peal records of Cambridge Surprise Maximus and Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus. The association occupied first place in the Central Council's Analysis, 1920, with a grand total of 179 peals, with a total value in points 2,490.

A SUBSCRIPTION OF TWO SHILLINGS.

At the subsequent General Committee meeting, the revised association rules were passed, on a motion of which notice was given at the general meeting held at Ipswich on Oct. 6th, 1920.

The Secretary and Treasurer (Mr. A. L. Coleman) presented a financial statement, and reviewed the present financial condition of the association. He reported that there was still a large amount of subscriptions outstanding, and thought the greater part of that amount would be paid before the end of the year, as up to the present the members had been most loyal in paying the increased contributions.

If all paid up, he estimated a small balance at the end of the year, and on the strength of that he would recommend that the annual subscription be two shillings per annum.

Mr. G. P. Burton proposed, and Mr. C. E. Borrett seconded, that the annual subscription for the year 1922 be two shillings per annum, and this was carried.

The Secretary reported the resignation of Mr. T. Fitzjohn, as district secretary for Thetford, and moved a vote of thanks to him for the services he had rendered for the past twelve years.

A vote of thanks was passed to the president for presiding, and this concluded the business, the day being gloriously fine, added much to the enjoyment of all present, and the annual festival was an exceedingly successful one.

STAFFORD BELLS RESTORED.

TRANSFORMED BY RETUNING.

St. Mary's, Stafford, is again in possession of its ring of ten bells, but a greatly improved peal is now to be heard, after the long silence. Some of them are more than 200 years old, and they are by various founders, but, short of recasting, they are now as good a ring of ten as one could hope to obtain. The founders and the dates are as follow:—

- Tenor.—By Henry Bagley, of Chacombe, 1742.
- 9th.—By Abel Rudhall, of Gloucester, 1751.
- 8th.—By Henry Bagley, of Ecton, 1692.
- 7th.—By Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, 1709.
- 6th.—By Henry Bagley, of Ecton, 1692.
- 5th.—Same as 6th.
- 4th.—Same as 7th.
- 3rd.—Same as 7th.
- 2nd.—Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1887.
- Treble.—Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1887.

The bells have been cleaned of all their corrosion, and tuned, and have all been rehung with entirely new fittings, which include iron headstocks and the latest type of ball bearings. The framework has been considerably strengthened with tie bolts, and repaired, and three heavy steel girders, horizontally cross braced, have been put in under the timbers as additional centre support. The tenor pit has been replaced by a new one, constructed of larger framing, these timbers having been specially selected from some very old oak.

It is satisfactory to note, that although the framework had previously been condemned, it has now been found, after inspection, to be perfectly rigid during ringing, and is quite clear of the tower walls. During the restoration, the timber in the framework was found to be in excellent condition, and capable of service for at least the better part of another century. St. Mary's, Stafford, now has a good old peal which are a pleasure to handle. The opening ceremony took place on Sunday, October 9th, but this being an awkward day for visitors, an 'open' day was arranged for Saturday, Oct. 15th, when ringers from various parts of the country, including Walsall, Wolverhampton, Birmingham, Burton-on-Trent, Coseley, Uttoxeter, Brewwood, Coalbrookdale (Shropshire), Stoke-on-Trent, Crewe, London, etc., spent a very pleasant afternoon and evening. Touches of Stedman Caters and Triples, Grandsire Caters, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise, Bob Royal, etc., were rung. The unanimous opinion was that the 'go' of the bells was perfect, and admiration was expressed at the greatly improved tone. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, who were represented at the re-opening by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Northampton District was held at Pitsford on Saturday week, when 26 members attended including the Vicar of Pitsford (the Rev. J. White) and the general secretary (Mr. D. J. Nichols). Evensong was conducted by the Vicar, and a collection for the Belfry Repairs Fund amounted to 11s. 4d. This fund is not new to the association. It was proposed some years ago by Mr. Fred Hopper, whom many ringers thank, for it has been the means of helping in the rehanging of many peals of bells.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. White were present at tea, after which a meeting was held, the Vicar being in the chair.—Mr. Bertram Murby was presented with a certificate in recognition of ringing his first peal with a working bell.

Mr. Nichols, the General Secretary, kindly explained the position of Yardley Hastings tower, regarding the Northampton and the Wellingborough districts, and thanks are due to him for the way the business was carried out.

Mr. Nichols also mentioned the muffled ringing on Armistice Day, and hoped that all towers, if possible, would ring muffled on Nov. 11th.

Mr. B. Meadows was re-elected to the association, and the next quarterly meeting was fixed for Moulton on Saturday, January 21st, 1922, with a 'special' at Ecton on November 26th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. England, and seconded by Miss Law, and to this the Vicar suitably replied.

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THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

GARISBROOKE, 1921.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

PEALS TAPPED ON HANDBELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I do not at all agree with all Mr. Pye has said in this controversy, and I think it a pity that he has allowed himself to be drawn into argument with, not only the performer on the merits of his performances, but with you, Sir, just because your 'leaders' on the subject are not such as he would have written himself. Whatever our friend may say, for one man to tap a peal of London Surprise Major is a marvellous performance, and entitles the performer to one of the seats in the front row of campanologists. Where the mistake has been made is in trying to compare 'tapping' with 'ringing' two handbells to the same peal. As well try to compare a violinist in an orchestra with an organist. One only plays his part, while the other plays the whole composition himself.

With regard to my second point, I will only mention one item. The sentence, 'You are not justified in opposing decisions set up by the Central Council.' May I remind your readers that the Central Council has had no opportunity of setting up a decision on the matter. What happened was this: When the Peals Analysis Committee were giving their report a member asked: 'What about the peals tapped by Mr. Morris?' And the answer came sharp, without hesitation: 'We only record peals rung.' This answer was not vociferously received, but I certainly heard several people in different parts of the room say 'hear, hear.'

Instead of an argument, 'Handbell peals' versus 'tapped peals,' I expected, from the letter from the captain and secretary of the St. Nicholas' band, Harwich (the first on the subject), a discussion on, say, 'Does tapping promote the art of campanology?' I am prepared to argue that it does not. It is useful, as Mr. Morris says, to let outsiders hear what change ringing sounds like, but to spread the knowledge of it among a band of learners I regard it as ridiculous.

Twenty-six years ago we had a ringer in Bristol who could tap a plain course of Grandsire Cinques like clockwork, and whenever we had a dinner or social evening, this was always looked forward to, but we never had it at any other time. Ringing in Bristol to-day would not be what it is if he had only been content to show us what he could do, or what Grandsire Cinques sounded like. No; to his credit, he it said, he worked hard, and encouraged everyone of us to reach his standard, by practice in the towers round about Bristol. That we eventually caught up to him, and even (to be truthful) passed him, is entirely due to his spade-work of from 26 to 30 years ago. But he would never have done it by tapping.—Yours very truly,
W. A. CAVE.

MR. KEEBLE'S EXPERIENCE.

Dear Sir.—Mr. Morris claims that I am proving that his tapping is of the same value to him as my ability to transpose is to me. Nothing of the sort. I have gained my knowledge and ability through study and experience, and one ounce of the latter is worth a ton of theory. If Mr. Morris thinks he can gain the same experience by tapping, let him by all means keep on thinking so. I have proved what I can do, having taught a band to ring double-handed, from Bob Minor on to Bob Major Kent, Oxford, Superlative, New Cambridge, Bob Royal and Kent Royal; and, I beg to remind him, did this without any tapping or without any outside help. I note, also, Mr. Morris is slow to accept my offer to umpire, and also to accept any of the challenges offered to him. Why? I can tell Mr. Morris this, if he tackles the job of ringing a pair of handbells to London he will find it a vastly different job to the transposing of figures. I know, I have 'had some,' and I say it is not a greater, but a lesser mental strain to transpose eight figures than to ring a pair of handbells to any one method. You, Sir, say in last week's issue only one of many private correspondents has taken a view entirely opposite to yours on this question. Probably so, but may I ask how many of such are capable double-handed ringers? I am quite aware that my name has been bandied about from one end of the county of Essex to the other in connection with certain incidents of the Essex Association. But may I request these private correspondents to do so in future on their own notepaper? Verb. sap.

Now, Sir, just a word with Canon Papillon. Quoth he, when the first peal of London was rung, double-handed: 'While congratulating these men on their achievement, we think their time would have been better occupied in teaching young ringers the rudiments of Grandsire Triples.' I note he does not tell Mr. Morris so. Of course one man is gaining all the experience, the others never did. The cobbler should indeed stick to his last, but are not men with ability and experience to be allowed to express their opinion? If Mr. Morris says I use strange arguments, perhaps so. May I remind him, 'adversity doth oft strange bedfellows meet.' I note he refers me to Rule 1 of the Essex Association. I beg to refer him to Rule 8, which deals with peals rung and the booking thereof. Will Mr. Morris now accept your offer, and that of 'Once a Beginner' (at London) which is practically the same. If so, and he rings the peal double-handed, and gets his fare to

the Metropolis, I will pay the fare back to Harwich. I think your readers generally will say this is a sportsman's offer.—Yours sincerely,
W. KEEBLE.

MR. MORRIS RESENTS.

Dear Sir,—I have just been reading Mr. Pye's latest outburst, and I see that my friend has 'got 'em badly'; but for all his open insults and taunts, I will try as politely as possible to answer one or two of his accusations as briefly as possible, and finish this so-called debate. Mr. Pye is great on telling us what he can do and what he knows. There is one thing it is quite apparent he does not know, and that is anything about tapping. Another thing he does not seem to know is that a ringer, when ringing changes, except when making places, is continually transposing his rope or figure (whichever name he likes to give it) with another. Mr. Pye also hints that I tell lies. Many thanks for that compliment, also for giving me the right to do as I like. I hope to continue to do so without his aid for the rest of my ringing life. I agree with him, it is much better to have fame given one, than it is to take it to oneself. I note, too, that he has made a great deal out of there being 18 ringing members to our band, but he forgot to mention that eight of those names have been scratched off long since. One has actually been dead for years, which fact, as an official of the Essex Association, he ought to have known, as they have been duly notified. Out of those remaining, two are in Scotland, two can only attend once a fortnight, one once in about seven weeks and one is too old to do any active ringing. Perhaps Mr. Pye is right about the fault of their leader, only I do not happen to be their leader at present. Will he please look over my letters again, and see where I made the mistake of professing to ring eight bells and scratch it out, as I confess I cannot see it myself? Perhaps my spectacles are not strong enough. I must apologise for thinking that Mr. Pye flattered himself on his knowledge of London, for now I find that he only flatters himself on telling a man's capabilities. But, seriously, I started in this debate hoping to have a good give-and-take argument, and when I saw Mr. Pye's name in it, I anticipated somehow that we were going to derive much benefit from it, with a hearty laugh here and there, to liven up the proceedings. But I was doomed to great disappointment, for first it was the Editor, now it is me, and there is no blinking the fact that Mr. Pye's latest outburst is nothing more or less than an open insult to me. There was a time during the debate when I felt myself trying to fall in with his plans, by showing him what I could or could not do, but thanks to him I am wiser now, as I can see very clearly that I should have been held up to ridicule, and I must take an action I very much regret. Will the officials of the Essex Association please take my name off their register, as I will not profess to belong to an association where on asking a question, and daring to pass an opinion, one is insulted in the way I have been by one of its officials. I hope Mr. Pye does not think that by his bluff he is washing me off the slate. If he does I am afraid he will be greatly disappointed, for circumstances permitting, it will still go on. On concluding this debate, so far as I am concerned, I only hope, when the time comes for me to call 'stand,' I shall be able, on turning back the pages of my ringing life, to say with truth I have done my best. I hope Mr. Pye will be able to do the same, and I hope he will remember that whether on Sundays we ring London Surprise or only Plain Bob, our services are of equal value to the Church. If we are doing our best, that is all she demands.—Yours, etc.,
ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

P.S.—Will 'Once a Beginner' please note that when I come to the Metropolis I hope to be able to pay my own fare?

MR. PYE'S MEMORY.

Sir,—Mr. Pye claims to be expert at judging a man when he is at the end of a rope, and we are, I imagine, equally justified in judging him by the sorry figure he cuts when he rushes into print. From his pedestal he attempts to belittle a very clever performance by arguments based on a defective memory. He describes as 'novices' a band which six days previously had rung 15,000 of Double Norwich. One member had previously rung Superlative, Cambridge and London, and also 13,000 of Double Norwich, before he came under Mr. Pye's tuition, and another had travelled many times to Brighton for practice, and had also rung peals of London and Superlative, and had been meeting other bands in London for practice at the time of the historic 'first attempt.' Mr. Pye is undoubtedly a good judge, when necessary, of the man at the end of the rope, for he has scoured the British Isles for the best men in some of his efforts to mount the pedestal. Can he point to a single footnote to a peal of Surprise as the first in the method by an entirely local band? I quite agree, Mr. Editor, with your sporting suggestion, and should like to have the pleasure of acting as umpire.—Yours faithfully,
J. PARKER.

HEMDEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Thursday, Sept. 29th, for the harvest festival, 672 Grandsire Triples: R. Walker 1, W. H. Newell 2, H. Golding (conductor) 3, H. Gates 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shephard 6, W. Floyd 7, J. Floyd, junr., 8.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

Mr. T. E. Sone points out that the 504 Grandsire Triples by Mr. J. Beams, published on this page on October 7th, is false, the handstroke in the lead before 'Queens' in the first part, repeating with the backstroke at the single in the third part. Similar repetition will, of course, occur in the other parts.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for evensong, at St. Mary's Church harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. R. Jackson 2, M. Bend 3, L. J. Abbott 4, J. W. Kinton 5, A. Mackears (conductor) 6, A. W. Ward 7, F. Martin (longest length) 8. Rung on the back seven, with tenor covering, after meeting snort for Grandsire Triples.

CHELSEA.—At the Church of St. Luke, for dedication service, by the local band of Sunday ringers, on Sunday, Oct. 23rd, a quarter-peal (1,264 changes) of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 49 mins.: G. Watkin 1, C. F. Mitchell (first quarter in method) 2, A. G. Newman 3, W. Dean 4, H. H. Mance 5, W. Essery 6, E. Reeve 7, H. Mance (conductor) 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—Ely Diocesan Association.—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, at Our Lady and the English Martyrs, for evening service, 1,312 Kent Treble Bob, in 1 hour: A. E. Wilkins 1, York Green (conductor) 2, V. E. Shorter 3, T. R. Dennis 4, E. G. Hibbins 5, W. H. J. Hooton 6, W. Welsh 7, J. D. Williamson 8. Arranged for Mr. Williamson.

BLACKPOOL.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Greenwood 1, W. Wilde 2, A. Hague 3, F. Abbot 4, T. B. Worsley (conductor) 5, O. Sharples 6, J. Potter 7, J. Smith 8. Rung as a welcome to a 'little stranger' at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hague.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,344 changes), in 51 mins.: G. Cottes 1, H. E. Parker 2, E. H. King 3, E. Andrews 4, A. C. Hardy (composer) 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, R. Fenn 7, C. Fenn (conductor) 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, at the Parish Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Butler 1, F. Burnett 2, L. C. Best (Havant), conductor, 3, W. Ayles 4, W. Tate 5, P. Cook 6, H. L. W. Aitken 7, E. O. Edney 8. First 504 as conductor. Rung after meeting snort for 1,260 of Stedman Triples; the spare rope being kindly taken by Mr. A. Butler, of Petersfield.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for evensong a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: J. Coppins 1, Miss E. Jarvis 2, J. Henley 3, E. Bridges 4, A. Redwell 5, T. Farley 6, S. Binfield (conductor) 7, W. Knight 8.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for morning service, 720 London Surprise, in 25 mins.: W. Powell 1, J. Bevan 2, W. T. Poston 3, J. Blake 4, R. E. Summers 5, W. Poston (conductor) 6. First 720 of London by all; also the first by the Hereford Diocesan Guild by a resident band.

OLDSWINFORD.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 2nd, for the harvest festival, at St. Mary's Church, 1,344 of Grandsire Triples: W. Gibbs (1st quarter-peal) 1, T. Heathcock 2, J. Bass 3, R. Matthews (conductor) 4, P. Pope (1st quarter-peal) 5, J. Newnam 6, I. Orford 7, O. Berry 8.

MARTOCK.—Bath and Wells Association.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for the evening harvest festival service, 518 Grandsire Triples, by Mr. H. W. Wilde, published in 'The Ringing World,' Sept. 23rd: W. Forte 1, W. Gould 2, F. Strickland 3, T. Farrant (conductor) 4, A. E. Werner 5, W. Strickland 6, T. Gale 7, A. Alexander 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 48 mins.: W. G. Jackson 1, H. E. Parker 2, T. Faulkner 3, E. Andrews

4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, E. H. King 6, R. Fenn 7, A. C. Hardy 8. (Composed by York Green.)

WINDSOR.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for harvest festival, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Croft 1, W. P. Cross 2, L. Stilwell 3, T. Farr 4, W. Weiling 5, C. Farr 6, P. E. Jones (conductor) 7, J. H. Crowley 8.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for evensong, at harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by A. Squires, in 47 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, F. Morgan 2, T. Booth 3, T. Hoad 4, E. Mills 5, C. Creasey 6, A. Edwards (conductor) 7, G. Mills 8.

CARPHILLY, GLAM.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for harvest festival services, morning, 840 Grandsire, 168 Stedman Triples; evening, 700 and 210 Grandsire Triples. The following took part: S. Addicott, P. Jones, W. Pike, H. Broughton, F. Boucher, A. Addicott, B. Addicott, G. Cooke, T. Dare, E. Dare, the conducting being shared by G. Cooke and H. Broughton; and on Monday evening, Oct. 3rd, for continuation of the festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: S. Addicott 1, W. Pike 2, A. Addicott 3, D. Stephens 4, F. Boucher 5, G. Cooke (conductor) 6, H. Broughton 7, B. Addicott 8.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: A. Newman 1, K. C. Fox 2, E. Plummer 3, W. Shute 4, E. Wightman (conductor) 5, C. R. Morse 6. Also 720 Bob Doubles: G. E. Wightman (longest touch) 1, E. Wightman (conductor) 2, E. Plummer 3, W. Shute 4, C. R. Morse 5, A. Newman 6.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for the harvest thanksgiving services, in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire (1,295 changes), in 51 mins.: S. White 1, H. Lambert 2, L. Stone 3, R. Vincent 4, G. Stone 5, A. Best 6, F. Sparshott 7, W. Fowler 8, G. Preston 9, H. Preston 10. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: S. Best 1, K. Hinton 2, A. Woolf 3, the rest as before. Conducted by G. Preston. On the preceding Thursday, in connection with the festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters.

BENINGTON, Lincs.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 2nd, for service, 720 Bob Minor: P. Lakin 1, W. Fountain 2, L. Woods 3, A. Rickwell 4, W. Houghton 5, J. W. Lakin, senr. (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. R. Porter, the sexton, on his 75th birthday.

BUCKLEBURY.—Oxford Guild.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, on Sunday evening, Oct. 2nd, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 756 Stedman Triples: J. Hazell 1, W. Mathews (conductor) 2, G. Davis 3, W. Wigmore 4, S. Chapman 5, F. Freeman 6, Stella Davis 7, S. Nailor 8.—On the next evening, Oct. 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: S. Chapman 1, W. Mathews (conductor) 2, Emma Franklin 3, G. Davis 4, Rev. E. M. Thorp (first quarter of Stedman) 5, F. Freeman 6, J. Hazell 7, W. Wigmore 8.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for evening service (harvest thanksgiving), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. Lea 1, G. N. Cookey 2, E. Brettie 3, A. E. Parsons 4, W. Coley 5, W. Brown 6, A. Hackett (conductor) 7, M. Hackett 8.

ST. GEORGE'S, DONCASTER.—On Oct. 2nd, for morning service, 672 Stedman Triples: Miss K. Jackson 1, E. Baldwin 2, J. Holmes 3, G. Halksworth (conductor) 4, C. Scott 5, W. Lloyd 6, H. Walker 7, H. Baldwin 8.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 2nd, being the harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: C. Bish 1, G. Elston 2, R. Crownhart 3, T. Thompson 4, G. Steer 5, W. Moorey 6. Messrs. Moorey and Bish hail from Godalming.

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F. W. ROGERS.

NOTICES.

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ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their Quarterly meeting at the Church of St. George, Hyde, on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock—Charles Bower, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday Oct. 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock—J. Hall, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The meeting at Pitminster arranged for Oct. 15th has been postponed until Oct. 29th owing to illness near the church. Times of service, tea, etc., to remain.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Secretary will be pleased if members who have not yet paid subs. for 1921 will kindly do so at earliest convenience.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Thorne on the 29th inst. Bells (8) from 2.30. Tea at 5.30.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—All Saints' Parish Church. Dedication and opening ceremony of new peal of eight bells Saturday, Oct. 29th, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed. Teas 1/- each. Intending visitors kindly notify E. H. Arnold, Hon. Sec., 4, Church Terrace, Westbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Mytton on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting, 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Barnes, on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Ringing from 3.30. Short service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting at The Old George, Mortlake.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dist. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland Section.—The Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29th, at Smethwick. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. W. Salter, 10, Station Road, Erdington.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual festival will be held at Durham on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Committee meeting at 11.30 a.m., Three Tuns Hotel. Service at the Cathedral at 12.30 with address by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Welldon, D.D. All members are earnestly requested to attend. Dinner at the Three Tuns Hotel at 1.30 (members 2/-, non-members 4/-). By permission of the Dean and Chapter the Cathedral bells may be rung. The duration of touches must not exceed 15 minutes, with an interval of 15 minutes between. Ringing must not interfere with services. By

the Vicars' permission, St. Oswald's and St. Nicholas' bells will be available all day. Subscriptions for 1921-2 are now due.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec., 80, Fern Dene Road, Gateshead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Service in the Cathedral at 4.30. Tea and business meeting at the Bell Hotel at 5.30.—P. Timson, District Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

SALOP GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Ellesmere Oct. 29th. Ringing, service and meeting 5 o'clock. Tea, 6 o'clock, at the Café, 1/6 if ordered by 24th from Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays, 7.30 p.m., St. Clement's Oct. 31st; Bishopsgate 24th. Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement's 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reopening of All Saints' bells, Hereford, Tuesday, Nov. 1st. Bells from 2 p.m. At 5 p.m., tea in St. Peter's Parish Hall free to those notifying me not later than Oct. 25th. Service 7 p.m., preacher Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. Peals will be arranged at other towers during the week Oct. 31st to Nov. 5th.—C. Edwards, Ringing Master, Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Nov. 1st (nomination of officers) and 29th; St. Magnus on Nov. 10th and 24th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Nov. 15th (election of officers); and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Nov. 17th, all at 7.30 p.m.—*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Short service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. The Rector (Rev. W. H. Davies) and the local ringers invite members to tea, and the undersigned would be glad to hear from all who intend to accept the invitation. The bells at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, will be available for ringing: from 7 to 8 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service at 4.30 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bredon on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided by the Rector for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous. Bells: Bredon (5), Bredons Norton (6).—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Nov. 5th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at 5 o'clock. Will all members who can attend this meeting?—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at All Saints', Ryde, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available 3 o'clock.—W. Upton, Hon. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, Isle of Wight.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Glodwick on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Memorial to Fallen Ringers.—The two new treble bells, by Gillett & Johnston, recently added to the peal of ten at the Cathedral, Winchester, will be opened on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at 2.30. The tablet containing the names of 42 fallen members will be unveiled at 3 o'clock. Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea in Guildhall at 5, to be followed by District business meeting. All ringers heartily welcomed. Those intending to be present at tea kindly inform me by Nov. 2nd.—W. T. Tucker, District Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Matbon on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards in the school. All ringers invited.—Richard Thomas, District Hon. Sec., Post Office, Coddington, Ledbury.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The Annual meeting of the above District will be held at Milton-Ernest on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45, business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Nov. 7th? All ringers welcome.—H. L. Harlow, District Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Next meeting at Bromham on Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. All wishing to attend tea please let me know as early as possible.—H. F. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 to 8.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Hillingdon (St. John's) on Saturday, Nov. 12th, by permission of the Vicar (Rev. — Kitcat). Ringing from 3.15. Tea will be arranged for 5.30 for those requiring same.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walkden on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available, 4 p.m. Meeting, 7 p.m. Subscriptions now due.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, November 12th, at All Saints', Fulham Tower. Open from 5 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—The 284th Anniversary Dinner will be held at The London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 12th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 8/6 each, from Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, W. Prime,

J. W. Rowbotham, T. H. Taffender, A. Walker, H. J. Walton, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to Sec. Tea 6d. each.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Suffolk Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's Room, Framlingham, on Saturday, Nov. 12th, at 3.15. (Bus leaves Ipswich at 1.30, arriving at Framlingham at 3.10.) Will ringers (including round ringers) wishing to join send names now? Subscription for 1922, 2s., with 6d. entrance fee.—Herbert Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells ready early. Business meeting as usual.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Mersham on Saturday, Nov. 12th, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. G. Brocklehurst). The bells will be available for ringing from 3 till 8 p.m. Will members please note that Double Norwich is 'on the agenda'?—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham on November 12th for election of district officers and other business. Service at 4 o'clock, with address by the Rev. J. A. Evans. Tea will be provided at the Club, room, 1s. each, to those only who send me notice not later than Monday, Nov. 7th.—Bert Redgwell, Rayne near Braintree.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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CHISWICK.—At the visit of the Lord Bishop of London to the thanksgiving festival at the Parish Church, on Thursday, Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung: A. Brookland (first quarter-peal) 1. J. Watson 2. H. Belcher 3. J. Rooke 4. H. Wincote 5. R. H. Holloway 6. W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7. W. Dalton 8.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

**THE PROPOSED AMALGAMATION WITH CLEVELAND.
CONFERENCE TO BE HELD.**

A successful meeting of the Northern Division was held at Thornaby on Saturday, October 8th. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. T. A. Lee) the bells of the Parish Church were available, and the privilege of using them was made good use of by the ringers present, several touches of the most familiar methods being rung during the afternoon and evening.

A short service was held, at which the Vicar officiated. His kindly words of welcome and his encouraging address were greatly appreciated by all present. The local band provided tea in the Parish hall, and this was much enjoyed.

A business meeting followed tea, the Rev. E. Drage, Vicar of Pickering and vice-president of the association, being in the chair.

Reference was made to the unveiling of a tablet in the belfry of St. Mary's Church, Scarborough, in honour of Corpl. A. Rayner and Pta. H. Ferguson, both of whom laid down their lives in the great war. The ringers present expressed a wish that a letter be sent to Canon Cooper, Vicar of Scarborough, conveying their appreciation of the honour done to their fallen bell ringers.

The Hon. Secretary said he had great pleasure in acquainting those present with the answer received from Mr. T. Metcalfe, secretary of the Cleveland Association, to their resolution passed at Saltburn, March 12th, 1921. The members of the Cleveland Association, at their meeting, held at Ripon on Sept. 12th, decided to accede to the request of the Yorkshire Association that three members of each association should meet to discuss the possibility of amalgamating, and a meeting for this purpose was to be held at Ormesby on Saturday, October 22nd.

A resolution was unanimously passed, expressing their appreciation of the steps taken by the Cleveland Association.

The Rev. T. A. Lee, Vicar of Thornaby, was elected an honorary member of the association, and the Rev. Outhwaite, a ringing member.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the hearty welcome he gave the visitors, and for his many kindnesses during the day, and to the local band for all the arrangements they had made for the pleasure and comfort of the ringers. The meeting concluded with a prayer.

The ringers returned to the tower and enjoyed another two hours' ringing. The meeting was a great success, and revealed in many ways the good feeling and fellowship that exists between the ringers in the various towers in this Northern District.

THE LIGHT THAT FAILED.

A new Rector having recently been inducted to the living of Merthyr Tydfil, Glam., the local ringers, with the assistance of Mr. J. W. Jones, Newport, and Mr. Fred Chamberlain and Mr. Fred Viles, of Cardiff, made an attempt to ring a peal of Triples at the Parish Church on Saturday evening last as a welcome to the reverend gentleman. 'Stand' had to be called, however, owing to a lady, who had been decorating the altar with flowers, turning off the electric light at the main switch, thus putting the ringing chamber in darkness. This was a great disappointment, but a pleasant hour was afterwards spent at the Imperial Hotel, where supper was served. Another attempt is to be made in the near future.

NOTHERTON.—Worcester Association.—At St. Andrew's, on Thursday, Sept. 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins: W. Massey 1, A. Davies 2, A. Prestidge 3, William Davies, junr. (longest length), 4, J. Faulkner 5, W. Prestidge 6, H. Hubball 7, J. Faulkner, junr., 8.

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DEATH—THE REAPER.

The hand of death, falling here or there upon some stalwart in the Exercise, reminds us from time to time of the passing of the years, and one by one the links which bind us to the past generation are broken. Several well-known ringers have been gathered to their fathers this year. To-day we have the sad duty of chronicling the death of two ringers of sterling worth, who, in their respective spheres have left their mark upon the Exercise—Raymond John Wilkins, who helped in no small measure to advance the art of ringing in and around Bristol, and William Gifford, who, admirable ringer that he was himself, never ceased to preach the gospel of good striking to all who came under his influence, and never tired of labouring, unsung, among the struggling beginners in peal ringing in the towers where help was not often forthcoming. Although neither had reached the allotted span of life, yet each had had a ringing career stretching over nearly four decades of invaluable service to the Exercise, forming as the years rolled by ever widening circles of friends, who are the poorer to-day for the loss of valued colleagues.

Mr. Raymond Wilkins began his ringing in and around Gloucester in the days when knowledge of the art was much farther to seek than in the present time; when, indeed, a man who wanted to learn had to make his own opportunities. A ringer then needed much more enthusiasm if he desired to get on than is necessary to the average beginner of to-day, but it made real ringers of those who had the courage and determination to overcome the obstacles and to brush aside disappointments. Mr. Wilkins was raised in a school of hard experience; he took a broad outlook upon ringing, and his value to his association was incalculable. His death has created a feeling of indescribable loss to the men who have been long associated with him in the Bristol towers.

Mr. William Gifford had a most attractive personality. His experience among the country towers in counties where change ringing is still in a backward state was wider than most men's. He was able to comprehend the difficulties of the struggling rural company, and his advice and assistance were ever at their disposal. The majority of his peals were Grandsire Triples, but he was quite at home in the higher methods. To him, however, it was the striking that was of paramount importance, and he never hesitated, when occasion arose, to bring this point home to the indifferent ringer. But it was always done in a way that would never offend. There was no 'blaring' or bullying. In all he said, as in all he did, William Gifford was an English gentleman. The Exercise is the poorer by the death of these men, who were a pattern to other ringers in the high ideals they always set before themselves in their exposition of the art.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 53½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN ... 7
HERBERT LANGDON 2	THOMAS LANGDON 8
WILLIAM HIBBERT 3	CHARLES W. BURDEN 9
HAROLD J. WALTON 4	HENRY R. NEWTON 10
ALFRED B. PECK 5	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 11
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 6	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

Arranged as a birthday compliment to F. G. Newman and Miss Kathleen Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	REUBEN SANDERS 7
ARTHUR MASON 3	KEITH HART 8
*GEORGE R. FARDON 4	ALBERT W. COLES 9
GEORGE R. PYE 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN Treble	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	JOHN HALL 6
WALTER RUFFLES 3	*CHARLES BUTTON 7
ERNEST CURTIS 4	HARRY HALL Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5188 CHANGES;

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS Treble	*FRANK TURNER 5
ARTHUR SYMONDS 2	PERCY FORDHAM 6
FREDERICK POOLSON 3	JAMES CHINNERY 7
FRANK LEVITT 4	GEORGE DEBENHAM Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM E. BASON. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Major and on tower bells. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th are from Lavenham, 4th and 7th from Bury St. Edmunds, 6th from Mildenhall and 8th from Horringer.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE POUND Treble	WILLIAM STEED 5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 2	TOM SAUNDERS 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 3	CHARLES H. SONE 7
HARRY GOODWIN 4	LEWIS NEWMAN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by C. H. SONE.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb.	
HENRY F. EWINS... ..	...Trebles	ALFRED H. WINCH	5
JOHN BEAMS... ..	2	CHARLES E. READ	6
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ...	3	ARTHUR DEAN	7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ...	4	ROBERT I. GEORGE	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

First peal on these beautiful bells since being recast by the Croydon Foundry. Captain F. E. D. Ackland sat in the church during the ringing of the peal and congratulated the band on the striking throughout. The band wish to express their appreciation of this gentleman's hospitality on this and previous occasions.

BISPHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES

Tenor 10 cwt.	
FRED ABBOT ... ..	...Trebles
CHARLES SHARPLES	2
THOMAS B. WORSLEY	3
ARTHUR HAGUE	4
JOHN POTTER	5
TITUS BARLOW	6
WILLIAM TAYLOR	7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

First peal in the method on the bells and in the Fylde district. The best thanks of the band are due to Mr. and Mrs. Sharples for their hospitality after the peal.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

J. C. DEAN ... ..	...Trebles	W. ROGERS	5
W. E. ATTERBERY	2	W. H. AUSTIN	6
H. RAINBOW	3	J. HENSAMAN	7
W. R. PARKER	4	W. FAREY	Tenor

Composed by J. PARKER. Conducted by W. FAREY.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Allen and Mrs. Tomlin, also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 4th. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. * First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

DRAYTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Oct. 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART.		Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.	
H. R. COOPER ... ..	...Trebles	F. S. MACEY	5
MRS. A. E. LOCK... ..	2	J. MONK	6
H. HOLIFIELD	3	G. CAUDWELL	7
A. E. LOCK	4	*E. R. ROBEY	Tenor

Conducted by J. MONK.

* First peal. After the peal the ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Caudwell, of the Manor Farm, Drayton, to whom thanks are accorded.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Oct. 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.	
EDWARD GRINDELL ... ..	...Trebles
SIDNEY C. ROWE... ..	2
PERCIVAL WOODS	3
WILLIAM J. GROOM	4
WILLIAM C. REMSEY	5
THOMAS H. CHAPPELL	6
ERNEST E. GRIMES	7
GEORGE S. ROWE	Tenor

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

On Monday, Oct. 24, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.		Tenor 16½ cwt.	
WALTER STEED ... ..	...Trebles	GEORGE R. PYE... ..	5
KEITH HART... ..	2	ALBERT W. COLES	6
CHARLES W. BIRD	3	*GEORGE B. LUCAS	7
WILLIAM PYE	4	REUBEN SANDERS	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. C. W. Bird hails from Kettering.

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

On Tuesday, Oct. 25, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.	
BENJAMIN FOSKETT ... ..	...Trebles
*FREDERICK H. CROOK	2
GEORGE M. KILBY	3
EDWIN F. PIKE	4
THOMAS NEWMAN	5
HARRY KILBY	6
CECIL V. EBBERSON	7
WILLIAM J. NUDDS	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM J. NUDDS.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Oct. 25, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 17 cwt.	
WILLIAM HENLEY ... ..	...Trebles	WILLIAM WELLING	5
HOBERT J. CHAFFEY	2	*JOHN H. PRESTON	6
CECIL C. MAYNE... ..	3	KEITH HART	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ..	4	SAMUEL W. GREENWOOD	Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal of Stedman with a working bell.

SWINDON WILTS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Friday, Oct. 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.	
JOHN HOLMAN ... ..	...Trebles
ROBERT W. HYNTER	2
TOM O'HARA	3
JAMES H. SHEPHERD	4
ERNEST BISHOP	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	6
SIDNEY PALMER	7
JOSEPH E. SYKES	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 327). Conducted by J. E. SYKES. This peal, now rung for the first time, was composed on Oct. 25th, 1883, and contains the 6th its extent in all positions, with all the 8-6-7's and 8-5's. It was rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. J. E. Sykes, Joseph Broadley, of Bradford, and ex-Sergt. Joseph Williams, of Newent. The band desire to express their thanks to the steeple-keeper for having the bells ready for their use.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE, SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.	
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK ... ..	...Trebles
*GEORGE BESTER... ..	2
JOHN ARMSTRONG	3
EDMUND G. TOMLINSON	4
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON	5
HARRY MILLER	6
JOHN E. MILLER	7
SIDNEY WADE	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

* First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Glasscock, Bester and Miller were elected members of the above Association previous to starting.

OLD WINDSOR BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, Oct. 27, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.
WILLIAM HENLEY Treble *HUBERT J. CHAFFEY... .. 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2 *LEONARD STILWELL 6
CECIL C. MAYNE 3 WILLIAM WELLING 7
*JOHN B. HESSEY 4 KRITH HART Tenor
Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by KEITH HART.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Friday, Oct. 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.
WILLIAM THORLEY Treble ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT 5
*JOHN SADDINGTON 2 JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
*ERNEST W. LESLIE 3 EDWARD READER... .. 7
*WILLIAM SMITH... .. 4 JOHN OLDHAM Tenor
Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN OLDHAM.
* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method as conductor.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.) (THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.
*WILLIAM H. JOHNSON Treble SIDNEY HOLT 5
FRANCIS W. NEATE 2 WILLIAM LEWIS 6
WILLIAM C. JONES 3 JAMES R. MACKMAN 7
JOHN J. JEFFERIES 4 WILLIAM PAGE Tenor
Conducted by W. PAGE.
* First peal in a Surprise method. First peal in a Surprise method by the Cathedral Guild, and believed to be the first in a Surprise method on the bells.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.
*ALFRED WATSON Treble *LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
GEORGE WHIZING 2 NORMAN R. BAILEY 6
†GEORGE BENNETT 3 WILLIAM T. LAST 7
*GEORGE H. CROSS 4 ERNEST E. LANHAM Tenor
Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. T. LAST.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. First peal in the method as conductor.

MERE, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Oct. 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.
MAJ. C. C. HUGHES D'AETH Treble WILLIAM R. BAXTER 5
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 2 JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
EVELYN I. MOORE 3 CHARLES ANDREWS 7
HARRY S. PARSONS 4 THOMAS M. GRIFFIN Tenor
Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Rung half-muffled previous to a memorial service for the fallen. The Vicar provided tea for the band who deeply appreciated it.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Tuesday, October 4th, at Christ Church, 840 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. A. Hearle 1, R. W. Hyner 2, W. G. Lancaster 3, J. H. Shepherd 4, C. J. Gardiner 5, S. Palmer 6, J. Holman 7, J. E. Sykes (conductor) 8. Also a plain course of Superlative Surprise Major.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.
*HARRY HARRINGTON... .. Treble WILLIAM COLLISON 5
*STAFFORD H. GREEN 2 FREDERICK WHITE 6
GEORGE THOMPSON 3 *HERBERT MARKWELL 7
WILLIAM LATTER 4 THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor
Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.
JOHN FLINT Treble THOMAS BETTISON 5
JESSE J. MOSS 2 FRED W. HILL 6
*REV. R. F. WILKINSON 3 ALFRED C. WRIGHT 7
REV. A. T. BEESTON 4 SAM THOMAS... .. Tenor
Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by S. THOMAS.
* First peal in the method.

FINEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.
WALTER T. WILSON... .. Treble JOHN R. MAIN 5
TOM TEBBUTT 2 GEORGE BASFORD 6
WILLIAM ROGERS 3 ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7
*PHYLLIS HARE 4 RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor
Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.
* First peal in the method.

NESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.
ROBERT SPERRING Treble JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 5
JOHN HAYES... .. 2 JAMES MORGAN 6
FRANK FOX 3 CHARLES COVENTRY 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4 HENRY W. WILDE Tenor
Composed by S. MARSH. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr.
ALFRED BARNES... .. Treble GEORGE D. WARBURTON 5
JOHN W. HARTLEY 2 ALLAN S. GORDON 6
*WILLIAM FERNLEY 3 †JAMES FERNLEY... .. 7
*JOHN P. FIDLER... .. 4 FRED HOLT... .. Tenor
Composed by J. SYKES. Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.
† 50th peal and first of Major as conductor. * First peal of Major.

ALBURGH NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.
ERNEST WHITING Treble EDWIN R. GOATE 5
CHARLES F. SAYER 2 HERBERT PIERCY 6
CLAYTON PARNELL 3 *THOMAS BECKETT 7
JAMES BOUGHTON 4 FREDERICK R. BORRETT Tenor
Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
(ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday Oct. 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Oxford, Grandsire, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE GARDNER Treble	HERBERT SUMMERS 4
HARRY O. WHITE 2	CHARLES AYLETT 5
JOHN TAYLOR 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and tenor.

HOLBETON, PLYMOUTH.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently, containing 70 Bobs 8 and 86 Singles. Tenor 14 cwt.

*CEDRIC BOOKLESS-BROWNE Treble	WARREN S. HORN BROOK ... 4
WILLIAM RUNDLE 2	WILLIAM RICHARDS 5
REV. EVERARD S. POWELL 3	BENJAMIN MILLER Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal of Minor.

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

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; *

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, three of Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

HERBERT LUDKIN... .. Treble	*CLAUDE I. DAVIES 4
WALTER J. BATTLE 2	THOMAS RODGERS 5
JOHN COOKE 3	*SYDNEY F. BARNES Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal of Minor. The band wish to thank the Vicar for kindly allowing the use of the bells, and Mr. Joinson for making the necessary arrangements.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Friday, Oct. 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BARKING ROAD,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Lincoln, York, Wells, Ipswich, London, Cambridge and Durham. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*PHILLIP H. AVERY Treble	EDWARD D. SMITH 4
†GEORGE L. JOYCE 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
ALFRED PRIOR 3	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First Surprise Minor peal for the London County Association, and rung as a birthday compliment to the Secretary Mr. A. D. Barker. The ringers wish to thank the local band for their kind hospitality after the peal.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM WOOD Treble	WILLIAM J. WALKER 4
ARTHUR LDRCOCK 2	CHARLES TUMBER 5
WILLIAM SPICE 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, GRASSENDALE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS JENNION... .. Treble	EDWARD CADNCE... .. 4
GEORGE LUNT 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
ARTHUR LINTOTT... .. 3	JOHN ALLEN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday Oct. 29, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob, and 1,440 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST TIGWELL, JUN. ... Treble	ERNEST TIGWELL, SEN. ... 4
ABRAHAM WILKERSON... .. 2	EDGAR VALLANCE 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 3	E. HARRY STONELEY Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung in honour of the festival of SS. Simon and Jude.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Oct. 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

LOUIS HEAD'S ONE-PART. Tapped on handbells by
ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Conducted by the Performer. Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.
This is the 50th peal tapped on handbells by Arthur T. Morris.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Oct. 25, 1921, in Two Hours,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. HEAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one 720 of St. Clement's, and two 720's each of St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

*W. FAYERS... .. Treble	V. CORNELL 3
H. DAY 2	W. HEAD 4
†J. MARTIN Tenor	

Conducted by V. CORNELL.

Witness: MRS. W. HEAD.

* First peal. † First peal on handbells.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, Oct. 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT 32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5019 CHANGES

LOUIS ATTWATER... .. 1-2	HERBERT LANGDON 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3-4	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 7-8
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.
Umpire: HENRY R. NEWTON.

MONKSHEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Oct. 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE NORTH FARM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5028 CHANGES;

R. ALDER GOFTON 1-2	THOMAS T. GOFTON 5-6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3-4	JAMES E. GOFTON 7-8
RICHARD A. GOFTON 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

A DEVONSHIRE HOLIDAY.

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Thursday was the only day we scored a double event, the journey to Bideford and Northam being made by twin cars, as the handy small charabanc does not appear to have yet arrived at Barnstaple. We thoroughly enjoyed an interesting ride, and were growing quite accustomed to the luxury of being picked up at our own door, and put down at the church door—we poor old church bell ringers can't afford it as a rule. On the way we passed a glaring example of the terrible waste of war—some dozen or so large steel vessels lying idle and useless, high and dry in the mouth of the Taw, all waiting for instructions to 'reft' for several years past. The scenery from Northam tower was most beautiful in the clear sunshine. Barnstaple Bay and Lundy Island on one hand, and the Devon Coast, Westward Ho! to Clovelly, on the other. The writings of Charles Kingsley, a good golf course and three peals of eight bells, have added popularity to the district.

At the former town, serious illness near the tower was almost the undoing of our peal, friends of the patient (an old choir-boy and ringer) wishing to stay the ringing. The patient himself would not allow the 'word' to go forth, and said he expected to feel much better when they had finished the peal. We peal hands found a note under the belfry door, from Mead, giving us instruction as to lunch at Bideford, and we afterwards joined the rest of our 'twelve' at Northam Church in the evening. Yesterday it was a case of the 'big 'un' on the little 'un'; at Northam we put the 'little 'un' on the 'big 'un,' for of such are the vagaries of making up an eight when over-stuffed.

The Rev. G. Payne Cook and the Northam ringers were eager to welcome us, and provided hospitality in the way of supper at the Vestry Hall after the peal. Much interest was taken in our visit, and a change ringing band is to be started locally as a consequence. Their kindness was likely to lead to a midnight dissolution of some 25 ringers, were not our chauffeurs impatient to return to their Barnstaple beds. Brief handbells, brief thanks to all, and away with a bright clear moon overhead, and a run of ten miles home.

On Friday we took train to Braunton, six miles along the north bank of the Taw estuary. There was some reluctance, to start for the peal, as these bells do not go of their own accord, and some time was occupied in seeing something of the church, the antique carved bench ends being very fine. Peal ringers do not as a rule go nosing about old buildings like a party of antiquarians—they can't afford the time. Stedman was rung for under the quarter-peal, and, with a bob missing, 'stand' came. Braunton prize men will have a poor opinion of half-pull. I fear, until another band go and finish off a 5,000. The bells are a good eight by E. Evans, of Chepstow, 1713 (tenor 18 cwt.). An event occurred many years ago on this day, about which my father and mother failed to consult my wishes, but it allowed me the privilege of inviting my brother strings to drink my health, which they did with a plain snack at the adjoining house-of-call. Our leisure time, though unexpected, was happily spent blackberrying on the hills above the town, enjoying the summer-like weather, and the scenery, till two o'clock train time: Booking to Omerley Station—eight miles the opposite side of our centre—we had to walk to High Bickington (three miles), our Beeston-Humber taking up his low gear, because half the distance has a 'rise' of about one in three. There was no 'bickering' about the gradient, every one had to just take it or leave it. There is no doubt of Bickington being high. On the top we were impressed by a wide view of the glorious country stretching away to Exmoor, some 18 miles distant.

We had a more comfortable job with the bells, as they were restored by Taylor quite recently. With regret we had to ask the local men to leave us to it, several wishing to personally 'watch' the peal through.

Our twin cars, booked in the morning to come out for us, were waiting at the only inn in the place, and our band was called out quick for another moonlight drive to the Staple town, keeping a sharp lookout for the bonny lassies and the wobbling Johnnies who had been 'so long at the fair.' Since lunch at noon we had had no meal, but ample amends were made at the Central with high supper and the pipe of consolation till midnight chimes (none too pleasing in tone) proclaimed the day was ended. I much appreciated the kind congratulations on my birthday peal from my companions. Each year I realise more and more that we shall be a long time dead, so don't delay harmony; don't subdue the Morris Tappers, please.

Saturday, the 17th, was 'breaking-up' day, when the best of pals, like the sixes, must part. We packed our bags (mine was not loaded up with heavy Birmingham jewellery for a makeweight, as it was last year), and settled up accounts, but, only half of the members caught the 8.50 G.W. up train from Barnstaple. The other half, having to wait till 10.30 a.m., watched the gilded trappings of disbanded shows from the fair being packed on to the trucks; and the weighing of the fat lady—17st. 13lb. We came away with several honours; such as a chat with the President of the Devon Guild (one of the hand who rang in the first six-score in the county at Kelly about 1865), the presence of six clergymen to take a rope with us during the week; and act

as chaplains, a handshake with the two men who rang Exeter Cathedral tenor for the first peal (the heaviest ringing bell in the world), the privilege of taking home six 'first peals on the bells,' all ringing records respectively. Our 'bag' was a modest seven peals—or one per day—but, happiness doesn't always grow at the rope end, nor at the bottom of a quart cup. The holiday was so much enjoyed that it was agreed another should be taken in 1922. Where, throughout all this 'ringing world,' shall it be? On behalf of those who made the tour I would like to say 'thank you' to all who helped it on by their kind co-operation.

W. H. F.

DEATH OF MR. R. J. WILKINS.

PASSING OF A WELL-KNOWN BRISTOL RINGER.

We deeply regret to record the death, at his residence, Woodland Road, Bristol, of Mr. Raymond John Wilkins, one of the best known and most respected West Country ringers. The sad event occurred on Sunday morning at 9.30 o'clock, after a long illness, borne with much patience and fortitude. The sympathy of the Exercise will go out to Mrs. Wilkins and Mr. Arthur Wilkins (her son) in the heavy bereavement they have suffered.

It was in January last that Mr. Wilkins was first taken ill, and on medical advice was removed to a nursing home, but as he did not improve, he was, after a time, taken to his own home again, where he remained until just before Whitsun, when it became necessary to take him to the Bristol Royal Infirmary for an immediate operation. The prospects of recovery were, even then, remote, and he was conveyed to his home again about a fortnight later, and has since fluctuated considerably until, about three weeks ago, he took a decided turn for the worse, and despite all the skill that could be obtained and the unremitting care of a devoted wife, he passed away as above stated.

For more than 35 years Mr. Wilkins had been connected with ringing in Gloucester and Somerset, and he rang his first peal as long ago as 1887. This was one of Grandire Triples at Upton St. Leonards, and appears in the first report of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Up to the year 1893 he had rung 39 peals for the association, and then occurred a break at the time he removed from Gloucester (of which city he was a freeman) to Bristol. At the latter city he took part with local ringers, who were not affiliated to the association in a number of performances, including a peal of Grandire Triples at St. Mary Redcliffe claimed, and at the time honestly believed, by the band to be the heaviest peal rung, single-handed. The tenor was reputed to be 52 cwt., as stated on two old peal boards in the tower. When, however, the bell was sent to Loughborough to be recast, it was found to be 39 cwt. only.

At the beginning of 1898 it would appear Mr. Wilkins again took up his membership of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and joined the band at St. Andrew's, Clifton. He rang four peals during the year, one at Gloucester and three at St. Stephen's, which Guild he also joined during that year. The last of these peals, rung on New Year's Eve, was his longest (7,023 Stedman Caters). This peal and the one of London Surprise Major, rung at Clifton Parish Church on March 29th, 1909, in 2 hours 34 minutes, Mr. Wilkins always declared could not be beaten, as they were perfect.

He kept no record of the peals he rang, and often said he did not want to ring a large number, but those he did ring he wanted good. Certain it is, that as a striker of a light or medium weight bell he had few superiors. His total for the Gloucester and Bristol Association was 183, the two last being London Surprise and Cambridge Surprise Major.

Mr. Wilkins often compared the facilities for learning change ringing when he started, and at the present time. It was the usual thing, in his early ringing days, to start out early in the morning and return late at night, Sunday after Sunday, ringing being done at three or four churches round about Gloucester in the course of the day. Stroud, Painswick, Barnwood and Upton St. Leonards were only a few of the towers which he used to visit to get practice, and then it was usually only Grandire. He considered beginners did not show the same enthusiasm for learning now that they did 30 years or so ago.

Mr. Wilkins did his share towards teaching others to ring, and especially was this the case during the late war, when many bands were sadly depleted. At St. Nicholas he was helping a young band every Wednesday evening up to the time of his illness. He was most regular and punctual in his attendance for Sunday ringing at St. Stephen's, seldom missing an attendance when at home. It is needless to say he has been missed very much, and his loss to the Gloucester and Bristol Association cannot be measured. Mr. Wilkins was widely known outside his home association, and with Mrs. Wilkins, who is also a ringer, had visited many towers throughout the country. He was a member of the College Youths and the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and always looked forward to the annual dinner of these societies; in fact, the social side of ringing appealed to him very strongly.

The funeral took place at St. Stephen's Church, on Wednesday, and there was muffled ringing at this church on Tuesday evening, and at St. Nicholas' Church on Wednesday evening.

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DUNDALK, ST. JOSEPH'S, IRELAND	...	10	"	25 "
MONKS KIRBY, WARWICK	8 "	24 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The two new trebles which have been added by Messrs. Gillett and Johnson to make a peal of twelve at Winchester Cathedral as a memorial to the members of the Winchester Guild who fell in the war, are to be opened to-morrow (Saturday), when, also, a memorial tablet will be unveiled.

There seems to be a likelihood that 'Remembrance Day,' Nov. 11th, will be widely honoured by ringers throughout the country, either by half-muffled peals or touches.

The peal that was rung on the 11th October, at Bedfield, Suffolk, was rung for the Norwich and Ipswich Association.

Before the opening of Westbury bells, on Saturday, a peal of Bob Major was attempted at Bradford-on-Avon. The tenor here is 33 cwt., and has never been 'turned in.' Only one single-handed peal has been rung on the bells. Saturday's peal was lost half-way, through a change course, after 1 hour 40 minutes' splendid ringing. Nothing near half a peal of Major has ever been rung there before, and had it been finished it would have been a birthday peal to Mr. Joe Broadley, of 'the other Bradford.'

One of the very earliest peals of Grandsire Triples was rung on Nov. 5th, 1725, at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, and John Mite and Thomas Cornwall, who rang in this peal, took part also in another rung in the same tower in the year 1734.

As we mentioned last week, Nov. 5 is the centenary of the supposed first peal of Superlative, a 5,152 at St. Peter's, Huddersfield.

On November 9th, 1742, the first eight bell peal at Coddenhull was rung. It was 5,040 Bob Major by the Crowfield Society, in which the tenor was rung by Theodore Eccleston, the donor of the bells, who resided at Crowfield Hall, and upon whose estate the ringers were employed. Theodore Eccleston became a member of the College Youths in 1744, served in the office of Steward in 1747, and was Master in 1750.

The anniversary of the Yorkshire Association's first peal, rung in 1875, falls on the 9th. This was Holt's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples at Holy Trinity, Hull, conducted by Mr. Charles Jackson, who has only recently passed to his rest. Whether there are now any survivors of that peal we are not sure. The ringers were: E. Prince, G. Harrison, T. Jackson, H. Jenkins, W. Southwick, C. Jackson, A. Hayward and H. Eastwood.

The regular practices of the London County Association are attracting good attendances, and the methods now include Cambridge and London Surprise. This, however, is not at the expense of the beginners, who received assistance in Grandsire and Stedman at all practices.

Mr. Morris has now tapped 50 peals made up of London Surprise 4, Kent Treble Bob Major 22, Bob Major 16, Grandsire Triples 11.

The handbell peal of Stedman Caters at Monkseaton, Northumberland, on Oct. 6th, occupied 2 hours 49 minutes, and not 2 hours 39 minutes, as published in the report of the peal. The peal of Grandsire Triples, at Borden, Kent, rung on October 22nd, was Thomas Jull's first peal in the method with a bob bell, and not his first peal in the method.

BALL BEARINGS FOR BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have noticed lately that the hanging of bells on ball bearings is becoming a practice, and I have wondered several times whether these bearings will stand the test of time, as well as the old-fashioned plain bearings made of hard gun metal. I have rung on several peals of bells hung on ball bearings, and have certainly found that they 'go' perfectly. I have also, however, found the same result with bells hung on plain bearings, as witness some of the heavy tenors in London and the country. My only doubt on the question is of durability, and as I think such a point is of interest to ringers generally, I trust you will pardon me trespassing on your space.—Yours faithfully,
A. SMITH.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting should have taken place at Bramley, but owing to the bells being out of order, the Birstall band and the Vicar and churchwardens kindly allowed the society to hold a meeting there, and it proved a very successful one. Members were present from Ossett, Horbury, Armley, Lightcliffe, Leeds, Tong, St. Chad's, Headingley, and the local company. The president (Mr. Peacock) took the chair at the business meeting, and eleven new members were elected, which is believed to be a record since the war.

Ringing on the tower bells started about 4.30 p.m. and continued, with short intervals, until 9 p.m., the methods being Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire. Handbells were also rung freely in both Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Stedman, etc.

DEATH OF MR. W. W. GIFFORD.**CLOSE OF AN INTERESTING CAREER.**

A large circle of ringers will read with the keenest regret of the death of Mr. William W. Gifford, formerly of Salisbury, who died at Blackford, Somerset, on Friday last, after a protracted illness. One of the safest of ringers and finest of strikers, Mr. Gifford, who was born in 1858, was well known in the South and West of England, for he had toured through many counties, often in company with some of the best ringers in England, in pursuit of his hobby of ringing. For a great many years, Mr. Gifford was connected with the Wilts and Dorset Bank at Salisbury, and, while there, he proved himself one of the mainstays of change ringing in the diocesan association. Altogether he had rung over 400 peals, many of them Grandsire with struggling bands in out-of-the-way towers. But the Surprise methods were also within his scope, and his peal list included Superlative, Cambridge, and, we believe, London.

It is a pity that Mr. Gifford has not left us a book of his ringing reminiscences, for few men were richer in anecdote or had had wider experience in the 'backwoods' of ringing. The stories he had to tell and his manner of telling them made him extremely entertaining company, which was the more striking by contrast with his bearing when ringing. He was never more happy than when giving an impromptu lecture on the art of method ringing, or the importance of striking to a company of local listeners outside a country tower, while some band of expert ringers was inside at the ropes, and had he drawn upon his store of recollections, the Exercise would have had a book to read and laugh over, and read again.

A member of the College Youths, and of half a score or more of county and diocesan associations, Mr. Gifford's interesting ringing career was brought to an end by failing health. He retired then to the Somerset village of Blackford, but slowly became a complete invalid. Then he had a seizure, and for more than a year had lost the use of his limbs and power of speech, while latterly he became nearly blind. In view of these afflictions death has been a happy release for this once splendid ringer, but the Exercise is the poorer for the loss of a great exponent of the art of good ringing.

SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**EAST SUFFOLK BRANCH FORMED.**

A preliminary meeting to arrange for the formation of an East Suffolk branch was held in Ufford Church Room on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. The Rev. E. A. Cooke (Vicar of Pensehall), presided over a meeting, which, owing to the storm, was only just over 30 in number. It was decided, on the proposition of the Rector of Bredfield, to form an East Suffolk branch. Pleasure was expressed that at last ringers of Suffolk were allowed to decide this matter for themselves. After having had a Diocese of their own for over seven years, it was quite time they had a Ringers' Association of their own without having to be under an obligation to another county or diocese.

The Rev. Canon Douglas-Hamilton, Vicar of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, was elected chairman of the branch; five members were elected to the committee pro tem.; and the Rev. H. Drake was asked to continue as secretary for the present.

A new rule was proposed admitting junior members at half subscription.—A proposal to allow towers to compound for all their members was discussed, but postponed.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Framlingham on November 12th. Over 30 members were elected.

On Saturday, October 15th, the first monthly meeting of the Suffolk Diocesan Association was held at Monk's Eleigh, when ringers assembled from Finborough, Hadleigh, Bildeston, Great Waldingfield and Lavenham, and the local tower. The ringers were welcomed by the Rev. Northcote, and the first touch was 720 Oxford Treble Bob: S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, K. Whittell 2, T. Reed 3, H. Lister 4, A. Keeble 5, A. Symonds 6. This was the first 720 in the method by the ringers of 2nd and 4th. It was followed by 720 Plain Bob, by: H. Whymark 1, F. Turner 2, W. Stiff 3, H. Lister 4, S. H. Symonds 5, G. Golding 6; and another touch of Plain Bob, with J. Euston (Finborough) 2nd, Messrs. Symonds (2), F. Turner (from Lavenham), Whittell and Lister (Bildeston), Reed (Hadleigh), Golding (Great Waldingfield), were present, and it is over 20 years since a Bildeston ringer has rung a 720 of Treble Bob.

MANCHESTER P.C.s' QUARTER-PEAL.

At the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 55 mins., on the back eight of the heavy ring by a band composed of members of the Manchester Police Force: P.O. W. Spicer 1, P.C. G. Pye 2, P.C. W. Bilinge 3, P.C. J. Turner 4, P.C. J. Carter 5, P.C. J. Wilson 6, P.C. F. Page (conductor) 7, P.C. G. Barlow 8.

The record of a peal at Stoke Golding has been forwarded without the name of the conductor.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Southam, on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Ringers were present from Allesley, Coventry, Exhall, Stoke, Rugby, Nuneaton, Warwick, and the local band, and received a very hearty welcome from the Rector, who described some of the chief features of interest in the church, and, at the service, gave a very interesting and instructive address, which was much appreciated.

Tea was well served at the Black Dog Inn, after which the business meeting was held. The Rector being unable to attend owing to a previous engagement elsewhere, the chair was occupied by the Ringing Master (Mr. A. Roberts).

Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, and Erdington, were put forward as the place for the next quarterly meeting. Erdington was carried by a large majority.

It was unanimously resolved that a letter of congratulation be sent to Mr. James George on his 700th peal achievement.

It was also resolved that the best thanks of the members be accorded the Rector of Southam for the use of the bells and his address, and to Mr. E. G. Berry for making arrangements for the meeting.—Mr. Berry, in reply, hoped his efforts had been successful, and he should be happy to do all he could for the Guild.

Messrs. Pryce Taylor, John Olffiam and Harold J. Poole, Arthur Rowley and Fred Hill, elected in the towers of Monks Kirby and Stoke Golding respectively, were duly elected non-resident ringing members of the Guild.

The methods rung during the afternoon were Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.**A RECORD OF PROGRESS AT NORBURY, CHESHIRE.**

Three new panels have recently been added to the existing three panel board in the belfry of St. Thomas' Church, Norbury, Cheshire. The material for the new portion was provided by the present ringers, and made by Mr. J. W. Hartley (also a ringer), the Vicar, curate and wardens defraying the cost of painting. This is the third extension which has been made, the original being the top centre panel, recording a 'Date Touch' rung in 1897, two other panels being added at a later date. The present board shows how the art has been developed at Norbury.

The 'date touch' consisted of 457 Plain Bob and 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. The last peal, rung on April 9th, 1921, was seven 'spliced' 720's, which included no fewer than 19 methods.

The enlarged board was unveiled and dedicated by the Vicar (the Rev. A. J. Humphreys, B.A., B.D.), on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, in the presence of a large number of friends, and past and present ringers, the Rev. A. C. Waggett (curate), the Vicar's warden (Mr. Walter Lund), Mr. J. W. Thompson (hon. secretary to the Church Council), and the Rev. A. T. Beeston (hon. secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild), being among those present. The ceremony opened with a brief service in the church, at which the Vicar gave a very interesting address in keeping with the occasion, after which all proceeded to the belfry, where the formal dedication took place, the 'veterans' ringing a course of Kent Treble Bob.

A substantial tea was provided by the present ringers, to which full justice was done, the visitors being entertained afterwards to a little tuna ringing on handbells, and also a little change ringing. After a course of Grandsire Doubles had been brought round, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by J. Fernley, junr. 1-2, J. Fernley, senr. 3-4, J. P. Fidler 5-6, W. Fernley 7-8, to show the marked difference between six and eight bells. The proceedings were terminated by further ringing on the tower bells.

On Sunday, the following 720's were rung: For morning service, 720 St. Werburgh; for evening service, 720 Crowland: H. Hallworth, junr., 1, J. P. Fidler (first in the methods) 2, W. Fernley 3, H. Langley 4, J. Fernley, senr. (conductor), 5, J. W. Hartley 6.

RINGERS' WAR MEMORIAL.**UNVEILING AT SELBY ABBEY.**

A tablet, which has been placed on the wall of the North Transept of Selby Abbey, close to the tower door, was unveiled by Mr. F. Cryer, captain of the Abbey bell ringers, and dedicated by the Rev. Canon Solloway, D.D., at choral evensong, recently. The tablet, which is of Portland stone, with black marble background, has two enamelled plates let in, one with a cross in the right-hand corner, and another with the regimental crest in the left-hand corner, and bears the following inscription:—

To the proud and loving memory of Pte. John Morley, 22nd Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, killed in action in France 26th August, 1917 aged 19 years. At rest in the British Cemetery, Hargicourt. Erected by his brother ringers.

The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service. There was a large congregation, including ringer friends from Arksey, Doncaster, Hemingbrough, Huddersfield, Hull, Pontefract and York.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. LEWISHAM DISTRICT AND THE WAR MEMORIAL.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. The bells were raised at 5 p.m., and touches in various methods accomplished. A bright service was held at 5 p.m., the organist and choir boys helping it greatly. The Rev. C. C. Gosselin (hon. member) officiated, and gave an address from Psalm iv. 6, 'There be many that say, Who will show us any good?'

Tea followed at St. Luke's Institute, Mr. W. Chisholm Simpson (churchwarden and hon. member) presiding. Thirty-six sat down, but fifty names had been received. Unless members come after sending or send when coming, the hon. secretary is afraid that this part of the proceedings will have to be cancelled, as it is neither fair to the caterer nor to those responsible for the arrangements.

At the business meeting, two non-resident and four practising members were elected, and St. John's, Deptford, was selected as the place of next meeting.

The District Secretary read his annual report, which was adopted. Mr. T. Groombridge, senr., was re-elected district secretary; Messrs. W. J. Jeffries and I. Emery were re-elected district representatives.

A motion for a silver collection towards the war memorial was lost. A discussion ensued on the subject, it being pointed out that this seemed to be the only district doing anything towards the memorial, and the representatives were asked to bring the matter forward at the next committee meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address, to the organist and choir boys for their services, and to the chairman for presiding, brought the meeting to a close. The tower was again visited in the evening.

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY. TO HONOUR REMEMBRANCE DAY.

A successful meeting was held at Thorne on Saturday, Oct. 29th. About 30 members were present, representing nine towers, and touches in the Standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. Tea was partaken of in the Mission Room, and was presided over by the vice-president (Mr. G. Halksworth) who also took the chair at the business meeting, at which the following resolution was carried unanimously: 'That this meeting recommends that all peals of bells in the Doncaster district should be rung half-muffled on Remembrance Day, Nov. 11th, in memory of all those who died for King and country during the great war.'

A vote of congratulation was accorded the Conisborough ringers who have rung their first peal. It was decided that the society should attempt to ring a peal every three months, and it was left to the Ringing Master to make all the arrangements.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the local band for providing tea, and to Mr. Halksworth for his services in the chair.

Some of Thorne bells are very old, the tenor having been cast in 1671; and on account of their antiquity it is not surprising that some of them are sadly out of tune. The belfry is approached from the inside of the church by way of a massive wooden spiral staircase. Such staircases as this are to-day very uncommon. Hung in the ringing chamber is a small bell known locally as the 'Paneske Bell.' It is not, however, used now. There is no founder's name or date on it.

DEATH OF A BATTLE RINGER.

It is with deepest regret that we announce the death of Mr. Frank Nuthis, of Battle, Sussex, who passed away at the age of 63 years. The deceased had but a short illness, being confined to his bed only three days, death taking place on Oct. 15th. He had been parish clerk and vergier for 32 years. Owing to his duties, and health in general, he was debarred from taking part in more than three peals, but he was one of the band that rang the first peal by the Battle Society, on Nov. 12th, 1892. Out of the eight that took part in that peal, only four are now living.

The funeral took place at the Battle Cemetery on Oct. 19th, the first part of the service being conducted at the Parish Church. In the unavoidable absence of the Dean of Battle, his brother, the Rev. William Francis, officiated. The bells were rung half-muffled before the service, and on the way to the grave the bells were rung in the "triumph."

The deceased who was secretary to the Battle band for many years was one of the first to join the Sussex County Association when it came into being in 1894-5. His loss will be keenly felt, as he was always in his place both at practice and Sunday ringing.

MARKET DEEPING.—At the Parish Church, for harvest festival, on Sunday, Oct. 9th, for morning service, 216 Spliced Kent and Oxford, 240 Cambridge Surprise. For evening service, 240 Bob Minor, 360 Single Court. After service, 720 Bob Minor: T. Palmer 1, E. Wright 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, J. Landon 4, W. A. Day 5, G. Wells 6. The other ringers who took part were A. Riggall, J. Freeman and H. Holmes.

PEALS TAPPED ON HANDBELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Morris' reply is just what I expected, nothing but lame excuses. He may think he is clever in ignoring the suggestions of writers to prove his ability, but he is making a great mistake. It is up to him to prove to the Exercise that his claims of ever having tapped a peal are justified, and ignoring Mr. Keeble's offer and going back to Bob Major looks bad. Folk do not as a rule go backward—'forward' is generally their motto. I do not think I am wrong when I say Mr. Morris has never tapped London Major in the presence of a London Surprise Major ringer, and, until he does, a certain amount of doubt will exist. It is a difficult job to properly umpire a tapped peal of London, and I have no hesitation in saying that there are not more than twenty ringers living to-day who could do it. It is much more difficult than umpiring an ordinary handbell peal, as the performer hides your view of the bells, and you would have nothing much but your ears to guide you, and the best place would be in an adjoining room. I took part in one double-handed peal of London, when one of the umpires was outside, but he was a ringer of exceptional ability.

Mr. Morris says I know nothing about tapping. I know as much about that as he does about ringing London double-handed, and as regards his last sentence about paying his own fare, he must remember that he put forward as an excuse that he was only a humble workman, and that was why this generous offer was made. I was not aware that I was an Essex Association official, and as he reminds me about what I ought to know it shows what little interest he has in the association, not even to know who the officials are. As regards his resignation, that has nothing to do with me; he must please himself about that. He says I insulted him. I told him the truth, and that has done to him what it has done to many a one—offended him. Now, Mr. Editor, as regards your so-called sporting offer, which I have no doubt you put forward to try and 'choke me off,' I am quite willing to put my knowledge of tapping against Mr. Morris' calling of a peal of London from an inside pair of handbells.

I must have a word with Mr. J. Parker. He has been up against me for years, and never loses an opportunity of having a personal 'dig' at me. He speaks of the sorry figure I cut when I rush into print, and about my defective memory. Perhaps I have, but I can keep in my head his doings since he came this way. It may be argued that I should not introduce personalities, but as he has made a personal attack on me it is only fair that I should point out that in my opinion his attitude is one of jealousy. After he threw in his lot with the Middlesex Association, he was quite content while he could be first in the field, but when I called the first peal of London for the association in the county it turned the frying pan over, and he has been dead against me ever since. Mr. Parker picks me up over my first peal of London. I never said that none of these men had ever rung a peal. One of them had rung a peal several years before, but I challenge Mr. Parker to show me where this ringer had ever rung a peal of Cambridge. The other member was in neither the Superlative nor the Cambridge, and only came into the band when we started for the peal of London, and, if he had been to Brighton, and elsewhere, to practise, he was the weak member of the band, and had not benefited by his experience. We were certainly novices at Surprise methods. Mr. Parker asks if I can point to a footnote showing a local Surprise peal. I cannot, because I am not so fond of footnotes as he has been, although I have rung a double-handed Surprise peal with local men, and at the tower with which I was connected for a good many years, if we generally had an outsider or two in a peal it was not because we could not do without them; it was due to unselfishness. Our door was always open to visitors, and many appreciated it and rang their first peals in different methods. We did not do as he has done, almost forbid members to ring a peal with anyone else. As long as men put in their best work while they are with me, I do not care who they ring with. According to Mr. Parker's talk, I have never done anything for ringers; but has he done what I have done, travelled 75 miles after a day's work to teach ringers Surprise methods, and that many a time? He talks about my scouring the British Isles for men to mount my pedestal. If I have done so it has been at my own expense. If I should live to an age, when I am beyond active ringing, I shall be able to look back with pleasure to the happy hours I have spent among ringers in various parts of the British Isles, and not upon the unpleasantness I have caused among ringers and association officials.—Yours, etc., W. PYE.

We regret that we have been compelled to excise some portions of Mr. Pye's letter, not because we did not wish him to have the fullest scope for his reply, but because the consequences of an infringement of the law of libel may fall upon the publisher as well as upon the writer.

As the letters which we are receiving have now got beyond the subject originally under discussion, it is time to add: 'This correspondence must now close.'—Ed. 'R.W.'

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, Oct. 30th, for the evening service, at St. Paul's Church, Bath Road, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, Wm. Lawrence 2, C. Tricker 3, H. Folkard 4, A. Price 5, E. J. Walsom 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, J. Miner 8.

MARKET DEEPING.—At the Parish Church, on Oct. 30th, for evening service, 720 of Double and Single Court (spliced): J. London 1, W. Tilley 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, E. Wright 4, W. A. Day 5, G. Wells 6. First 720 of these two methods (spliced) by all the hand.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 30th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. T. Barker 1, A. Shuttlebotham 2, G. Schleiter 3, H. Emery 4, H. Redgwell 5, E. Claydon (conductor) 6.

ST. MARY'S, ILMINSTER.—On Sunday, Oct. 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: G. Novell 1, Charles Gummer 2, David G. Taylor 3, Harry Bungay 4, Victor Crabb 5, Walter Coombes 6, George Sibley (conductor) 7, Harry Raison 8. Composition by Shipway. Incidentally it was the 20th birthday of the elder daughter of the conductor who conveyed the ringers' congratulations.

PENSHURST, KENT.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 9th, for harvest festival, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Banks 1, A. Reader 2, M. Lambert 3, E. King 4, O. Baker 5, H. Seal (conductor) 6, P. Denton 7, H. Baker 8. For evening service, a quarter from Holt's Original was lost near the end through a miss-call.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 9th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Holderness 1, W. Mead 2, F. Stanton 3, H. F. Morris 4, W. Sear (conductor) 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sear 7, F. Whitehead 8.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT. On Sunday, Oct. 9th, for harvest festival morning service, 1,008 Stedman Triples: J. Heasman 1, A. Belton 2, W. Leigh 3, W. G. Bull 4, E. Leigh 5, A. Lewis 6, J. W. Steddy (conductor) 7, E. Collison 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: J. Heasman (conductor) 1, R. Jenner 2, O. Eastman 3, W. Leigh 4, E. Leigh 5, T. Wallis 6, J. W. Steddy 7, A. Belton 8.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 9th, the anniversary of the death of the late Vicar, the Rev. D. N. Yonge, with the bells half muffled, for morning service, a quarter-peal from Holt's Original, in 42 mins.: S. E. Edwards 1, A. Joslin 2, A. Edwards 3, W. Allen 4, A. Church 5, J. Roote 6, H. Edwards (conductor) 7, S. Setch 8.

ALVERSTOKE.—At St. Mary's, on Sunday evening, Oct. 2nd, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 336 Grandsire Triples: H. Nobes 1, C. Barron 2, W. Wheeler (conductor) 3, F. Barron 4, F. Nobes 5, A. Noble 6, E. Noble 7, G. Gunston 8. Also 112 conducted by F. Barron. After service, another 336 of different calling to the first.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, at St. Peter-at-Archies Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 50 mins., by the following ringers attached to the church: C. McGuiness 1, R. Chester 2, L. Snell 3, A. R. Chester 4, C. B. Chester 5, G. C. Almonds 6, H. L. Pask (conductor) 7, M. Marcon 8. This is the first quarter-peal away from the tenor for the ringer of the second.

CIRENCESTER.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Lewis 1, W. J. Cook 2, F. J. Lewis 3, W. C. Cuss 4, J. Butler (conductor) 5, H. T. Gardiner 6, H. C. Bond 7, J. Hayward 8.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM.—For the harvest festival, on Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: N. Vagg 1, Lewis Wiseman 2, Miss E. Pettitt 3, R. Rayner 4, F. Wiseman 5, S. Hale (conductor) 6, A. Bowel 7, W. Cross 8. For evening service, 504

Grandsire Triples: N. Vagg 1, L. Wiseman (conductor) 2, B. Pettitt 3, F. Wiseman 4, S. Hale 5, A. Wash 6, S. Wilding 7, W. Cross 8.—On the previous Thursday, for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples; on Sept. 29th, after service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): N. Vagg 1, L. Wiseman (conductor) 2, Miss E. Pettitt 3, E. Cooper 4, B. Pettitt 5, F. Wilkin 6, A. Wash 7, W. Cross 8.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING.—At St. Michael and All Angels' Church, on Sunday evening, Oct. 2nd, for harvest festival, 1,440 Minor, being 360 each of Kent Treble Bob, Collego Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob: J. Spearman 1, T. Martin 2, S. Robinson 3, A. Spearman 4, J. Masters 5, R. Parkinson (conductor) 6.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Sadler 1, A. Shuttlebotham (conductor) 2, H. Bowers 3, G. Melborne 4, H. Redgwell 5, G. Lidlridge 6.

HORLEY, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, Oct. 2nd, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: J. Sherlock 1, A. Bull 2, A. Songhurst 3, S. Kenward (conductor) 4, P. Etheridge 5, G. Hollingsbee 6, F. Sadler 7, W. Hunt 8.—At the opening of the festival on the previous Friday, 1,200 Bob Minor, conducted by G. Ilhuan.

NORTH STONEHAM.—For harvest festival, on Oct. 2nd, 1,152 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Dumper 1, W. G. Edwards 2, G. Williams (conductor) 3, W. G. Rowe 4, C. J. Fray 5, A. Marks 6, W. T. Tucker 7, O. H. Giles 8.—On Oct. 9th, for evening service, a course of Cambridge Surprise; also two courses of Double Norwich and a course of Kent Treble Bob: O. Giles, R. Brown, G. Pullinger, W. U. Rowe, C. J. Fray, W. G. Edwards, W. T. Tucker, G. Williams (conductor).

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, 6-8 covering: D. Phillips 1, C. Bone 2, C. Baker 3, W. Watson 4, J. Jarvis 5, E. Riseley 6, J. Dale (conductor) 7, H. Grimwood 8.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—For evening service, at the Church of St. Vigor's and All Saints', 720 Bob Major, in 25 mins.: E. Webb 1, J. Stalley 2, C. Hall 3, J. Giddens 4, J. W. Ward 5, A. Page 6, C. M. Patten (conductor) 7, G. Bridge 8.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.—At St. Matthew's, for afternoon service, on harvest thanksgiving Sunday, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: N. Smith 1, J. E. Ashcroft 2, E. Jenkins (conductor) 3, L. Bostock 4, J. Wilson 5, J. Davenport 6. Longest length on the bells and by ringers of 4th and 6th. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: F. Taylor 1, S. S. Jenkins 2, E. Bostock (1st 720) 3, I. Bostock 4, E. Jenkins (conductor) 5, J. Davenport 6.

BLAXHALL.—At St. Peter's Church, 720 Bob Minor: G. Smith 1, W. Smith 2, A. A. Ling, junr., 3, J. Smy 4, A. Ling, junr. (conductor), 5, A. Smith 6. At Benhall Church, in the afternoon, 360 Oxford Treble Bob: Fredk. Whalting (conductor) 1, W. Smith 2, J. Avis 3, J. Smy 4, A. Smith 5, A. Ling 6; and 720 Bob Minor.

SAXMUNDHAM.—For evening festival service, 720 Bob Minor: F. Whalting (conductor) 1, W. Smith 2, J. Avis 3, J. Smy 4, A. Smith 5, A. Ling 6. For morning service, for harvest festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Flemings 1, W. Drew 2, J. Avis 3, F. Whalting (conductor) 4, H. Phillips 5, G. Hardy 6.

HARLOW, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, at the Church of St. Mary's, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: E. Parish 1, H. Perrin 2, F. Bird 3, W. Hobbs 4, C. French 5, B. Copping 6, H. Dew (conductor) 7, E. Rixon 8.

BRAMPTON, SUFFOLK.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 25th, for harvest festival, 1,260 of Doubles (comprising Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. Myall, E. Self, G. Self, J. Ford, T. Ford, C. Cook, J. Spalding, J. Spenser, J. Larter.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Short service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. The Rector (Rev. W. H. Davies) and the local ringers invite members to tea, and the undersigned would be glad to hear from all who intend to accept the invitation. The bells at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, will be available for ringing from 7 to 8 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service at 4.30 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bredon on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service at 5 p.m. Bells: Bredon (5), Bredons Norton (6).—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Nov. 5th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at 5 o'clock. Will all members who can attend this meeting?—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at All Saints', Ryde, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available 3 o'clock.—W. Upton, Hon. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, Isle of Wight.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Glodwick on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Memorial to Fallen Ringers.—The two new treble bells, by Gillett & Johnston, recently added to the peal of ten at the Cathedral, Winchester, will be opened on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at 2.30. The tablet containing the names of 42 fallen members will be unveiled at 3 o'clock. Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea in Guildhall at 5, to be followed by District business meeting. All ringers heartily welcomed.—W. T. Tucker, District Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Mathon on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards in the school. All ringers invited.—Richard Thomas, District Hon. Sec., Post Office, Coddington, Ledbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Churchill on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available from 2 p.m.

Service at 4. Tea at 4.45 (1/3 per head). Business meeting. More ringing—H. Miles, Hon. Sec., 'Cargen,' Victoria Road, Oxford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices on Mondays at 7.30 p.m.—St. John, Wilton Road, S.W., Nov. 7th; St. Clement Danes, Nov. 14th and 28th; St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Nov. 21st. Sundays at 10 a.m.—St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Nov. 29th; St. Magnus on Nov. 10th and 24th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Nov. 15th (election of officers); and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Nov. 17th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The Annual meeting of the above District will be held at Milton-Ernest on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45, business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Nov. 7th? All ringers welcome.—H. L. Harlow, District Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Next meeting at Bromham on Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. All wishing to attend tea please let me know as early as possible.—H. F. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 to 8.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Hillingdon (St. John's) on Saturday, Nov. 12th, by permission of the Vicar (Rev. —Kitcat). Ringing from 3.15. Tea will be arranged for 5.30 for those requiring same.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walkden on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available, 4 p.m. Meeting, 7 p.m. Subscriptions now due.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—The 284th Anniversary Dinner will be held at The London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 12th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 8/6 each, from Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, T. H. Taffender, A. Walker, H. J. Walton, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. The towers of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, Idol Lane (8 bells), St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street (10 bells), and St. Giles, Cripple-gate (12 bells) will be open for ringing from 3.30 to 5.30.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coaley on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in the Schoolroom.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to Sec. Tea 6d. each.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Suffolk Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's Room, Framlingham, on Saturday, Nov. 12th, at 3.15. (Bus leaves Ipswich at 1.30, arriving at Framlingham at 3.10.) Will ringers (including round ringers) wishing to join send names now? Subscription for 1922, 2s., with 6d. entrance fee.—Herbert Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells ready early. Business meeting as usual.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Mersham on Saturday, Nov. 12th, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. G. Brocklehurst). The bells will be available for ringing from 3 till 8 p.m. Will members please note that Double Norwich is 'on the agenda'?—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham on November 12th for election of district officers and other business. Service at 4 o'clock, with address by the Rev. J. A. Evans. Tea will be provided at the Club, room, 1s. each, to those only who send me notice not later than Monday, Nov. 7th.—Bert Redgwell, Rayne, near Braintree.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells ready 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions are due, viz., 1/6 instead of the usual 1/-. A good attendance requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 21, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Please notify me on or before Nov. 7th how many intend to be present from your Tower.—E. Steele, 109, George Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, and J. Johnson, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT & OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The November meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral Church of St. Peter on Sat., Nov. 12th. Twelve bells from 3 o'clock.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Ormskirk on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. A good attendance requested.—J. Halsall, Branch Sec., 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells, Holy Trinity (8), and St. Nicolas (10), available at 3 p.m. Service in St. Nicolas' Church at 4.30, when an address will be given by the Rev. Canon Cooke-Yarborough, Rector of Puttenham. Tea at Brett's Restaurant at 5.30. Business meeting after, followed by a social evening.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hill Crest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next Monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association will be held at Alveston (6 bells), and Almondsbury (8 bells), on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m., Alveston. Tea 1/6 at 5 o'clock. Almondsbury ringing to follow. Please notify Branch Sec. by Nov. 7th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Those who intend to be present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Nov. 16th.—George W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The Annual business meeting will be held at St. Nicholas Room, Newbury, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Ringers intending to be present kindly notify the Rector, Newbury, on or before Nov. 14th. Evensong 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. M. Thorp, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Central Committee will meet in the Rochester Cathedral Choir School on Saturday, Nov. 19th, at 4 p.m.—Fred W. Helmore, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The Annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 19th. St. Michael's Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 in the Church Cottage, to be followed by business meeting. Sixpence allowed towards tea to all members informing me by Sat., Nov. 12th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19th, at St. Paul's Church, Wood Green, Wednesbury. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Guild Service in church at 4.30 with an address. Tea (at a nominal charge) and meeting will be held in the Church Institute. Will those who require tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 15th, latest?—Fred Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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COLLEGE YOUTHS AND CUMBERLANDS IN KENT. RIVAL PEALS AT NEIGHBOURING TOWERS.

The keenest friendly rivalry between these two societies was manifested in Kent on October 14th, when two peal attempts were made, a band of College Youths being collected together for Swanscombe for Stedman Triples, and of the Cumberlands for Double Norwich at Northfleet. These two towers are not a mile away from one another, and both starts were made for 4 o'clock. The various members, all ringing friends together, met previous to starting at Northfleet Station, and wished each other success. Fred Mitchell piloted his band across the fields to the beautiful peal of eight at Swanscombe, and Mr. Sergt. Jimmy Bennett led his band in full marching order to the tower at Northfleet. The Cumberland Youths were represented by the aforesaid Jimmy Bennett and Fred Richardson from Chatham; George and Harry Wilson and Bill Dudley from Prittlewell, Essex; Teddy Barnett, senr., Crayford; Bert Audsley, Dartford, with Jack Cheesman, Greenhithe, as conductor. The Collegers were Alan Macdonald, Jimmy Walsom and Horace Belcher from Ealing; Will Harper, Swanscombe, the 'eternal' youth, Ex-P.S. Jack Avis, Reuben Copelin and Fred Mitchell, Milton-next-Gravesend, and 'Grandpa' Haigh, of Rochester Cathedral, as conductor. Both peals of bells were set going true to time, 'that's all' being called at Northfleet at 7, to be followed 17 minutes later at Swanscombe, which was rather a slow peal, but the ringing was perfect, and well upheld the traditions of the ancient society. The conductor at Swanscombe consoled the band on the slowness, that there were some 'old crocks' in it. Both bands were heartily congratulated on the ringing by those that had gathered round to listen. After limited refreshment, the London contingent were seen safely in their train, Alan promising them a feed of crab sandwiches upon their arrival home. The remaining members of the bands met at the new Tradesmen's Hall at Northfleet, and an hour was devoted to conviviality, mirth and melody. The true spirit of friendship prevailed, the handbells were brought into use by members of the Northfleet band who had joined the ringers, and a course of Grand sire Caters by F. Mitchell 1-2, R. Smith 3-4, F. Richardson 5-6, J. H. Cheesman 7-8, W. Haigh 9-10, was rung. Jack Avis' policeman's song was enjoyed, and Fred Richardson was in humorous mood. Honours were easy at ringing, singing, and handbells, and Mr. Percy Clark, of Ealing, in congratulating the Cumberlands on their peal on behalf of the College Youths, said that on the day's run there was only one thing that his society would admit defeat on, and that was the 'oiling.' Altogether a very successful time was spent, and at the conclusion Mr. Cheesman offered as a suggestion that the two towers be reversed at a future date, the Cumberlands to ring Stedman at Swanscombe, and the College Youths Double Norwich at Northfleet, and this was agreed upon. The promoters are to be heartily congratulated upon arranging such a unique performance, and long may the true spirit of rivalry prevail, and spur the members of the two societies on to higher achievements. It is interesting to note that nearly the whole of the ringers were members of the Kent Association.

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Many fitting methods of commemorating the ringers who gave up their lives in the years of war have been adopted by Associations up and down the land, and if the Winchester scheme was among the most ambitious, it is certainly one which may also tend to advance the art of ringing. Until now the diocese, which includes Hampshire, the Isle of Wight and a big slice of the county of Surrey, has had no ring of twelve bells, and, consequently, it has been handicapped in the practice of methods on the higher numbers which it afforded its members. Winchester, however, is more or less centrally situated, and, while the distances to the extreme edges of the diocese may be great, and the opportunities of many of the members small, yet the choice of Winchester Cathedral for the purpose, even apart from the appropriateness of the selection of the Mother Church for the memorial, is likely to prove as convenient as any other alternative tower.

As was pointed out at the opening gathering, when the question of recasting some of the other bells was mentioned, the Cathedral is diocesan, and, in that measure, the bells also are diocesan. Therefore we hope the Guild will find it possible to arrange for periodical diocesan practices. With the goodwill of the Cathedral band, whose interest was evident on Saturday, little local difficulty would appear to be likely, and there ought to be sufficient enthusiasm among the members of the Guild to make such a step a success. Twelve-bell ringing, hitherto, has had no opportunity in the diocese of Winchester; indeed, the South of England is the most badly placed of the whole country in this respect. Outside the metropolis there is but one light peal of twelve in the far north-east corner of Kent; Sussex, Hants and Dorset were without any such ring; Berks, Wilts, and, if we exclude any Bristol tower, which perchance may stand within the border, Somerset, too, are without rings of twelve; so that Winchester will be just one oasis in the desert to which we may now hope to turn to find ringing on the highest number of bells.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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

On Tuesday, Nov. 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.	
THOMAS RUSSAM 2	SHIRLEY BURTON... .. 7
JAMES E. GROVES 2	A. PADDON SMITH 8
THOMAS H. REEVES 3	PERCY O. LAFLIN... .. 9
ALBERT WALKER... .. 4	HARRY DICKENS 10
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... .. 5	JOHN NEAL 11
ALBERT E. NORMAN 6	SYDNEY J. JESSOP... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.
Rung on the festival of All Saints. First peal of Cinques by the ring of the 7th, who hails from Leicester.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD).

On Tuesday, Nov. 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in E.	
WILLIAM A. CAVE Treble	WILLIAM H. THOMAS... .. 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
PERCIVAL W. CAVE 3	HENRY PRING 8
EDWIN J. RIDLER 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
RICHARD CLARK 5	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by the late SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART.
Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Raymond John Wilkins, who died on Sunday, Oct. 30th.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.	
JOSEPH T. DYKE Treble	FRANCIS W. NIPPER 6
PERCIVAL W. CAVE 2	WALTER FARLEY... .. 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. 8
*SYDNEY M. ABRAHAM 4	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. 9
ALBERT STOWELL 5	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by JOSEPH DYKE.
Rung within the octave of All Saints. * First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.	
WILLIAM H. HEWETT Treble	ISAAC EMERY 6
*CHARLES KIPPIN, JUN. 2	J. A. TROLLOPE 7
FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 3	AMOS CLARKE 8
REGINALD BROUGH 4	C. W. R. GRIMWOOD 9
EDWIN F. PIKE 5	CHARLES KIPPIN, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by W. H. HEWITT.
* First peal.

ALFRED BOWELL, CHURCH BELL FOUNDER, IPSWICH.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.

*JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON Treble	JONATHAN PRESTON 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 2	†HERBERT C. SPENCER 7
THOMAS H. REEVES 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 8
GEORGE F. GARRISON 4	BERT HORTON 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS 5	†JOHN E. PYWELL Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.
 * First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ISLEWORTH.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb.

*ROBERT G. CHAPPEL Treble	RICHARD N. RUNHAM 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	WILLIAM H. PICKETT 6
*JEFFREY R. GAMMON 3	ISAAC EMERY 7
*MISS GLADYS BATEMAN 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOS. H. TAFFENDER.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. D. Barker. First peal in the method on the bells. * First peal of Surprise.

HENLEY SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION
AND ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Monday, Oct. 31, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 5
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 6
GEORGE E. SYMONDS 3	ARTHUR S. BOAR 7
*CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 4	FREDERICK J. TILLET Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. MOTTS.
 Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last tribute of respect to Mrs. Adelaide Catherine Pearson, immediately after her funeral.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, Oct. 31, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
 AT CHARLES CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

ALFRED T. WESTCOTT Treble	REGINALD A. H. DODSON 5
WALTER H. MARSH 2	WARREN S. HORN BROOK 6
WILLIAM RUNDLE 3	ERNEST W. MARSH 7
REV. EVERARD S. POWELL 4	*GEORGE GOMER Tenor

Conducted by E. W. MARSH.
 * First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. W. Mitchell (churchwarden), who was buried on this day.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Oct. 31, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR W. BALDWIN Treble	WILLIAM E. BASON 5
CHARLES S. TUTHILL 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 6
CHARLES WYBROW 3	ROBERT W. COOKE 7
*GEORGE COOKE 4	GEORGE BEVERLEY Tenor

Composed by J. HOLT. Conducted by W. E. BASON.

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

On Monday, Oct. 31, 1921, in Three Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

†WILLIAM GIBBS Treble	*THOMAS WILLIAMS 5
JOHN BASS 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
CHARLES E. PERKINS 3	JOHN LLOYD 7
WILLIAM POTTER 4	ROBERT GORDON Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

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

MITTOHAM, SURREY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Nov. 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT Treble	JOSEPH A. LAMBERT 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 4	ERNEST C. LAMBERT Tenor

Composed by J. A. LAMBERT. Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Nov. 3, 1921, in Three Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM WELLING Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
HERBERT R. STEVENS 2	CECIL C. MAYNE 6
HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 3	KEITH HART 7
*JOHN B. HESSEY 4	WILLIAM WARNE Tenor

Conducted by K. HART.

* First peal of Stedman.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Nov. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

STEPHEN MADDISON Treble	JOHN W. WOOD 5
ROBERT RICHARDSON 2	JOHN G. AMES 6
JOHN B. HALLIFAX 3	JOHN CURRY 7
JOHN T. BROWN 4	ARTHUR J. FARR Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR J. FARR.
 First peal of Major as conductor.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

ERNEST G. COTTIS Treble	CALEB FENN 5
GEORGE W. FAULKNER 2	*FRANK C. NEWMAN 6
*EDWARD H. KING 3	ROWLAND FENN 7
EBENEZER ANDREWS 4	ALBERT C. HARDY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CALEB FENN.
 * First peal in the method. First peal of Superlative as conductor.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to A. C. Hardy, and on the centenary of what was believed to be the first peal rung in the method.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 29th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, 216 Double Court, 240 Oxford Treble Boh: Ernest Bailey 1, Albert J. L. Naunton 2, Edgar Bailey 3, F. Wade 4, G. Lee 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6. First 720 Cambridge on the bells, and by all the band except the ringers of 3rd and tenor, and first 720 Cambridge as conductor.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 3/4 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
ALFRED PYE 2	WESLEY WATSON 6
WILLIAM PYE 3	REUBEN SANDERS... .. 7
*ALFRED TARBUN, JUN. ... 4	WILLIAM LEGGETT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method away from the tenor.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

†GEORGE ALLDER Treble	†WILLIAM HENLEY 5
FRANK BOREHAM 2	†CECIL C. MAYNE 6
JOHN EVANS 3	*GEORGE MARTIN 7
†CHARLES SMITH... .. 4	†WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.
† First peal of London Surprise. * First peal of London Surprise as conductor.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

FREDERICK W. RICE Treble	GEORGE F. HOAD 5
ARTHUR DASHFORD 2	HENRY F. EWINS... .. 6
HARRY JORDAN 3	WALTER CLAYDON 7
ARTHUR HOLMAN... .. 4	HENRY A. HOAD Tenor

Conducted by WALTER CLAYDON.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Nov. 5th, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JEFFREY R. GAMMON Treble	GEORGE C. ILES 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ROBERT G. CHAPPELE ... 6
*CHARLES H. CHOOGY 3	WILLIAM H. PICKETT... .. 7
CECIL V. EBBERSON... .. 4	EDGAR C. RUSSELL Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First attempt for a peal in the method.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

*MISS WINIFRED F. M. KING Treble	W. MELVILLE 5
G. UPSHALL 2	R. HASTED, SEN 6
MISS HILDA F. MILLS ... 3	C. HAZELDEN 7
R. HASTED, JUN. 4	A. KING... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. HAZELDEN.

* First peal. Miss Mills hails from Aldershot, and Messrs. Melville and Hazelden from Guildford, the rest belong to the local band.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALBERT V. INNS... .. Treble	ROBERT F. TURNER 5
*ERNEST PALMER 2	CHARLES W. BIRD 6
*CECIL CHAPMAN... .. 3	DAVID J. NICHOLS 7
FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT... 4	†ARCHIE HENMAN Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells. A. Henman was proposed a member of the Association before starting. All the above ringers are members of the local band.

TARLETON, LANCAESHIRE.

THE LANCAESHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 3/4 cwt.

*STANLEY ROBINSON Treble	ROBERT ARMSTRONG 5
B. A. KNIGHTS 2	FRED HARWOOD 6
WILLIAM TAYLOR 3	ALBERT WOODHOUSE 7
E. R. MARTIN 4	EDWARD ARMSTRONG Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS.

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal on eight bells, also first peal in the method on the bells.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb.

JOHN RAY Treble	FREDERICK EVANS 5
WILLIAM MILLS 2	HERBERT SHEPPARD 6
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. ... 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 7
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 4	GILBERT GUEST Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

This peal was rung in the octave to commemorate the festivals of All Saints and All Souls.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 1/2 cwt. in E.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of London Surprise.

BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5984 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	GEORGE LANCASTER 5
ROBERT W. HYNER 2	*WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... 6
TOM O'HARA 3	ERNEST BISHOP 7
CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. (No. 241.) Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. First peal in the method on the bells. This composition contains the 4th and 6th the extent in 5th's place, and the 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 6th's, and is now rung for the first time.

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LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*R. ALLEN HICKTON Treble	*W. RICHARD DRAGE... .. 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	WILLIAM CLIFFORD, JUN... .. 6
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, SEN. 3	*JOSEPH BAILEY 7
WILLIAM A. JAMES 4	PERCIVAL PRICE... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by A. COPPOCK.

* First peal in a Surprise method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

DISEWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOSEPH LORD... .. Treble	J. ARTHUR ORGILL 4
ARTHUR CATTELL 2	WILFRED H. BUXTON... .. 5
WILLIAM A. PARSONS... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, which have recently been recast and augmented by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. Together with a mural tablet they form the local war memorial. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph E. Sykes, of Huddersfield

SHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Nov. 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

JOHN AVIS B... .. Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 4
HARRY ARGENT 2	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 5
JOHN BURLES 3	GEORGE MORRAD... .. Tenor

Conducted by CLR.-SERGT. J. BENNETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Guy R. Ambrose, Milton-next-Gravesend.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS HARPER Treble	CHARLES MORTIMER 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

WRANGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's differently called. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PERCY LAKIN Treble	FRED HILTON 4
*WALTER FOUNTAIN 2	*WILLIAM J. HOUGHTON ... 5
*SAMUEL WOODS... .. 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE.

First peal, also first peal on the bells for 28 years. Rung as a farewell to Walter Fountain (proposed a member of the Guild before the attempt), who leaves for Australia in a few days, the band wishing him all good fortune on the journey and after.

HANDBELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, Oct. 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) ... 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BODGHEY (Trin) 3-4	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 7-8
*H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 9-10	

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal on ten bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Oct. 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
IN THE BELFREY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5006 CHANGES

Tenor size 18 in G.

JAMES M. BAILEY 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 7-8
EDGAR H. BAILEY 9-10	

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Witness: H. PEARSON.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Nov. 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5378 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by the Performer.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

The above peal is a two-part containing 50 singles and 32 bobs.

MONKSHEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Nov. 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE NORTH FARM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5043 CHANGES;

JOSEPH A. GOFTON 1-2	THOMAS T. GOFTON 5-6
R. ALDER GOFTON 3-4	RICHARD A. GOFTON 7-8
JAMES E. GOFTON 9-10	

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

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

On Thursday, Nov. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFREY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

JAMES E. GROVES 1-2	ALBERT E. NORMAN 7-8
PERCY O. LAFLIN 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN 9-10
ALBERT WALKER... .. 5-6	*MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Referee: THOMAS RUSSAM.

* 200th peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION

On Friday, Nov. 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
IN THE BELFREY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5000 CHANGES

Tenor size 18 in G.

JAMES M. BAILEY 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 7-8
EDGAR H. BAILEY 9-10	

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Witness: H. PEARSON.

LONDON. — St. Mary's, Acton, Guild.—At St. Andrew's, Wells Street, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples, in 45 mins.: R. H. Bodington 1, S. D. Breeze 2, W. Lawrence 3, H. Dyas 4, H. Wincote 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, Robt. Fardon 7, A. E. Smith 8.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. R. J. WILKINS. MUFFLED RINGING AT BRISTOL CHURCHES.

Relatives, colleagues and many personal friends attended the funeral on Wednesday, November 2nd, of the late Mr. Raymond John Wilkins, whose death we recorded last week. The service took place at mid-day at St. Stephen's Church, where there assembled ringers from St. Stephen's, St. James's, St. Andrew's, St. Peter's, St. Philip's, St. Mary Redcliffe, St. Thomas', St. Nicholas', St. Michael's, and other churches of Bristol, Trowbridge, Midsomer Norton, Wells, Olveston, Mangotsfield, Thornbury, Bath, and other distant places.

The remains were met at the south porch of the church, by the Rev. Herbert Thomas (Rector), the Rev. M. E. Thorold (vice-president and past Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), the churchwardens, and sacristan, carrying a censer, in which was burning incense. The coffin was borne in to the church by the deceased's brother ringers, Messrs. W. A. Cave, G. Condict, junr., E. Guise, F. G. Leaker, J. B. Tyler and P. W. Cave. The mourners included Mrs. Wilkins (widow), Mr. Arthur E. Wilkins (son), Miss Marshall, Mr. Arthur Collier, Mr. and Mrs. Cann, and Miss Olive Skuse, who had faithfully assisted Mrs. Wilkins during the long illness of Mr. Wilkins. The service was jointly taken by the Rev. Herbert Thomas and the Rev. M. E. Thorold, and Mr. H. Anstey read the lesson. The interment took place at Canford Cemetery, where the committal prayers were said by the Rector of St. Stephen's, after which a course of Grandsire Caters was rung at the graveside by: J. B. Tyler 1-2, F. G. Leaker 3-4, G. Condict, junr. 5-6, E. Guise 7-8, W. A. Cave 9-10. Floral tributes were sent by: Wife and sonny ('Till we meet again'); Mr. Mackenzie; Mrs. Trigg and family; Gladys and Ben (niece and nephew); Rose and Alice; Mr. and Mrs. Heath (niece and nephew); Sisters Philips (nurses); Mr. and Mrs. Collier; Mr. and Mrs. Bodenham; Mr. and Mrs. Hutchings; Ethel and Olive; Mr. Thwaites; Hilda Baynham; Mrs. Spreckett; three friends; Miss Barrett; Mrs. Guise and Peggie; the Gloucester and Bristol Association; Bath and Wells Association; Salisbury Diocesan Guild; Ladies' Guild (Western Branch); Gloucester and Bristol Association (Bristol Branch); St. Stephen's Guild; St. James' Society; Christ Church Guild; Portishead Guild; County Sports Club; few friends (County Sports Club); Mrs. Brown, Jack and Annie; Mr. and Mrs. Cann; Mr. and Mrs. T. King; Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hector; Mr. and Mrs. J. Dyke; Mr. Taylor.

The funeral arrangements were entrusted to Mr. H. T. Howell (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association) and his son, Mr. F. H. Howell (late of St. George's Guild).

Before and after the service in the church, touches in various methods were rung, half-muffled, on the St. Stephen's bells, and the Union Jack was placed half-mast on the tower.

On Sunday, prior to the funeral, the bells of St. Michael's were muffled, after the evening service, as also were St. Stephen's, where an excellently struck course of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung by: A. E. Reeves 1, J. B. Tyler 2, E. Guise 3, W. H. Thomas 4, R. Clark 5, C. Gordon 6, E. Ridler 7, H. Pring 8, G. Condict, senr., 9, G. Condict, junr., 10. This was succeeded by touches of Stedman Caters. On Monday, at St. Andrew's, Clifton, an eight which Mr. Wilkins loved to ring upon, a quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung, conducted by R. Clark.

On Tuesday, a successful half-muffled peal was rung by St. Stephen's Guild, and is recorded in another column. The bells of St. Philip's were also rung, half-muffled, in various methods. On Wednesday, an attempt for a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters failed, after 1 hr. and 20 mins. ringing, the band being: F. Blackmore 1, E. Dibben 2, F. G. Leaker 3, S. M. Badman 4, P. W. Cave 5, W. Abraham 6, W. A. Cave (conductor) 7, J. T. Dyke 8, W. Turley 9, H. J. Webley and F. Standen 10.

Mrs. E. J. Wilkins and Mr. Arthur E. Wilkins desire to express thanks to all those who assisted in the ringing, those who sent floral tributes, and for all messages of sympathy to them in their sad bereavement.

Mr. E. Bishop, of Swindon, Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport; and Major Hughes D'Aeth, of Salisbury Guild, deeply regretted that they were unable to attend the funeral.

STAPLEHURST BELLS REHUNG.

Staplehurst, Kent, is now in possession of a peal of bells which gives the local ringers no excuse for not going ahead, and scoring their first peal in the near future. There is an entirely new and young band, who, with the bells now made pealable, hope to put in some good work during the winter months. The tower was reopened on Monday, Oct. 31st, when a good company were present to try the 'go' ringers attending from Linton, Horsmonden, Marden, Headcorn, Frittenden and Benenden. All agreed that Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, had, with his usual thoroughness, put the bells 'just right,' and proved it by the striking of touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Steinton Triples. Ringing will take place on Sundays, at 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m., and practice will be on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

NEW PEAL AT BUSHEY HEATH. EIGHT BELLS HUNG IN TWO TIERS.

The dedication of a new peal of eight bells at the Parish Church, Bushey Heath, by the Bishop of St. Albans, took place on Saturday, October 29th, in the presence of a large congregation. The bells were presented by Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Rutherford, of Bushey Heath, in memory of their son, Lieut. David Alfred Rutherford, M.C., R.G.A., who was killed in Ireland in October, 1920. The bells were cast and hung in a double tier cast iron frame on a foundation of rolled steel joists, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel. The bells are fitted with ball bearings, and the 'go' of them leaves nothing to be desired. They are also fitted with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's new buffer clappers, but as the writer has not heard the bells without this device, he is unable to form an opinion as to whether this causes an improvement on the old style or otherwise. Some seemed to think that there was rather too much hum, which disguised the real tone of the bells.

The following are the weights of the bells:—

Tenor, note F: 11 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.; 7th: 9 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.; 6th: 7 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.; 5th: 6 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.; 4th: 5 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.; 3rd: 4 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.; 2nd: 4 cwt. 0 qr. 12 lb.; Treble: 3 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

After the dedication, 504 Stedman Triples was rung by the following members of the Hertford County Association: H. Eden 1, G. W. Cartmel 2, A. W. Dix 3, E. Ashby 4, W. H. L. Buckingham 5, H. G. Whitehead 6, F. M. R. Hibbert (cond.) 7, F. W. Brinklow 8.

Touches in various methods, including Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol, were rung during the afternoon and evening by the large company of ringers present.

700th PEAL CELEBRATED.

Mr. James George celebrated his 700th peal by giving a little dinner party to a few ringing friends on Saturday, Oct. 29th. The affair was held at one of the Holt Company's houses, of which company Mr. Wm. Cheshire, formerly a well-known Midland ringer, is managing director. A substantial dinner was served, and was followed by handbell ringing, etc.

The Vicar of Bishop Ryders Church presided, and among the guests were Messrs. Ben Gough, O. Norman, W. Kent, T. Miller, B. Witchell, W. Anker, A. P. Smith, etc. Apologies were read from Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett and Mr. W. Cheshire.

In a few well-chosen words, Canon Badger proposed the health of the host, saying how proud he was to have such a well-known campanologist in charge of his tower. He hoped he would succeed in infusing similar enthusiasm into the young idea he was training.

Among other items during the evening, an excellent touch of Stedman Caters was rung in hand by: T. Miller 1-2, W. Kent 3-4, B. Witchell 5-6, A. Paddon Smith 7-8, James George 9-10. Conducted by B. Witchell.

Altogether the company assembled enjoyed a very pleasant social evening, which concluded with a vote of thanks to the host.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

FAKENHAM TREBLE FALLS FROM THE STOCK.

A united gathering of the Doreham and Fakenham districts met at North Elmham on Saturday week, when about twenty members from the local branches assembled and rung various touches on the bells, which were kept busy until 9 p.m. It afforded great pleasure, as several young members availed themselves of the opportunity, and a gathering of this kind had not been held locally for about ten years. The general view seemed to be that the bells had, during this space of time, suffered from absence of ringing, caused by depleted companies during the war, and, no doubt, the drought of the past year had more or less affected the woodwork.

Thanks are due jointly to the district secretaries, and a further meeting will shortly be arranged.

Recently, at the Fakenham tower, a narrow escape, which might have caused a great deal of damage, occurred. Whilst the eight bells were being rung for Sunday morning service, the treble bell fell from the stock, but fortunately set itself fast in the frame. After careful inspection it was found that immediate overhaul was necessary, and that a large number of the bolts were loose and had to be tightened. A new stock was procured for the treble, the bell jacked into position, and rehung by the ringers. A peal has since been rung on the bells.

IMPROVEMENTS AT BRAINTREE.

The tenor of the ring at Braintree, Essex, has recently been rehung and quarter turned, the frame strengthened, and other improvements made, including the re-arrangement of the fall of the ropes into a better circle. The work has been satisfactorily carried out by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. The whole peal is now in excellent ringing order.

On Sunday, November 6th, for Matins, at the Parish Church, 700 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Hammond 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, G. Melbourne 3, G. Lindridge 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Rose 6, F. Ely 7, J. Hardy 8. For evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, G. Lindridge 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Rose 6, F. Ely 7, J. Hardy 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The addition of the two trebles at Winchester Cathedral brings the number of twelve-bell towers in England up to 38. Of these only eight are at Cathedrals, viz.: St. Paul's, London; York Minster, Chelmsford, Newcastle, Oxford, Sheffield, Worcester and Winchester.

In the setting up of records of a century or more ago, a peal by the Junior Cumberlands on November 13th, 1797, held a place for some few years. This was 'a true and complete peal of Grandsire Caters on Stedman's principle, containing 6,003 changes, being the greatest number ever achieved in that method,' at Christ Church, Spitalfields. It was composed and called by John Noonan, and a note is appended that 'this performance will remain a lasting honour to the society, and an example worthy to be imitated by posterity.' After many years the peal was found to be false.

The anniversaries of two Norwich records fall on the 17th November. The first peal of London Surprise was rung at St. Giles', in that city, on November 17th, 1835, and in the year 1760 the first peal of Imperial Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Giles', Norwich. A tragedy marked this latter performance, for immediately on the completion of the peal, John Webster, who had rung the 6th, dropped dead.

We never hear of any ringing in these days at the old practice towers in East London, such as Spitalfields, Stepney, Bow-by-Stratford, and Bethnal Green, etc. We know that Spitalfields (8, tenor 33 cwt.) can do with the services of a bell-hanger, but no doubt a little good steeplekeeping would enable them to be rung for service and practice nights. Time was when these towers were excellent College Youths schools, and it seems a pity they cannot be kept going. Spitalfields and Bethnal Green have history behind them.

The College Youths anniversary dinner to-morrow, no doubt stands alone in London as a purely ringers' gathering, and is looked forward to by many as a great annual reunion. There are some who would like to see it a mixed gathering by extending the invitation generally to the fair sex, ringers or not; but, so far, the Ancients have maintained their old customs, and perhaps it is their adherence in these changing days to their customs, which creates a charm of its own. There is certainly something in this great festival which holds a peculiar attraction, and there are many who think the Ancient Society, with their surroundings, and pomp and circumstance, are wise in maintaining their conservatism.

Our recent reference to the custody of ancient ringing documents leads Mr. W. H. Lawrence to write that in Shrewsbury Museum is the peal book of Samuel Lawrence, of Shrewsbury. This book can be inspected by visitors, and is well worth going to see. The peals, rung in the eighteenth century, are beautifully written, and in many cases include a sketch of the church.

May we remind ringers that there is no such thing as halfpenny post in these days, not even for post cards containing Press matter? Reports can be sent for a penny stamp, if unsealed and marked 'matter for Press,' but they must contain nothing in the nature of a letter.

Ringers, and particularly those associated with the Devon Guild, will read with interest of the revival of ringing at Plymouth, where a peal of Grandsire Triples has been rung. Weekly practices at Charles Church have also been inaugurated again, and will be held on Mondays at 7.30 p.m.

The time of the peal rung on handbells on Tuesday, Oct. 11th, at Lavenham, was 1 hr. 52 mins., not 1.56, as sent in.

The weight of the tenor at New Mills is 13 cwt. 1 qr., and not 23 cwt., as stated in the report of the peal rung there on Oct. 29th.

The autumn meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, at Ormesby, at which amalgamation with the Yorkshire Association was discussed, the Yorks Association's views being put forward by the President and Secretary, did not arrive at any decision on the question, but the matter is to be further considered. A fuller report will appear in our next issue.

The ringer of the treble in the peal of Surprise Minor at Holy Trinity, Barking Road, was Avey, and not Avery, as published.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are adding two new treble bells to make a peal of ten at Kettering, and it is hoped the work will be completed before Christmas.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—At the Parish Church for harvest festival on Sunday, Oct. 2nd, 576 Bob Major.—On Sunday, Oct. 9th, for morning service, 576 Bob Major.—On Wednesday, Oct. 12th, a quarter-peal of 1,440 changes of Kent Major. The following ringers took part: Andrew Campbell, Wm. Cook, Benson Douglas, Beam Douglas, J. J. Spedding, Wm. Douglas, J. Rothery, Wm. Norman, G. W. Tembey. The conducting was shared by Wm. Norman and G. W. Tembey, and the quarter-peal was the first by all in the method, except the conductor, G. W. Tembey.

WINCHESTER'S TWELVE BELLS.

THE GUILD'S MEMORIAL TO FALLEN MEMBERS.

Winchester was the Mecca of the members of the Diocesan Guild on Saturday, when the two new trebles, placed in the Cathedral as a memorial to the ringers who fell in the war, and which make the ring into a peal of twelve, were formally opened. The bells, which have been added by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, were dedicated some weeks ago on the floor of the Cathedral, so that nothing remained on Saturday but to let them be heard for the first time. It is greatly to the credit of the Guild that they have been able to raise the large sum required to carry out the scheme, and thus give the Mother Church, the first ring of twelve in the diocese. In addition, an oak tablet has been placed in the ringing chamber recording the names of the 56 fallen members, and the unveiling and dedication of this memorial was the principal ceremony of the afternoon. Members assembled from all the districts of the Guild, from Bournemouth to Guildford, and from Portsmouth to Camberley. The proceedings began with a half-muffled touch of Grandsire Cabers, and then a brief service was held, in the course of which prayers were offered by the Rev. N. C. Wood (Minor Canon and hon. secretary of the Guild), and the lesson was read by the Rev. C. E. Matthews (vice-president). The Mayor of Winchester removed the Union Jack which hung over the tablet, and the dedicatory prayers were offered by Archdeacon Braithwaite, who also pronounced the Benediction, after the hymn, 'Let saunts on earth in concert sing,' had been sung.

The tablet, which is of dark polished oak, has the names of the fallen carved on three panels, and on the frame above and below, the following:

1914. FOR THE COMRADES WHO DIED FOR US 1918.
1921. THE GUILD DEDICATES THE TREBLES. 1921.

Canon Braithwaite said it was a great privilege to take part in that ceremony, and to have that tablet erected in their Cathedral belfry as a constant memorial of the ringers of that diocese who gave themselves for England, for freedom, and for right in the great war. He was also very thankful that there were so many ringers present that day from all parts of the diocese, and to greet them as workers in the church. The ringers were out of sight, but not out of sound, and he was sure they did a real work for God. To those with musical ears, and those who love music, what was more beautiful than to hear the sound of well rung bells, to mark the changes as they go, to follow a bell as it hunted up and down, to hear the great tenor speaking so regularly and so steadily, keeping the bells in their right places. It was music that anyone might love to hear. The clergy had a series of texts which spoke to them very clearly. One of them, in one of St. Paul's epistles, was: 'Thou that teachest another teachest thou not thyself?' Was that not also a text that applied to the ringer: 'Thou that callest another to worship, callest thou not thyself?' They remembered the reason why bells were hung in their towers and steeples, not merely that they might delight in the music, but that they should hear their call, and through their ears realise that God was calling to them to serve Him and to worship Him.

The Mayor made a brief speech, referring to the pleasure it gave him to take part in the ceremony, and to the delight which the sound of the bells always gave him when he heard them ringing.

On the motion of Mr. Elkins, thanks were accorded to the Mayor and to Canon Braithwaite for their attendance.

The ringers' requiem, the 'whole pull and stand,' with the bells half-muffled, was then rung 56 times, representing the number of men whose names are recorded on the tablet. This was the first ringing that took place on the twelve bells, and the muffles were then removed, and a course of Grandsire Cinques rung for the Cathedral evensong.

Subsequently the ringers gathered for tea at St. Maurice's Parish Hall, the Rev. W. E. Colchester, treasurer of the Guild, presiding, supported by Mr. Cyril Johnston, the Rev. E. B. James, the Rev. N. C. Hill, Mr. George Williams (Master), Mr. W. Andrews (Master of the Cathedral band), Mr. A. H. Pulling, etc.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the fund for the memorial bells had been completed, with the exception of some £25 or £30, but the question had arisen of providing guides for the first six ropes. This would represent, probably an additional £12. He asked for the opinion of the gathering as to whether this additional responsibility should be undertaken.

Mr. Cyril Johnston, asked to tell the meeting something about the bells, said it was not the first time his firm had been associated with Winchester. The Guildhall clock had come to them for restoration after 60 years' work, and, on examination, he found that the clock was made by his firm. When one thought of this, one wondered how clockmakers and bell founders ever got a living (laughter), for their work lasted for generations. The first definite order for bell restoration they received after the war was given them by Mr. Colchester for the bells at St. Maurice's, Winchester, and now they had come there again in connection with the Cathedral. He would like to congratulate the Guild upon being so well organised, and having such

energetic officers and such a good spirit pervading the members that they had been able to get such a comparatively large sum of money to put up two bells as a memorial to their members who fell in the war. There had been some difference of opinion as to whether the two new bells should be tuned on the modern scientific five-tone principle, or whether they should be left like the old bell. He was more than satisfied himself with the result. His firm had given them the very best that could be given, and he hoped the ringers, with whom, after all, the decision rested, would be equally satisfied (applause). He appreciated the high honour done to the firm in having been concerned in the carrying out of the memorial.

Mr. George Williams (Ringing Master), the Rev. E. Bankes James, and others, having spoken of the great advantage that would be gained by placing guides in the ringing chamber, it was resolved to request the sub-committee to have the guides erected.

SUGGESTED RECASTING OF OTHER BELLS.

Mr. Wilfred Andrews said he hoped before his connection with the Cathedral ceased they would have all their bells attended to, for there were some they were not too proud of. He hoped it might eventually be possible to form a bell fund to have these recast. It was, perhaps, more a Winchester matter than a Guild matter; but still, it did concern them, for the Cathedral and the bells were diocesan. Those who knew the old tenor before it was cracked were of opinion that it was a better bell than the present one. The present 11th was a very good bell, and if they could have a correspondingly good tenor they would have a much better peal than they now had. Mr. Andrews added that, as representing his colleagues at the Cathedral tower, he was pleased to see so many ringers present from the various districts of the Guild.

Mr. Johnston said when the order was given for the two new bells he made a sporting offer to recast the two old trebles for £50, if they could be done at the same time. Unfortunately it was not possible to take advantage of that offer, and he was, therefore, relieved of responsibility in the matter. But in view of what had been said by Mr. Andrews he would be prepared to keep the offer open until midnight on December 31st next (applause). If Mr. Andrews could walk round Winchester and find ten people to give £5 each the thing would be done (applause).

It was pointed out that the 2nd of the old ten (the present 4th) was given by the Winchester Guild, and a resolution was passed supporting the committee, in the event of the additional money being raised, in giving their consent to the recasting of this bell.

Afterwards the annual meeting of the Winchester District was held, at which the officers were re-elected.

It was decided to hold the next annual district meeting at Romsey, and the intervening quarterly meetings at Alton, Cheriton and Titchborne, and Dibden and Fawley.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Cathedral authorities.

Further ringing at the Cathedral subsequently took place, and the beautiful peal of six at St. Maurice's were also utilised. With regard to these latter, it is interesting to note that the four largest bells are about 300 years old, and that when they were taken out for restoration, it was found possible to tune them on the five-tone principle, so that the whole are now like a new peal. The evening ringing at the Cathedral included Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, and many ringers had their first pull on twelve.

The founders of the bells received many compliments upon the excellent work they had accomplished, and the 'splice' was regarded as a surprising success in view of the indifference of some of the bells which form the rest of the peal.

THE LAMBERTS' FAMILY PEAL.

FIVE BROTHERS AND THREE SONS.

An interesting 'family' performance is recorded this week. A peal was rung at Mitcham on November 2nd, in which eight members of the Lambert family took part.

The band consisted of five brothers, the eldest being 66 years of age, and three sons of Mr. F. J. Lambert, the youngest being 20 years old. Several attempts were made previous to the war by seven brothers for a peal of Triples, but one brother having died a prisoner in Germany, and another, through illness and age, being unable to attempt it, the younger members of the family have now been brought in. Owing, however, to the band living in different parts of the country, previous attempts were very limited, but success has at length attended them. About 25 years ago, in November, 1896, the conductor rang his first peal, and Mr. J. A. Lambert his first of Stedman at this tower.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Eccles on Saturday, October 29th, and was moderately attended. At the business meeting, Mr. J. Potter, one of the local ringers, took the chair, and gave a warm welcome to the visiting ringers.—Flixton was selected as the next meeting-place on Saturday, Nov. 26th.

The meeting was pleased to have the company of Mr. A. F. Bailey, of Leiston, Suffolk.

Votes of thanks to the church authorities and local ringers closed the meeting. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening.

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DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

At the ancient Cathedral city of Durham, on Saturday, Oct. 29th, the 40th annual festival of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held. Several ringers from Newcastle and elsewhere were early in the field, and the bells of St. Oswald's and St. Nicholas' rang out merrily during the morning. Owing to the committee meeting at 11.30 a.m. being rather protracted, it was unfortunately impossible to ring the Cathedral bells before the service, which took place in the venerable building at 12.30 p.m. The Right Rev. Bishop Welldon, D.D., Dean of Durham, officiated at the service, and gave an inspiring address, which was much appreciated by his hearers.

Dinner was served at the Three Tuns Hotel, 41 members sitting down. Mr. W. Story, the president, was in the chair, and was supported by the Rev. W. Bothamley, Vicar of St. Nicholas', Durham, and the Rev. G. R. Appleton, of St. Mary's, Gateshead; Messrs. B. C. Dixon and E. E. Ferry, joint secretaries and treasurers; Mr. J. Cooper, bell major at the Cathedral; Messrs. C. L. Routledge, T. T. Goffon, G. W. Park, R. L. Patterson, and many other well-known ringers, representing a large number of towers.

After 'The King' had been duly honoured, Mr. C. L. Routledge, in a happy speech, proposed the toast of the Bishop and Clergy of the two Dioceses, and also a vote of thanks and appreciation to Dean Welldon for so kindly officiating at the service.

This was suitably responded to by the Rev. W. Bothamley, who remarked that it always gave him pleasure to come among ringers, and regaled the company with a graceful speech, and one of his anecdotes, which are always greatly appreciated.

Votes of thanks to the Vicars and wardens for the use of the bells and to the organist, proposed by Mr. R. L. Patterson, were carried by acclamation.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. B. C. Dixon) then presented the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £21 17s. 9d., and read his annual report. Reference was made to the loss which the association had sustained during the year, by the death of two respected members, Mr. G. J. Lungley, of Darlington, and Mr. Park of the same town. The secretary promised to have the reports put in hand as soon as possible, and have them in the hands of the members before the end of the year. Every member was urged to purchase a copy, otherwise the cost of printing would fall on the shoulders of three gentlemen who had guaranteed the necessary financial assistance.

SUNDAY SERVICE AND PEAL PERFORMANCES.

The Sunday service ringing returns showed that Whitley Bay came first with 2,241 points, Newcastle Cathedral second with 877 points, and Sunderland (St. Ignatius) third with 745 points. Of the six-bell towers, Benfieldside was first with 574 points, Houghton-le-Spring second with 334 points, and Winlaton third with 174 points. Whitley Bay were congratulated on their consistent and brilliant record, most of their ringing having been done in the three Surprise Major methods: London, Cambridge and Bristol. Most of the points gained by Newcastle Cathedral were due to Stedman Caters and Cinques. Of the six-bell towers, Benfieldside had done excellently in coming first for the third year in succession, and had won the certificate. Houghton-le-Spring were to be congratulated on reaching second place, this being the first time they had sent in a return. They have brought touches round for nearly every service. Seventeen peals were rung during the year, those of outstanding merit being the handbell peals of London Surprise Major rung by the gifted Brothers Goffon and their son. They were heartily congratulated on their splendid performances. The first short course peal of Stedman Cinques ever rung was rung at Newcastle Cathedral during the year. The meetings held were fairly well attended, and, on the whole, successful. It is hoped that train fares will be much reduced in the near future, and thus give more scope for covering the large area under the jurisdiction of the association. It is interesting to record that several ladies have joined the ranks of the association, several of whom were at the meeting.

The President moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet.—The motion was carried by acclamation, and Mr. J. Pickering proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, which was heartily carried, and suitably responded to by Mr. B. C. Dixon.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Afterwards, on the motions of Messrs. C. L. Routledge and A. F. Hillier respectively, Mr. W. Story was re-elected president, and Messrs. B. C. Dixon and E. E. Ferry, joint secretaries and treasurers, with the unanimous approval of the meeting.

The vice-presidents were unanimously elected as follows: Northern District, Mr. G. Holmes; Western District, Mr. E. Lowery. For the Eastern and Southern Districts, Messrs. G. S. Taylor and W. Kingdon remain in office for another year. Secretaries for the various districts were next elected: Northern District, Mr. J. E. Goffon (re-elected); Western, Mr. Tyson, of Tunfield; Eastern, Mr. J. W. Parker (re-elected); Southern, Mr. J. Pallaster (re-elected). For the West Tyne Division, Mr. Taylor, of Hexham, was elected in place of Mr. E. Lowery, who was now a vice-president.

The hon. auditor (Mr. C. L. Routledge), the peal referees, Messrs. J. A. Goffon, W. H. Barber, J. W. Parker, C. Todd and J. E. Keen, and the Central Council representatives, Messrs. C. L. Routledge, W. Story and T. T. Goffon, were all unanimously re-elected.

For the forthcoming year it was announced that meetings would be held, as follows: Pre-Lent at Chester-le-Street; Whit-Monday, Darlington; Summer, Hexham and Corbridge; Annual, Newcastle.

A vote of sympathy to Mr. J. G. Green, of Chester-le-Street, in his severe illness, was passed at the meeting. Mr. Story paid a tribute to his sterling worth, and expressed the earnest hope, which was shared by the meeting, that he would be speedily restored to health. A large number of new members were elected, and Messrs. J. Bird and A. Deas, of Gosforth, were elected hon. ringing members.

During the evening, a large number of members ascended the many steps of the lofty central tower of the Cathedral and set the bells going in quarter-hour touches of London, Stedman, Grandsire, etc. The bell major showed them round his tower, and many went and say the bells, which are said to be the highest hung ringing peal in Britain. He told them that the curfew is still rung there every night except Saturday, and thereby hangs a tale. One Saturday night, in the dim and distant past, a man went up into the tower as usual to ring the curfew. The curfew was rung, but the man was never seen again. And from that time the curfew was never again sounded on a Saturday night. So goes the tale. 'There are more things in heaven,' etc. The members, in thoughtful mood, had a splendid 'fall,' and then a convivial hour, and home.

ANTIQUARY AS WELL AS RINGER.

MUFFLED RINGING FOR THE LATE MR. GIFFORD.

The funeral of the late Mr. W. W. Gifford took place at Blackford (Somerset), on Tuesday, Nov. 1st. The bells of the following churches were rung, muffled, as a last mark of respect to his memory: St. Thomas, Salisbury, on the day of the funeral, rounds and call changes, by: G. Webb 1, I. W. Romaine 2, C. Mountford 3, J. R. Jerram 4, H. Worsdell 5, F. Hiscock 6, F. E. Wright 7, W. Wright 8; followed by three whole pulls and stand on each bell, three times round.

At Britford, on the same evening, muffled ringing also took place under the direction of Mr. L. Harris.

On Wednesday, November 2nd, muffled touches of Grandsire Triples were rung at St. Martin's, Salisbury, by: S. Macey, F. Precey, C. Sanger, W. J. Prince, L. Harris, A. Fry, A. Southey and W. Triman, several of those who rang at St. Thomas' also taking part. This was followed by ringing the age of the deceased (63), by the whole pull and stand. The late Mr. Gifford was for many years at the head of the St. Martin's ringers; and in 1886, when the peal was augmented from six to eight, he gave the second bell, besides contributing largely to the rebanging.

On Thursday, Nov. 3rd, at St. Edmund's, Salisbury, the bells were rung, muffled, by: J. Parsons, senr., J. A. Parsons, W. Spender, and several of those who took part in the muffled ringing at St. Thomas' and St. Martin's, and younger members of St. Edmund's company. A muffled peal was also rung at St. Paul's, Fisherton, under the direction of Mr. S. J. Kite, on Sunday, Nov. 6th.

It may be added that the late Mr. W. W. Gifford was not only an enthusiastic change ringer, but a great antiquary in the matter of bells; and he had a most unique collection of rubbings and casts of inscriptions and founders' marks taken from ancient bells all over the kingdom.

THE ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT MEMORIAL.

Upwards of 80 ringers and friends—the latter including several of deceased's colleagues of the staff of the L. and N.W. Railway—asssembled at Wombourne on Saturday, Oct. 29th, on the occasion of a service held in memory of the late Mr. Rowland Cartwright. The service began with the hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' followed by prayers read by the Rev. C. J. Cox. The hymn, 'Rock of Ages,' followed, after which an impressive address was delivered by the Rev. H. L. Langley, M.A. (the Vicar), who said: 'They were commemorating one whom they all could call a friend.' This was indeed true, for one of deceased's pronounced characteristics was that of holding out a hand of fellowship. His ability in the art of change ringing was of no mean status, and he was ever ready to impart his knowledge to any who sought his advice, whether within the bounds of ringing or outside.

After the hymn, 'Holy Father, cheer our way,' the clergy, followed by Mrs. Cartwright (widow), Mrs. Whitehouse (daughter), and the congregation, proceeded to the graveside, where prayers were read by the Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th., Vicar of Swindon.

The memorial, which is in the form of a cross, bears the inscription: 'In memory of Rowland Cartwright, who died February 24th, 1915, aged 55 years. Erected by his bell ringing and railway friends.'

After the Blessing, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by: W. Devey 1—2, R. Pickering 3—4, J. E. Groves 5—6, H. Knight 7—8, T. Smith 9—10. The tower bells were rung half-muffled before the service, and for a short time after; then open ringing continued for the remainder of the evening.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Nov. 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. W. Driver (conductor) 1, A. Cutmore 2, W. H. Wood 3, H. Cook 4, W. E. Judd 5, W. Lawrence 6, A. Harding 7, F. Skevington 8, W. H. Hollier 9, G. F. Edwards 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Wood.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, Nov. 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Law 1, J. Crowder 2, E. J. Pannett 3, G. R. Simmonds (Lewisham) 4, A. Bradley 5, T. A. Easterby 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, H. J. Norgate 8.

BALING.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday morning, Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Churchill 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, J. W. Hunnissett 3, H. Belcher (conductor) 4, W. H. Hollier 5, E. J. Watson 6, L. H. Page 7, F. S. Palmer 8.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 9th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: A. Clarke 1, T. O. Tompkins 2, E. C. Lambert 3, E. Yates 4, H. E. Tompkins 5, H. C. Edwards (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: J. H. Tompkins 1, H. C. Edwards (conductor) 2, H. Ridgeway 3, E. C. Lambert 4, H. E. Tompkins 5, B. Underwood 6. Rung for harvest festival.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. John's, for evensong, on Sunday, Oct. 9th, 504 Stedman Triples: Miss Phyllis Hare 1, T. Vaughan 2, S. Wright 3, H. Beechey 4, W. Cross 5, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 6, F. Cooke 7, R. Gamble 8. Also 464 Bob Major: B. Butler 1, H. Beechey 2, S. Wright 3, G. Harding (Great Yarmouth) 4, F. Davis 5, T. Tebbutt 6, T. Vaughan 7, F. Cooke (conductor) 8.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 9th, for morning service, 720 London Surprise: A. Barker 1, A. Shufflebotham 2, J. T. Barker 3, H. Emery 4, H. Redgwell 5, E. Claydon (conductor) 6. On Oct. 2nd, for morning service, 720 Double Oxford: A. Barker 1, E. Hynds 2, A. Shufflebotham 3, H. Emery 4, H. Redgwell 5, E. Claydon 6.

HILLINGDON.—At St. John the Baptist's, on Sunday, Oct. 9th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: Miss Grace Baker (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Chandler 2, Miss N. Williams 3, E. Hancock (conductor) 4, P. Jones 5, R. Carter 6, W. Honor 7, B. Dudley 8.

PIMLICO.—At St. John's, Wilton Road, on Sunday, Oct. 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Carter 1, T. W. Taffender, junr., 2, W. Rushton 3, E. J. King 4, W. H. Pickett (conductor) 5, J. R. Gannon 6, R. G. Chappelle 7, W. G. Hewson 8.

EAST CROMPTON.—At St. James' Church, for the harvest festival, morning service, on Oct. 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Whybrow 1, S. Wareham 2, W. Oates 3, S. Heywood 4, J. R. Buckley 5, J. Butterworth (conductor) 6. In the afternoon, in 25 mins., 720 Violet Treble Bob Minor: J. Whybrow 1, G. R. Turner 2, W. Oates 3, C. Howarth 4, J. R. Buckley 5, J. Butterworth (conductor) 6. For evening service, in 24 mins., 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Whybrow 1, S. Heywood 2, W. Oates 3, C. Howarth 4, J. R. Buckley 5, J. Butterworth (conductor) 6.

WEST DERBY, LIVERPOOL.—At St. James' Church, for harvest festival, on Oct. 9th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: D. Parry 1, A. Hancock 2, A. Taylor 3, W. H. Hargraves (conductor) 4, H. Hancock 5, J. Johnson 6. For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Hancock 1, D. Parry 2, A. Taylor 3, W. H. Hargraves (conductor) 4, H. Hancock 5, J. Johnson 6. After evening service, 720 Oxford Single Minor: A. Hancock 1, D. Parry (conductor) 2, A. Taylor 3, W. H. Hargraves 4, H. Hancock 5, Jas. Johnson 6.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 9th, for morning service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: C. Barlow 1, A. Collins 2, G. Riches 3, E. Barlow 4, C. Doe (conductor) 5, J. Moth 6. For evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Barlow 1, A. Payne 2, C. Doe 3, E. Barlow 4, G. Enefield (conductor) 5, J. Moth 6.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 9th, for harvest festival, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob, in 45 mins.: J. Harrison 1, J. An-

draws 2, J. Bailey 3, H. E. Green 4, C. Geary 5, K. A. Hickton 6, W. R. Drage (conductor) 7, H. N. Widdowson 8.

DUFFIELD.—At St. Alkmund's Parish Church on Sunday, Oct. 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Foulko (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Bates 2, F. Osborne 3, H. Hill 4, H. Lettis (conductor) 5, S. Dawson 6, G. Tandy 7, C. Bradley 8.

THORNE, YORKS.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 9th, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: C. Thorley, junr., 1, Woods 2, W. Sleight 3, A. Darley 4, C. H. Thorley (conductor) 5, W. Hobson 6.

ARKSEY, YORKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 9th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins., for evening service: G. Clark 1, L. Beardmore 2, F. Beardmore 3, H. Fairlan (Selby) 4, H. Woodhouse 5, F. Cryer (Selby) 6, G. Halksworth (Doncaster), conductor, 7, H. Trout 8.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 9th, for evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Gillett 1, J. Collett 2, T. Banning 3, H. Gillett 4, H. Packor 5, W. Large (conductor) 6, W. H. Hoad 7, J. Butler 8, W. H. Hoad belongs to Salehurst, Sussex; W. Large to Todenham.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, Oct. 9th, for the dedication festival, at the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, for morning service, 575 Grandsire Caters (composed by J. George), with three tenors: A. Parsons 1, F. W. Bond 2, J. King 3, H. Lewis 4, W. G. Cook 5, J. Butler 6, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 7, H. T. Gardner 8, H. C. Bond 9, G. Dore 10, R. W. Watts 11, J. Hayward 12. For afternoon service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Cook 1, J. Butler 2, J. King 3, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 4, H. C. Bond 5, G. Dore 6, H. T. Gardner 7, J. Hayward 8. For evening service, 701 Grandsire Caters, composed by G. Hollis: F. W. Bond 1, W. G. Cook 2, J. King 3, J. Butler 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, V. R. Williams 6, S. R. Hicks 7, H. T. Gardner 8, H. C. Bond 9, R. W. Watts 10. These touches were taken from 'The Ringing World.'

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Sunday, Oct. 9th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), in 45 mins., being each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 180 each of Double Oxford and Oxford Bob, 120 St. Clement's and 60 Plain Bob: C. Heather 1, C. Slyfield 2, Miss K. Avenell 3, G. Chandler 4, S. Petter 5, H. Blackman (conductor) 6. Rung on the occasion of the consecration of the new burial ground by the Bishop of Guildford.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 9th, for harvest festival, evening service, 672 Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. Wiffen 1, W. Ladhams 2, P. Langston 3, A. Catterwell 4, J. Sadler 5, A. Galley 6, F. Claydon 7, W. Keeble (conductor) 8. After service, 624 Bob Major: A. Catterwell 3, P. Langston 4, the rest as before. This is the first time the eight bells have been rung for Sunday service for, probably, some 12 years.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 9th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, for evening service, 168 Grandsire Triples: A. M. Hickman 1, T. Tudor 2, F. Montford 3, W. Lycett (first touch of Triples) 4, J. Clark 5, E. V. Rodenhurst 6, W. Weatherby (conductor) 7, G. Hall 8. The band afterwards went to Norton-in-Hales, where the harvest festival was also being held, and rang, after service, 336 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Weatherby, and 210 conducted by E. V. Rodenhurst, with A. Jones on the tenor. The visitors found the tenor here had been recently rehung, but the 'go' is not at all satisfactory.

BERKELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—At St. Mary's Parish Church, for Sunday morning service, on Oct. 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 48 mins.: W. A. Lewis 1, W. Dyer 2, F. Oakhill 3, A. Burcombe 4, J. H. Fussell 5, H. Jones 6, H. W. Fussell (composer and conductor) 7, J. Parker 8, J. I. Smith 9, A. Handoll 10.

WEDNESBURY.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, for harvest thanksgiving, on Sunday evening, Oct. 9th, a quarter-peal of Darlington Bob (1,260 changes), in 53 mins., by: S. Palmer 1, T. Burkitt 2, B. Horton 3, W. E. Brittan 4, T. Hughes 5, G. Hughes 5, J. Barber (conductor) 7, K. Knowles 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—The 284th Anniversary Dinner will be held at The London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 12th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 8/6 each, from Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, T. H. Taffender, A. Waiker, H. J. Walton, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. The towers of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, Idol Lane (8 bells), St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street (10 bells), and St. Giles, Cripple-gate (12 bells) will be open for ringing from 3.30 to 5.30.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The Annual meeting of the above District will be held at Milton-Ernest on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45, business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—H. L. Harlow, District Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Next meeting at Bromham on Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. All wishing to attend tea please let me know as early as possible.—H. F. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 to 8.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Hillingdon (St. John's) on Saturday, Nov. 12th, by permission of the Vicar (Rev. — Kitcat). Ringing from 3.15. Tea will be arranged for 5.30 for those requiring same.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walkden on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available, 4 p.m. Meeting, 7 p.m. Subscriptions now due.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Crewkerne on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells (8) available all the afternoon and evening.—F. Farrant, Branch Sec., North Street, Martock.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to Sec. Tea 6d. each.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Suffolk Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's Room, Fram-

lingham, on Saturday, Nov. 12th, at 3.15. (Bus leaves Ipswich at 1.30, arriving at Framlingham at 3.10.) Will ringers (including round ringers) wishing to join send names now? Subscription for 1922, 2s., with 6d. entrance fee.—Herbert Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells ready early. Business meeting as usual.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Mersham on Saturday, Nov. 12th, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. G. Brocklehurst). The bells will be available for ringing from 3 till 8 p.m. Will members please note that Double Norwich is 'on the agenda'?—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham on November 12th for election of district officers and other business. Service at 4 o'clock, with address by the Rev. J. A. Evans. Tea will be provided at the Club, room, 1s. each.—Bert Redgwell, Rayne, near Braintree.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramshot, on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells ready 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions are due, viz., 1/6 instead of the usual 1/-. A good attendance requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 21, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Ormskirk on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. A good attendance requested.—J. Halsall, Branch Sec., 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells, Holy Trinity (8), and St. Nicolas (10), available at 3 p.m. Service in St. Nicolas' Church at 4.30, when an address will be given by the Rev. Canon Cooke-Yarborough, Rector of Puttenham. Tea at Brett's Restaurant at 5.30. Business meeting after, followed by a social evening.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hill Crest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next Monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association will be held at Alveston (6 bells), and Almondsbury (8 bells), on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m., Alveston. Tea 1/6 at 5 o'clock. Almondsbury ringing to follow.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices on Mondays at 7.30 p.m.—St. Clement Danes, Nov. 14th and 28th; St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Nov. 21st. Sundays at 10 a.m.—St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Nov. 29th; St. Magnus on Nov. 24th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Nov. 15th (election of officers); and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Nov. 17th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation, at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Those who intend to be present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Nov. 16th.—George W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—The Annual business meeting will be held at St. Nicholas Room, Newbury, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Ringers intending to be present kindly notify the Rector, Newbury, on or before Nov. 14th. Evensong 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. M. Thorp, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The Central Committee will meet in the Rochester Cathedral Choir School on Saturday, Nov. 19th, at 4 p.m.—Fred W. Helmore, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The Annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 19th. St. Michael's Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 in the Church Cottage, to be followed by business meeting. Sixpence allowed towards tea to all members informing me by Sat., Nov. 12th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19th, at St. Paul's Church, Wood Green, Wednesbury. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Guild Service in church at 4.30 with an address. Tea (at a nominal charge) and meeting will be held in the Church Institute. Will those who require tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 15th, latest?—Fred Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at High Halden on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A practice meeting for the ringers in the Scarborough and Pickering district will be held at Malton on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. As these meetings are held to further the art of change-ringing in this district it is hoped all ringers interested will attend.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. District Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30. Tea at "The Grange," followed by meeting. All ringers heartily welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dist. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — A special meeting of the Guild for practice in the higher methods will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (6) available from 2 o'clock. Short service in Church at 4.30. Tea can be provided for those who send word to Mr. E. Harry Stoneley, by Wednesday the 16th. All ringers welcome.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Stamford, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea please let me know early.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Winscombe on Saturday, 19th November. Service, 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after service. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, 19th November, at Horley. 8 bells. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 5.15 p.m. Tea, 6 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—A Monthly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Ringing from 4.30 to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—Thos. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester and Hinckley Districts.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Earl Shilton on Nov. 26th. Ringing from 4 till 7 p.m. Smoking concert following.—F. Cotton and H. E. Norman, Secs.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Further particulars will be announced later.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting for the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Service was held in the Cathedral, conducted by the Rev. Canon Lake, the address being given by the Rev. Colley. Tea was held at the Bell Hotel, about 40 members being present, including Mr. C. Dean (Croydon), the Master (Mr. C. Howard), and Mr. F. Pitstow (the association's new secretary).

At the business meeting, Mr. Howard presiding, Mr. W. Lincoln, District Master, and Mr. P. Timson, District Secretary, were re-elected.—Mr. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring officers for their services.—Six new ringing members were elected, and two probationary members were confirmed as ringing members.

Great Waltham was selected for the next place of meeting.—Mr. Lincoln pointed out that it was intended to hold the present meeting there, but owing to the effect of the spell of dry weather on the bell frame the bells had been unringable, but were now in better order.

Mr. F. Pitstow proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and the Rev. Colley for his address. Handbells were then utilised, and other members returned to the tower for further ringing.

WINDSOR RINGERS' FIRST OUTING.

Saturday, Sept. 24th, will long be remembered by the ringers of the Parish Church, Windsor, when they had their first outing. A start was made at 9.30, the nine ringers being accompanied by Mr. J. M. Burns (Vicar's warden), Mr. Ponder (verger), and the ringer of All Saints' Church. The first stop was at Warfield, where the party were welcomed by the Vicar and Mr. Higgs, and, finding the bells to their liking, soon got them going to Grand sire and Oxford Bob. It is hoped that in a few weeks' time they may make their first peal attempt on these bells, their own not being available for peal ringing. A pleasant run took the party to All Saints', Wokingham, where a few short touches were brought round. Next on the list was Hurst, and here they lost their first touch, one of the old stagers thinking he was ringing Superlative instead of Oxford Bob. A handy place to have lunch was found near by, the worthy steeplekeeper and his wife having prepared a splendid spread of rabbit pies, apple tarts, etc. During lunch, the Vicar joined the party, and finding that he could ring the treble to Doubles, the band returned to the belfry to get him through a plain course of Triples. Passing through Twyford, with its light ring of eight, they reached Sonning soon after three o'clock, and the ringing here was much enjoyed. The next move was to Wargrave to the new church, built on the site of the one destroyed by fire by the Suffragettes in 1914. The bells, which are very noisy, rather upset the visitors' ringing, though one or two touches were brought round.

Marlow, the sixth and last place, was reached after a ten-mile drive through lovely scenery in South Oxon and Bucks. Here tea was ready at the Two Brewers—so well known to all ringers. Messrs. Collins, J. C. Truss, and others, joined the party in an hour's ringing, which ended by running down the back six, much to the delight of the 'Fidler.' Before leaving Marlow, Mr. Truss and his friends delighted the visitors with tunes on the handbells. Windsor was reached at 10 o'clock.

Although ringing was confined to Grand sire and Oxford Bob Triples, about 3,750 changes were rung in short touches, nearly all of which were successful. Everyone voted the first outing a great success. Opportunity is taken of thanking the various incumbents and steeplekeepers for so kindly granting permission to ring, and having everything in readiness.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

Two very useful meetings of the Association have been held recently, one at Crowland, on Sept. 17th, when, by special invitation of the Rector (the Rev. S. C. Calver), the association paid its first visit to the abbey. Ringing was indulged in during the afternoon and evening in various methods. The ringers attended choral evensong, after which the Rector invited all present to a sumptuous tea in the Parish Room. This was followed by the usual business meeting, over which the Rector presided. He remarked that this was the first ringers' meeting that had been held there during the eight years he had been at Crowland. It was an interesting event, as Crowland Abbey had been associated with a peal of bells for many centuries.

On Saturday, Oct. 1st, a meeting was held at Alwalton. The Rector (Rev. F. J. Medforth) conducted the service, and very kindly entertained the ringers to tea at the Wheatsheaf. He afterwards presided at the business meeting, at which the whole of the local band were elected members, with the Rector as honorary member. One life member was also elected.

Credit is due to Mr. Knight, the captain of the young band at this church for the progress made. Ringing took place throughout the afternoon and evening. The next meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Stamford, on November 19th, notice of which appears in this week's 'Ringing World.'

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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER.

Some features of unusual interest to ringers marked the annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths on Saturday. The gathering, as is customary, brought together a widely representative company of ringers from all over the south of England, and fully maintained the prestige that has grown up with it in a long course of years. This dinner, drawing together, as it does, old friends from widely separated districts who would otherwise have no opportunity of meeting, stands out as one of the landmarks of the ringing year, and last Saturday's gathering will remain memorable for the first public exhibition of Mr. John Carter's ringing machine. Needless to say, this marvellous piece of mechanism was the great centre of attraction, and while, through no fault of the inventor, some of the effect was lost by the difficulties presented by the instrument to which it was attached, it was looked upon as a compliment to the oldest ringing society that the newest, and certainly the most wonderful of machines, connected with bells, should have made its first public appearance there. It needs a knowledge of the science of ringing to understand to the full the extraordinary ingenuity that has been displayed in constructing this machine, and many will agree with Canon Coleridge when he said, in effect, that it was the most wonderful piece of mechanism ever fabricated by human intelligence.

London ringers who were present heard with pleasure that there is a possibility of having in the not far distant future yet another peal of twelve bells within the City, for the Rector of St. Magnus made the announcement that, if it is at all possible, he proposes to augment his present peal of ten by the addition of two more bells. Ringers will specially welcome this information, because, although London already possesses eight such rings, access to some of the towers is not always readily attained, and as St. Magnus is one of the belfries in which the College Youths practice regularly, the carrying out of the scheme will be a matter of congratulation.

A suggestion which one hopes may bear fruit was made by the Past Master of the Society (Mr. C. H. Horton) that the social side of ringing might be considerably further advanced if another such gathering as that, and the one at Birmingham, could be inaugurated in some other part of the country, and he indicated the west, presumably Bristol. Had it not been for the war we believe that a commemorative dinner would have been arranged at Sheffield in honour of the memory of the late Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley. Sheffield would be an admirable centre for a gathering of north country ringers, and an annual festival of this character both in the north and in the west should prove popular.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, Nov. 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5805 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... ?
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 2	GEORGE CARD 8
HAROLD P. BARTON 3	*ERNEST BOTTRILL 9
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	CECIL J. MATTHEWS... .. 10
THOMAS NEWMAN 5	FRANK SMITH 11
JOHN W. CORNFORD 6	RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal on 12 bells. Rung for Mr. Foskett's golden wedding.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 37¾ cwt.

GEORGE A. PICKERING ... Treble	JOHN FOREMAN 6
ROBERT RICHARDS 2	ALFRED H. HILLIER 7
RICHARD THOMPSON 3	THOMAS T. GOFTON 8
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 9
JOHN MCKEAG 5	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. This was the treble man's first peal, although a ringer of 23 years standing. He only commenced change ringing a few months ago. Rung after meeting short for Cinques.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Nov. 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR CAUSLEY ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 6
WILLIAM WATTS 2	ROBERT J. DAWES 7
GEORGE PIPER 3	ALFRED J. TURNER 8
*HERBERT TOMSETT 4	BENJAMIN HOBBS... .. 9
*ERNEST GOWER 5	GEORGE RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.

THOMAS HUGHES... .. Treble	THOMAS J. ELTON 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	*EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 7
JAMES E. GROVES 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 8
GEORGE HUGHES... .. 4	HERBERT KNIGHT 9
BERT HORTON 5	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung specially in honour of Mr. William Rock Small's 82nd birthday.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*WILLIAM ROGERS ... Treble	*GEORGE BASFORD 6
WILLIAM FAREY 2	JOHN T. HENSMAN 7
HENRY BLUNDELL 3	FRED WILFORD 8
CHARLES BIRD 4	GEORGE FLAVELL 9
*ANDERSON Y. TYLER... .. 5	*HARRY PETTETT... .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

KILDWICK, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN PALFRAMAN Treble	JOHN MCKELL 5
FIRTH HOPWOOD 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON... .. 6
WILLIAM E. H. ASH 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
JOSEPH BROADLEY 4	HENRY SMITH Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. W. E. H. Ash's 50th peal.
Rung on the 43rd anniversary of the commencement of Mr. J. Broadley's ringing career.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

GEORGE HATTON Treble	JOHN H. SWINFIELD 5
ARTHUR CATTELL 2	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE 6
CHARLES ALLSOP 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
*MAURICE SWINFIELD 4	JOHN CURTIS... .. Tenor

Arranged and conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Grandsire.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

*THOMAS J. SALTER Treble	JOSEPH DAVIES 5
SAMUEL GROVE 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
JOHN BASS 3	WILLIAM SHORT 7
ALFRED DAVIES... .. 4	WILLIAM SHILCOCK Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung on the eve of St. Leonard's, also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Joseph Davies, William H. Barber and Edward Wilson.
* 300th peal.

ALVECHURCH, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.	
*JOHN ATKINS Treble	*C. HOWARD STANLEY 5
†LESLIE G. CARTWRIGHT 2	GEORGE PIGOTT... .. 6
*CHARLES H. SIMKISS... .. 3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 7
†EDWARD ROSE 4	*RICHARD RUSSELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

First peal as conductor. * First peal. † First peal in the method.
† First peal 'inside.' The ringers of the treble and 5th were elected members before starting.

BISPHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS CHAMBERS Treble	*RICHARD H. STANCLIFFE 5
THOMAS STANCLIFFE 2	JOHN WATSON 6
FRED CHAMBERS 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
JOHN BLACKSHAW... .. 4	FRED BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells. * First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. The ringer of 6th belongs to Blackburn Parish Church, the rest belong to Blackburn St. Michael's.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN... .. Treble	ALFRED H. WATSON 5
VICTOR E. KERRIDGE 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
ERNEST CURTIS 3	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	HARRY HALL Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

LLANFIGNAN, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MAUGHAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

*HENRY J. TAYLOR Treble	*WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS 5
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 3	WILLIAM SANDERS 7
SIDNEY T. RACKHAM... .. 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells, and first of Major in the county. An attempt for the same composition at St. Mary's Church, Brecon, the previous evening, failed, after two hours and 58 mins. ringing. * First peal of Major

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Kent and Oxford Variations Spliced. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	ARTHUR NEWELL... .. 5
JOHN HAYES... .. 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
ALBERT E. RICHARDS... .. 3	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 7
FRANK FOX 4	HENRY W. WILDE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

In this peal there are no bobs, Oxford places being made instead of Kent places at the calls, and the 7th and tenor are never in the slow work. First peal on the plan by all the band, also first in the county.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, Nov. 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

*ISAAC EVANS Treble	SAMUEL H. COLEY 5
†FRANK WARD, M.M.... .. 2	†JOHN T. DAVIS 6
EDWARD HORTON 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... .. 7
†DAVID APPLEBY... .. 4	*ALBERT WARD Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells by a local band. Rung as a thanksgiving peal for the safe return from the Great War of Messrs. F. Ward, D. Appleby, S. H. Coley and A. Ward.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Nov. 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

FRED ABBOT Treble	RICHARD P. HEALD 5
*LEONARD BARLOW 2	JOSEPH GREGORY... .. 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
TITUS BARLOW, JUN. 4	WILLIAM DICKINSON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Bishop Thicknesse, a former Vicar of Deane, who was interred at Peterborough on the above date.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOSEPH PLANT, JUN. 2	JOHN J. TAYLOR 5
*JOHN PERRY 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 6
FRED BIRKS 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
WALTER R. HUGHES 4	EDMUND WESTWOOD Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mr. Frank James, the 'G.O.M.' of Staffordshire. The band were kindly entertained to supper after the peal by the Vicar and Churchwardens, who were also present. * 50th peal.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES GOODSSELL 2	THOMAS HOAD 5
FREDERICK MORGAN 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 6
TRAYTON BOOTH 3	EDWARD MILLS 7
WILLIAM H. HOAD 4	CHARLES G. CREASEY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung to celebrate Armistice Day, also as a birthday compliment to the conductor. All the ringers belong to Salehurst band.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

THEODORE RUSSELL 2	CHARLES H. STANLEY 5
LESLIE G. CARTWRIGHT 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
CHARLES H. SIMKISS 3	GEORGE PIGOTT 7
EDWARD ROSE 4	*LESLIE WALLBUTTON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the fallen.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING 2	HENRY W. WILDE 5
JOHN HAYES 2	ARTEUR NEWALL 6
FRANK FOX 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	JAMES MORGAN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for those who fell in the war.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ALFRED S. BAYLEY 2	GEORGE L. HEWITT 5
ROBERT EVANS 2	JACK GARBETT 6
*WILLIAM WASE 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7
BERT RIXON 4	*JAMES L. HAYWARD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

* First peal. First peal of Stedman for the Salop Guild by a local band. The ringers also belong to the Hereford Guild, and are only the second local company to ring a peal of Stedman in the Hereford Diocese. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the fallen, also on the occasion of the visit of the Marquis of Cambridge to the Coalbrookdale High School, to unveil a memorial tablet to the memory of the 'old boys' who gave their lives during the war.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN R. SHARMAN 2	HENRY RUMENS 5
GEORGE B. LUCAS 2	HAROLD W. CLARK 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	FREDERICK C. MAYNARD 7
JAMES C. ADAMS 4	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the local units, the 7th Bn. Essex Regt. and the 3rd East Anglican Field Ambulance R.A.M.C. (T.), who died in the Great War, on the occasion of the unveiling of an obelisk erected by their comrades.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY 2	*CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
ARTHUR MASON 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HARRY KILBY 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	WILLIAM J. NUDDS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. PYE.

This peal was rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Foskett. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of again thanking them for so kindly entertaining them to supper after the peal. * First peal in the method.

HIGHGATE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST BONFIELD 2	JORN W. CORNFORD 5
THOMAS NEWMAN 2	GEORGE CARD 6
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 3	FRANK SMITH 7
RICHARD BEVAN 4	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. WIGHTMAN.

Rung to commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Foskett, which anniversary was attained on 11th Nov., 1921.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCY W. SHUKER 2	RICHARD F. DEAL 5
MISS EMMA TONGE 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER 6
ALLAN F. BAILEY 3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 7
HARRY CHAPMAN 4	SAMUEL HOLT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Emma Tonge and Mr. Harry Chapman.

EDMONTON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*MISS PHOEBE UPSHER 2	MISS EDITH K. PARKER 5
CHARLES V. HARE 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	JAMES PARKER 7
WALTER J. BOWDEN 4	GEORGE PAICE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Misses Usher and Parker.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS.

THE LANCAASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Oct. 10, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

MISS E. J. ADDISON Treble	W. T. CLARK 4
M. BUTTERFIELD 2	MISS A. BUTTERFIELD 5
MISS D. ADDISON 3	J. P. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by Miss BUTTERFIELD.

First peal by all, and the second rung on the bells.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz.: Double Bob, Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*FRED HILL Treble	WALTER J. HORTON 4
T. W. CHAPMAN 2	ABRAHAM WILKERSON 5
*ARTHUR ROWLEY 3	E. HARRY STONELEY Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung in honour of the festival of St. Luke. * First peal in seven methods.

NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EGWIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Bob Minor and Canterbury Pleasure, and one 720 of College Single.

STANLEY WEYMAN Treble	JAMES HEMMING 4
THOMAS HANDS 2	JOHN HALL 5
GEOFFREY HEMMING 3	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

This was the quarterly peal for the Southern Branch.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Nov. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In four methods, viz.: 8 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, 8 of Old Doubles, 8 of Plain Bob and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES J. PAIN Treble	WILLIAM THOMAS 3
GERALD GRIFFIN 2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN 4
JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor	

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the fallen.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Nov. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES WM. CLARKE Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL 4
FRANK WEBB 2	CHARLES A. ROBINSON 5
WILLIAM STAPLETON 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled on the eve of Armistice Day.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

8 On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

8 3/4 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

8 3/4 Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES COOKINGS Treble	HERBERT ROBINSON 4
GEORGE THEW 2	HENRY W. GAYTON 5
WILLIAM STOCK 3	ALFRED ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

Rung with the bells muffled on Armistice Day.

MALDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Plain Bob, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM J. BRINKLEY Treble	ALFRED SOETH 4
JOSEPH H. WALDOCK 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD 5
ALFRED J. H. PEAKE 3	FRED CHALK Tenor

Conducted by H. J. MANSFIELD.

Rung with the bells muffled for Armistice Day.

GREAT YELDHAM.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent and one 720 each of Woodbine, Double Court and Plain Bob.

*JOHN ABRAHAM Treble	HORACE COOPER 4
*BASIL ARGENT 2	*SIMON DACE 5
*WILLIAM MARTIN 3	FRED WILKIN Tenor

Conducted by HORACE COOPER.

* First peal. First peal by local company. Rung with bells half-muffled in honour of those fallen in the war.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST H. DEW Treble	HENRY WEALE 3
WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	JOHN J. BEVAN 4
WILLIAM POSTON Tenor	

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal on the bells.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET'S, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,520 changes each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 9 1/2 cwt.

JESSE TUCKWELL Treble	*HARRY A. HEARL 4
CHARLES J. GARDINER 2	WILLIAM G. LANCASTER 5
GEORGE LANCASTER 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal. This peal was rung half-muffled in memory of the men who laid down their lives from this parish, and as an Armistice Anniversary peal.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10 1/2 cwt.

R. WILLIAM LAWRENCE Treble	†HARRY BAXTER 4
*HERBERT F. WAINWRIGHT 2	FRANK LEWIN 5
CYRIL WILSON 3	CECIL CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by C. CHAPMAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERITFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (BARLEY SOCIETY.)

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, being 720 of Stedman, 480 of St. Simon's, 480 each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and 1,920 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

*WALTER SERMONS Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD 3
ROBERT HOWARD 2	HARRY HOWARD 4
*ALBERT HOWARD Tenor	

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung with the bells half-muffled to celebrate the 3rd anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

*E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.)... 1—2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOGGHEY (Trin.) 3—4	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 7—8
*H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 9—10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
 Witness: W. E. A. LOUNDS (Queens').

* First peal in the method.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Nov. 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
 AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5200 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by
 ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by EDWARD MULLINS. Conducted by the Performer.

The above peal was tapped as a wedding compliment to Mr. Thomas Bernard and Miss Mackenzie, the ceremony taking place at Fortrose, Scotland, on the same day.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, Nov. 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

REV. A. H. F. BOGGHEY (Trin.) 1—2	H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 5—6
*E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) ... 3—4	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 7—8

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal on an 'inside' pair.

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Cumberland Association was held on Saturday, November 5th, at All Saint's Church Rooms, Cocker-mouth, about 40 ringers being present from Aspatria, Arlecdon, Bridekirk, Carlisle, Cocker-mouth, Cleator Moor, Egremont, and Hensingham. The chair was taken by the Rev. Canon Parker, M.A., Vicar of All Saints', and President of the Association, supported by the hon. secretary, Mr. J. J. Wallis (Carlisle).

The Secretary presented his report, which showed a very satisfactory balance in hand of over £7.

It was decided that at all towers in the association the bells should be muffled on the Sunday following Armistice Day as a token of respect to those who had fallen in the great war, also that a peal should be rung in the near future, and recorded on a peal board with the names of the members of the association who had made the supreme sacrifice.

It was also decided that the next quarterly meeting be held at Keswick, in place of the one which was postponed in July on account of the Coal Strike.

After tea the ringers adjourned to the belfry of All Saints', where there is a peal of eight by the Whitechapel Foundry. They are rather in need of attention, but some good practice was had, and touches of Kent Minor and Major, and Bob Minor and Major were brought round, some of the ringers having a pull on eight for the first time.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE PROPOSED AMALGAMATION.

The autumn meeting was held at Ormesby on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, when ringers were present from Carlton, Darlington, Thirsk, North-aller-ton, Whitty, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Ormesby, Stockton, and Saltburn. The old Parish Church, which dates back to about 1100, was without either tower or peal of bells until some 14 years ago, when a lady left a legacy for both a tower and a ring of eight bells, which latter were put in by the well-known firm of J. Taylor and Co.

The address at the service was given by the Vicar of Ormesby (the Rev. J. C. C. Kemm), who gave the association a most hearty welcome, remarking that the last time the association held a meeting there was about 11 years ago. He only wished that these meetings came round oftener, as they brought a good number of ringers together, and increased the good fellowship between them.—Tea was provided in the village bungalow, some 40 ringers and friends sitting down. The chair was taken by the President (the Rev. J. L. Kyle), supported by the Vicar of Ormesby, the Vicar of St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds, Vice-Presidents J. Stool (Thirsk), J. W. Passman (Middlesbrough), and the secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe).

After tea, the usual loyal toasts were given by the President, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Ormesby for his most able and instructive address, also for the use of the bells, the Vicar suitably responding.

Nine new members were elected from Saltburn, Whitty, Ormesby and West Hartlepool.

Representatives attended the meeting from the Yorkshire Association in accordance with the resolutions and invitations that had passed between the two organisations from time to time, with a view to getting the Cleveland Association, which has done good spawework in Northern Yorkshire during the last twenty odd years, to amalgamate.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall (President of the Yorkshire Association), and Mr. P. J. Johnson (secretary) laid their ideas before the meeting, the suggestion being that the Northern division of the Yorkshire Association should be cut into two, one part to be called the North-East Division, and the other to be called the Cleveland Division. The attitude now adopted is different to that of 1897, when the Yorkshire Association were begged to open out a Northern Division, and their then president seemed to think that the district was so wide that no good could be done.

The Cleveland men offered strong objection to the present proposals, and no resolution was put to the meeting. The Yorkshire Association's representatives were asked to give the proposed dividing line between the North-East Division and the Cleveland Division, and when this has been done the Cleveland Association will call another meeting to further consider the matter.

SAILOR-RINGER DEAD.

A young and promising ringer, who rang the treble to Grandsire Triples at the age of 13 years, has died, in the person of Alan Wedmore Dyson, A.B., Royal Navy, who succumbed on Sept. 30th to malaria, at the age of only 21 years. The funeral took place at Leigh Parish Church, Gloucestershire, where deceased was formerly a ringer, and the coffin was carried to the grave by six of the deceased's old friends, and school fellows. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack, and the funeral was attended by a great many sympathisers. His favourite hymns, 'Fierce raged the tempest' and 'Nearer, my God, to Thee,' were sung by the choir, of which deceased was a member for years as a boy. The first verse of the National Anthem was sung at the graveside at the conclusion of the burial service, and in the evening his brother ringers rang, muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 53 mins.: B. Poulton 1, W. Poulton 2, C. Coldrick 3, G. Watts 4, A. Martin (conductor) 5, W. Hughes 6.

At Tewkesbury Abbey, on Saturday evening, Oct. 15th, with the bells muffled, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung: F. Taylor 1, R. Harris 2, O. Attwood 3, P. Smith 4, W. Crook 5, T. Devereux 6, C. Dyson (conductor) 7, W. Hughes 8.

MAGDALEN BELLS HEARD AGAIN.

OXFORD GUILD'S ACTIVITIES.

On Tuesday, October 25th, at Magdalen College, Oxford, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters was rung, in 50 mins., by: T. Payne 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, A. E. Lock 3, F. S. Macey 4, S. Hounslow 5, F. B. Taylor (conductor) 6, W. H. B. Wilkins 7, G. Caldwell 8, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 9, H. Miles 10.

At the Church of St. Ebbe, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, by: W. H. B. Wilkins 1, F. Clinkard 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, F. S. Macey 4, A. E. Lock (conductor) 5, G. Caudwell 6.

At Milton, Berks, on Oct. 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Cooper 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, H. Holifield 3, J. Nobes 4, A. E. Lock (conductor) 5, F. S. Macey 6.

At Sutton Courtenay, the same day, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, by: H. Cooper 1, J. Nobes 2, J. Honey 3, G. R. Rice 4, A. E. Lock (conductor) 5, F. S. Macey 6. First in both methods by J. Nobes.

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To the Editor.

Sir,—In many journals a 'printer's error' can well be allowed to pass unnoticed, but not in one which appeals to so wide a public and enjoys such a well-merited reputation for accuracy as does 'The Ringing World.'

May I be allowed, therefore, to point out a mistake in the current number of 'The Ringing World'?

In the first paragraph under 'Belfry Gossip,' you say that of the twelve-bell towers in England only eight are at Cathedrals.

Now, Sir, probably all your London readers, and many of your Provincial readers, know of the twelve bells at St. Saviour's, Southwark, which is the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Southwark. Yet Southwark Cathedral is not mentioned in the paragraph as one of the twelve-bell Cathedrals.

Can it be, Sir, that your paragraph is prophetic, and that Southwark Cathedral will never appear again among the twelve-bell Cathedrals of England? If so, there is very real danger of this prophecy coming true.

Some weeks ago the bells were pronounced unsafe, and they cannot be rung again until 'The Wizards of Whitechapel' have worked their spells upon them. This will cost £60, and the Cathedral Chapter have no funds in hand to pay for the work. So the bells of Southwark are at present silent, to the great regret of many besides the present writer.—Yours obediently,

A. W. STACEY,

Assistant Priest of St. Saviour's, Southwark, and a member of the London County Association.

By an oversight both Southwark and Wakefield Cathedrals were omitted from the list of 12-bell Cathedral towers in our last issue.—Ed. 'R.W.'

SAMUEL LAWRENCE.

Mr. C. R. Lilley, of Shrewsbury, writes, in reference to the paragraph which appeared on the subject of Mr. Samuel Lawrence's peal book, that Mr. Lawrence was a Shifnal gentleman. He was buried there, and his house is still standing. He rang a good many peals at St. Chad's, and was in the last peal of Maximus there by the Union Society on December 27th, 1813. The tenor was not again turned in to a peal until the peal of Bob Maximus rung in 1914.

Samuel Lawrence's peal book is well worth looking at, as he travelled a long way in those days, which was no easy task.

St. Chad's Society are fortunately in possession of the handbells used by the Union Society more than a century ago. St. Chad's bells were opened by the College Youths in 1798, when a peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung, in which Lawrence took part. He also rang in the first peal of Stedman Cinques.

THE LAST OF THE OLD BRIGADE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the anniversary of the first peal rung for the Yorkshire Association at Holy Trinity, Hull, on Nov. 9th, 1875, vide 'Belfry Gossip' in your issue of the 4th inst. This peal was rung on the election of the then Mayor, now Lord Mayor, a custom which is still in vogue in the city of Hull.

There is now only one left who rang in this peal — Mr. Henry Jenkins, familiarly known to the local ringers as 'Old Harry,' who is in his 78th year.

Although unable to take any active part in ringing, his enthusiasm has in no way abated, his intellect being as firm as ever. He is often to be found outside the tower during ringing, being a keen critic of the striking.

Of a jovial disposition, and possessing a pleasant fund of humour, his genial presence is ever welcomed amongst the ringers.—Yours truly,

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NAMING OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Following upon the list already published, and as a result of correspondence, I beg to submit these names to the Exercise:—

Page 16.—No. 11, Marple.

Page 17.—No. 15, Taxal.

Page 14.—No. 3, Abbeville.

Page 23.—No. 11, Wath.

Page 36.—No. 22, Rossendale instead of Lancashire Surprise.

Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE.

The unveiling of the war memorial tablet, erected in St. Botolph Church, Bishopsgate, will take place on Sunday morning next, 20th November, when the Lord Mayor and sheriffs, in state, will attend, also a contingent of the Honourable Artillery Company, with their splendid band. In the evening, the War Memorial Chapel will be dedicated, and the Rector and churchwardens of St. Botolph's cordially invite all ringers to these services, as ringing will precede both services, which commence at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. respectively.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CELEBRATION OF 284TH YEAR.

The 284th Anniversary Dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths was held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday last, and was once again the occasion of a large gathering of members and friends, not only from the Metropolis but from many parts of the Provinces.

The admirable arrangements made by the Dinner Committee, coupled with the excellent catering, made the gathering extremely enjoyable, and to add to the interest there was on view, for the first time publicly, Mr. John Carter's marvellous ringing machine. This was naturally an object of great attraction, both before the dinner and during an interval, as well as later, when it was set to tap a course of Stedman Cinques on the piano. Unfortunately, owing to the piano attachment not fitting perfectly to the instrument, the rhythm of the course was lost by the frequent absence of notes, but the extraordinary nature of the machine was fully obvious to the audience.

The Master of the society, Mr. Harold J. Walton, presided over the company numbering nearly 200, including:—Rev. J. H. Ellison, M.V.O. (Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill), Rev. H. J. Fynes-Clinton (Rector of St. Magnus), Rev. Prebendary Isaacs (Rector of Cripplegate), Rev. C. O. Child (St. Agnes, Kennington), Rev. H. B. Simpson (Stepney), Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (President of the Central Council), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (Secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Messrs. E. A. Young (Hon. Secretary of the Central Council), T. H. Tallender (Master of the London County Association), W. T. Cockerill (Hon. Secretary of the College Youths), A. A. Hughes (treasurer), C. F. Winney and W. Prims (trustees), G. R. Fardon, J. C. F. Bayley (stewards), Capt. Bennett, V.C., Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. A. R. Powys (Secretary of the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings), Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mrs. Wilkins, and Mr. A. E. Wilkins, Messrs. W. A. Cave and P. W. Cave (Bristol), G. Bowen (Ilfracombe), A. Walker (Birmingham), R. T. Hibbert (Secretary of the Oxford Guild), and members of the Caversham band, T. Faulkner and members of the Barking, Essex, band, J. Wyatt and J. S. Stainer (Ashted), J. W. Nevard (Great Bentley), J. Carter (Honor Park), G. Head (Reigate), H. Eden and H. Smith (Bushey), T. T. Groombridge (Chislehurst), J. Parker and W. J. Hazell (Edmonton), T. Beadle and members of the band from Isleworth, P. Clark and members of the band from Ealing, J. C. Truss (Marlow), J. Evans (Hughenden), A. B. Bennett (Cumberland Youths), J. T. Dyke (Midsomer Norton), J. D. Harris and F. W. Rogers (Portsmouth), etc.

Immediately after dinner the toast of 'The King' was honoured.

THE CHURCH.

The Master proposed the toast of 'The Church.' Looking back to the history of their society, he said, they found that their very existence depended upon the church. If for a moment they could imagine there were no Church, their society would not that evening be celebrating their 284th anniversary. The church, he continued, was symbolic of all that was best and highest, the ceremonies of her services, whether it be at one of their cathedrals or in the smallest village church, were carried out with great reverence and dignity, and left them all with a sense of rest from the toil and turmoil of everyday life. The churches themselves were among the finest buildings in the land, and provided them with some of the finest specimens of ancient architecture. Referring to the part of ringers in the services, the Master said to the uninitiated the ringers' art might be somewhat of a mystery, but though their work was carried out unseen, they never received complaints that they could not be heard (laughter). Continuing, the Master said they were honoured that evening by the presence of the Rectors of some of the City and London Churches. The society owed to them a debt of gratitude for the use of their bells for practices. In coupling with the toast the name of the Rev. J. H. Ellison, he said it was unnecessary for him to remind them of the interest he had shown, of the help they had always received from him, and how greatly they valued his support (applause). The presence of so many eminent members of the church was especially gratifying, as showing not only their continued interest in the society, but also because it was an acknowledgment of the part ringers took in the work of the Church (applause).

Canon J. H. Ellison, in responding, said at the meeting of the National Assembly a few months ago there was a proposal that the bell ringers of the country should come under the Parochial Church Council, and he was much struck by the fact that man after man got up and said they could not possibly have that. They had been connected with the clergy for so long a time that they wished to go on working under the clergy. That, he thought, was a great compliment to the relations which had always existed between the clergy and the ringers, and which, he hoped, would always continue to exist (applause). At the same time, upon the face of it, it seemed to indicate a rather wrong idea on the part the bell ringers of what the Church of England really is. It almost seemed to imply that the

Church of England was the clergy of the Church of England. They were not, they (the laymen) were equally as much a part of the Church of England, and in proposing that toast they were proposing their own health (laughter and applause).

THE LAYMEN'S PART.

The toast was 'The Health of the Church.' Somebody had described health as the power of adapting the body to all the various changes which it had to meet in the course of the year. If health was the power of adapting itself to circumstances, then, he thought, the Church had never been so strong as it was at this moment, because at long last the Church of England had got, at all events, some power to govern itself, and to say in what way it wanted to be ruled, and in what way it wanted to go forward, thanks to the action of Parliament in giving them the National Assembly. Up to the passing of that Act, the Church had not been able to take a single step forward without the sanction of Parliament, and Parliament had been either too indifferent or too preoccupied to make that possible. Therefore, for a large number of years the Church of England had really not been enabled to adapt itself to all the changing circumstances of the age in which we lived. Everything else had been changing, but the Church had had to go on almost exactly on the same lines, merely because it had had no power to adapt itself to the new circumstances. People sometimes spoke of the weakness of the Church, but bearing in mind the limitations upon its actions, his answer always was that the very fact that the Church of England was at the present time what it was, and was so great a force in the country, showed how enormously strong it was, and what tremendous reserves of strength it had behind it if it could only use them, as he believed it was going to use them through the National Assembly. If the laymen wanted the church to be really strong they must put their whole force into it, and they as ringers should grasp the rope firmly, if he might use the metaphor, and give a hard pull, resolving that the peal of the Church should be strong and united. Having referred to what the National Assembly was already doing by way of remedying abuses and establishing the Central Fund, Canon Ellison pointed to the difficulties of trying to reconstruct the Church finances at a time when money was so terribly short, but added that the laymen were throwing themselves into the matter, and if the ringers really wished health to the Church of England they should also throw themselves into the work in their own Parochial Councils, and, by sending resolutions to the National Assembly, not only make the Church fulfil the wishes of her laymen, but show that the laymen realised that they were, as much as the clergy, a part of the Church of England (applause).

REMINISCENCES OF ANCIENT YOUTHS.

Canon Coleridge, in an entertaining speech, submitted 'The Ancient Society of College Youths.' He said those gatherings carried him back in memory forty years or more, to a time when it was his privilege to meet the College Youths in a somewhat low tavern at Southwark (laughter). That was in 1879, and he could see now certain old members of the society sitting there in great solemnity, and being venerated by the young men like himself. There was Henry Haley at the end of the row, and next to him John Cox, who was a Cumberland, but preferred to be with the College Youths when he could (laughter). Next to him sat Murray Hayes, then Mat. Wood, then the gentleman they used to call 'Jimmy Delight,' because his name was James Dwight; then came their dear old friend, still with them, Ted Horrex (applause). The only difference he could see in him was that that night he was smoking a cigar, while on the occasion he referred to, 40 years ago, he was smoking a clay pipe (loud laughter). Last of all, came George Muskett who, to his (the speaker's) huge astonishment, drank claret (laughter). He (Canon Coleridge) thought himself 'no small beer' as an Oxford undergraduate, to be admitted to such lofty society (laughter). From that day to this, when he came to their annual banquet, he felt rejuvenated, and he went back feeling young again, and hoping he would be fit to come again the following year (applause). Canon Coleridge then branched off into the inevitable anecdotes, of which he has an inexhaustible store, and much amused the company.

A GREAT HERITAGE.

Turning again to the toast list, the speaker referred to the quotations from Shakespeare, with which the programme was appropriately besprinkled, and remarked that the sentiments seemed to him to apply particularly to the College Youths. The first was: 'He sits high in all the people's hearts.' Was it not perfectly true that if there was one thing the people of England valued more than another it was the sound of the bells? They did not understand very much about the ringing of them, but they were greatly disappointed if the bells were silenced. Then, again, 'Bequeathed down from many ancestors.' A great heritage was theirs. They were celebrating their 284th anniversary that day, and they had to look back to the heroes of the past and remember that many of the young men in the room that night would in time come to be looked on by those who followed

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after as heroes in the Exercise. Let them, therefore, see to it that they excelled in every possible way and bequeathed their art, through themselves, from those from whom they received it to those who would come after them (hear, hear). Then there was the quotation, 'Here is a touch. Is't good?' Let them always see that every bit of ringing they did, whether a long peal or simply a touch, was the best they possibly could give. 'A smooth success be strewed before your feet,' was another quotation. He hoped they might be successful in many peals, but let them try their best to deserve it. 'You are very welcome to our house, it must appear in other ways than words.' That was the call of the Church. Was it not for every ringer to be welcome in the House of God, not merely for ringing the bells, but also to take part in the services in the Sanctuary? They made their presence in the belfry heard outside; let them not fail to make their presence evident within the Church. 'All's well that ends well.' They said that of every peal. The time would come when the peal of their lives would draw to a close, and he prayed that it might be well with them at the end, so that when the call of 'stand' came, in that their earthly activity they would take up life in another sphere for which they had tried to fit themselves here (applause). In conclusion, Canon Coleridge referred to Mr. John Carter's machine, which they hoped to hear in public for the first time that night. He had no hesitation in saying that no piece of scientific work had ever been fabricated in this world which bore such an intelligent impress as that marvellous production of Mr. Carter's creative mind (applause).

THE YEAR'S LOSSES AND SUCCESSES.

After a course of Stedman Cinques on handbells, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, whose name was coupled with the toast, replied. He said he had received letters regretting absence from the Archdeacon of London, Ald. J. S. Pritchett (Birmingham), Mr. J. C. Mitchell, Mr. W. H. Judd and Mr. E. P. O'Meara. They had to deplore the loss of eight members by death, since the last dinner, viz., Miss Macalpine Leny, Mr. Frank Woodhead, Mr. Ackland J. Perkins, Mr. Charles W. Goodenough, Mr. Walter S. Wise, Mr. Charles Jackson, Mr. Raymond J. Wilkins and Mr. William Gifford. Since the last dinner they had made 56 new members, and their meetings for practice had been excellently attended. Sixty-seven practices had been held, and 137 members had attended at some time during the year. The peals rung during the year numbered 27: Grandsire Triples 2, Stedman Triples 12, and one on handbells; Stedman Caters 4 and one on handbells; Stedman Cinques 3 and two on handbells; Cambridge Major 1, Cambridge Royal 1, Superlative Major 1. The conductors had been Messrs. W. A. Alps, T. Tafender, H. Langdon, H. R. Pasmore, A. Walker, J. Thomas, H. G. Miles, T. Groombridge, junr., J. N. Oxborough, C. F. Winney, W. E. Garrard, W. H. Barber, W. Haigh, R. T. Hibbert and C. Fenn.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

Both 'success' and 'welcome' were written large on Saturday last, when over forty ringers met at Hillingdon. Some of the 'early birds' arrived soon after three o'clock, and a start was made with Grandsire Triples. The service was held at five o'clock, when the recently-appointed Vicar (the Rev. Henry J. Kitecat) officiated, and in the course of his address dwelt upon the subject of the various sacred offices, pointing out that all were necessary, whether at the east or at the west end of the church. He showed how all are dependent upon and have need of one another. The bells always seemed to say, 'Come unto Me,' and they were especially associated with Christmas.

The service was brightened with suitable music, Miss Feltham presiding at the organ, and very appropriate selections were made in the choice of hymns, 'Far, far away, like bells at evening pealing,' and 'Craftsman's art and music's measure.'

A good tea is a great addition to a ringing meeting, and the best thanks are due to Miss Nora Williams for arranging it so economically, and to her willing assistants for their help.

The District Master (Mr. C. S. Bird) thanked the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells.

The Vicar was proposed as a hon. life member, together with three ringing members from his tower, including Miss Grace Baker, who rang one of the small bells to Grandsire Caters. The methods rung during the meeting were Grandsire Triples, Stedman Caters, Treble Ten, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London Surprise.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Luton District took place at Dunstable, on Saturday week, and proved a most successful one, members and friends being present from Luton, Leighton Buzzard, Linslade, Woburn, Tring, Hitchin, Stevenage, St. Albans, and the local tower. A very welcome visitor also was Mr. O. Dean, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's Foundry, Croydon. The bells were rung for an hour before the short service, which was conducted by the Rector and President (Canon W. W. C. Baker), and greatly appreciated by the mem-

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REMEMBRANCE DAY.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—In honour of 'Remembrance Day,' a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) was rung at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, with bells half-muffled, on Friday, November 11th, in 54 mins.: J. Williams 1, T. Roden 2, H. Knight (conductor) 3, G. Tudor 4, O. Beech 5, H. A. Farlow 6, E. F. Mitchell 7, T. Smith 8, W. H. Lawley 9, R. Thompson 10.

ISLEWORTH.—At the Parish Church, for special service of Remembrance, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: E. Webb 1, W. Etherington 2, E. V. Beadle 3, T. Beadle 4, C. Tricker 5, H. W. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, A. Beckensale 7, W. Dickens 8.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On November 11th (Armistice Day), for service, with bells half-muffled, 504 Grandsire Triples: D. Tucker 1, G. Andrews 2, W. G. Darlington 3, H. Warner 4, A. Bull 5, F. Jelf (conductor) 6, G. Maxim 7, R. Smith 8.

CHATHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on Armistice Day, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins., by: P. Couchman 1, S. Shellock 2, J. Hunt 3, Clr.-Sergt. J. Bennett, R.M., 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, C. Norris 6, F. Richardson 7, G. Lawrence 8.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—On Remembrance Day, Nov. 11th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,440 changes Surprise Minor, being 240 each of York, Durham, Lancashire, Stamford, London and Wells Surprise: A. J. Barcock 1, E. J. Bragg 2, G. F. Bell 3, W. A. Norman 4, R. C. Allen 5, E. P. Duffield (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of those who gave their lives in the late war.

LONG STANTON.—On Nov. 11th, for Armistice Day, 720 Single Court, rung in whole pulls, with the bells muffled at back stroke, in 54 mins.: W. Hawkes 1, J. B. Woolley 2, F. J. Cook 3, Rev. H. B. Woolley 4, G. Crisp 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6.

BOLTON, LANCs.—For Armistice Day, at Holy Trinity, with bells half-muffled, 840 Grandsire Triples, in 32 mins.: R. Young 1, A. Sewart 2, E. Cutsforth 3, J. H. Makinson 4, W. Pennington 5, A. Heywood (conductor) 6, P. Crook 7, W. Dickenson 8.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Armistice Day, Nov. 11th, immediately after the unveiling of the town war memorial, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), was rung half-muffled, in 42 mins.: W. Evans 1, D. R. James 2, A. J. Pitman 3, R. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, H. Jenkins 6, E. Stitch 7, B. J. Toby 8.

BUCKLEBURY.—Oxford Guild.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary's, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 50 mins., rung in remembrance: Emms Franklin 1, W. Wigmore 2, G. Davis 3, Stella Davis 4, S. Chapman 5, F. Freeman 6, J. Hazell 7, W. Mathews 8. Conducted by W. Mathews. First quarter-peal in this method by all the band, and first quarter of Bob Major on the bells.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Edmund's Church, on Nov. 11th (Armistice Day), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled, by the following: *F. Bowers 1, J. Metherell 2, A. Deacon 3, J. Hensman 4, J. Mackay 5, E. Haxley 6, B. Soden 7, W. Gammage 8. Conducted by B. Soden. * First quarter-peal, and rung at the first attempt.

WILLENHALL.—At St. Giles' Church, on the occasion of the third anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, touches of Stedman Triples were rung before Divine service, with the bells half-muffled, and after service with the bells open, the following ringers taking part: E. Hortin, F. Ward, H. Coley, C. Wallater, I. Evans, D. Appleby, J. T. Davies, H. Ludford.

ALDERSHOT.—At St. Michael's Parish Church, on Armistice Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): A. J. Croucher 1, Miss A. Fisher 2, Miss B. Mills 3, W. Denyer 4, G. Gasson 5, G. Beeby 6, Miss H. Mills (conductor) 7, G. Peto 8.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Armistice Day, Nov. 11th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: A. Allsopp 1, J. Reynolds, junr., 2, G. Roberts 3, S. Honour (first quarter) 4, W. Allsopp 5, J. W. Pemberton 6, B. Leedham (conductor) 7, J. Reynolds, senr., 8.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Armistice Day, Nov. 11th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 46 mins., was rung half-muffled: S. Wood 1, E. Stoner 2, A. Steele 3, G. Streeter 4, C. Holman 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6.

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bers. Tea at Wilson's Restaurant was followed by the annual business meeting, at which the chair was taken by the President. The officers were re-elected en bloc, and four non-resident members and one ringing member were afterwards elected.

An interesting discussion took place on various matters of interest to the association, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting.

The handbells were afterwards brought into use, and a course of Grandsire Caters and a touch of Bob Major rung, while other members returned to the tower, where ringing again took place. The methods rung during the day were Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Nov. 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes), was rung in 48 mins.: E. G. Cottis 1, A. Harrison 2, T. Faulkner 3, E. Andrews 4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, J. T. Dyke 7, A. C. Hardy (composer) 8, J. T. Dyke hails from Midsomer Norton.

WEST EALING.—For the morning service, at St. Stephen's Church, on Nov. 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 41 mins.: W. Lawrence 1, J. Walsom 2, C. Edwards 3, H. Belcher 4, A. Macdonald 5, F. Hayes (Kent County Association) 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, E. Harris 8. The ringers congratulate Miss Edwards, of West Ealing, on attaining her majority, and Mr. C. S. Bird (Heston) on this, the anniversary of his birthday.

HOUNSLOW.—At St. Paul's Church, on Nov. 13th, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 42 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, W. Lawrence 2, C. Tricker 3, J. Milner 4, G. Spencer 5, W. E. Judd 6, A. Harding 7, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 8. Rung as a compliment to the District Master on the anniversary of his birthday.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 30th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: P. Norton (first quarter away from tenor) 1, H. Rowland 2, H. Whauslaw 3, G. Herbert 4, C. Colliss 5, T. Bolton 6, E. Cassell (conductor) 7, G. F. Edwards 8. Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of the treble ringer.

SHREWSBURY.—At St. Chad's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 30th, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Byolin 1, *J. E. Lilley 2, G. Jones 3, *S. Suckson 4, *R. Pole 5, *W. Fairhead 6, O. B. Lilley (conductor) 7, R. Turner 8. * Longest length of Stedman Triples. Also 168 Stedman Triples.

ARKSEY.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 30th, 480 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Clark 1, L. Beadsmore 2, F. Beadsmore 3, F. Atkinson 4, H. Woodhouse 5, F. Clark (conductor) 6, T. Revell 7, H. Trout 8.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, after the unveiling of a war memorial by Sir Courtenay Warner, M.P., Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, 1,120 Kent Treble Bob was rung at the Parish Church, to the memory of the men of Clare who fell in the war: W. Underwood (Cavendish), conductor, 1, H. Cooper (Yeldham) 2, F. Wilkin (Yeldham) 3, C. W. F. Clarke (Gt. Cornard) 4, E. E. Perkins (Cavendish) 5, A. Maxim (Foxearth) 6, G. W. Moore (Clare) 7, T. E. Slater (Glemsford) 8.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. French 1, G. M. Kilby 2, H. Kilby 3, C. V. Ebberson 4, W. G. Matthews 5, A. Tennant 6, F. H. Crook (conductor) 7, R. Kilby 8. Rung as a farewell to A. French, who was leaving Willesden for Aylesford.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: C. Gordon 1, W. Cave 2, L. Stone 3, H. Lambert 4, G. Stone 5, A. Best 6, F. Sparshott 7, W. Fowler 8, G. Preston (conductor) 9, H. Preston 10. Ringers of 1 and 2 hail from Bristol.

LITTLEBOURNE, KENT.—At St. Vincent's Church, Littlebourne, on Sunday evening, Oct. 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob: P. Smith 1, J. P. Cobbold 2, E. Rye 3, W. Savage 4, H. Bramble 5, A. Johnson 6.

NORTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for Majins, 720 Cambridge Surprise: E. E. Johnson 1, J. W. Walker (conductor) 2, G. E. Lawrence 3, J. E. Wheeldon 4, J. Walley 5, J. F. Ryles 6. Also for evensong, 720 Norton-le-Moors: E. E. Johnson 1, J. W. Walker (conductor) 2, F. Triner 3, J. E. Wheeldon 4, J. Walley 5, F. T. Dawson 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all except J. E. Wheeldon.

BATH.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Taylor 1, T. Grant 2, J. Bell 3, A. Evans 4, G. James 5, H. Taylor (conductor) 6, C. W. Bell 7, H. E. Mills 8. The ringing was arranged for Mr. Evans, who was on a visit to Bath, and hails from St. Andrew's, Burnham-on-Sea.

STANTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for evensong, 240 Stedman Doubles: S. France 1, R. Turner 2, E. V. Rodenhurst 3, W. Lycett 4, W. Clay (conductor) 5, H. Edwards 6; 240 Plain Bob Doubles: S. France 1, R. Turner 2, W. Lycett (conductor) 3, A. M. Shotton 4, E. V. Rodenhurst 5, H. Edwards 6; 240 Grandsire Doubles: S. France 1, W. Clay 2, A. White 3, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 4, W. Lycett 5, H. Edwards 6.

EALING.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 23rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: J. E. Churchill 1, H. Folkard 2, H. Belcher 3, P. Lane 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, L. H. Page (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer 8. Arranged for Mr. Lane, of Ludlow, Salop.

FULHAM.—At All Saints', on Oct. 23rd, for evening service, 1,263

Stedman Caters, in 50 mins.: A. Cuttmer 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hollier 3, W. Lawrence 4, W. E. Judd 5, G. C. Iles 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Driver 8, A. Harding 9, H. Edwards 10.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. J. Pannett 1, T. A. Easterby (conductor) 2, E. B. Crowder 3, H. J. Norgate 4, A. Bradley 5, J. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, C. H. Macklin 8. Composed by G. H. Daynes. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Southwark to the church.

BANGOR.—North Wales Association.—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for evening service, at the Church of St. David, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: J. H. Midwinter 1, T. Jones 2, W. Crane 3, A. J. Hughes 4, A. E. Pegler 5, W. T. Pegler 6, J. H. Riding (conductor) 7, J. L. Jones 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: J. H. Midwinter 1, T. Jones 2, W. Crane 3, A. J. Hughes 4, W. T. Pegler 5, G. R. Newton (conductor) 6, A. E. Pegler 7, Amos Trippier 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for evensong, 1,050 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Boddington 1, Miss I. Hastie 2, S. Breeze 3, C. Brown 4, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 5, R. Farlon 6, P. Laue (Ludlow, Shropshire) 7, E. Easton 8.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung for morning service at St. Peter's, Collegiate Church, on Sunday, Oct. 23rd, in 50 mins.: J. Williams 1, H. Knight (conductor) 2, E. F. Mitchell 3, T. O'Connor 4, G. Harris 5, H. Farlow 6, W. H. Lawley 7, T. Smith 8, W. A. Cooper 9, R. Thompson 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. F. Mitchell. A peal in the same method was attempted the previous day, but came 'mystuck' in the 29th course. The band were very kindly entertained afterwards by Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell.

NORWICH.—On Sunday, 23rd Oct., for evening service, at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, 270 Stedman Caters: Miss F. L. Bill 1, Miss H. Bill 2, C. E. Borrett 3, F. J. Howchin 4, G. P. Burton 5, D. T. Potter 6, G. Mayers 7, J. E. Burton 8, G. H. Cross (conductor) 9, F. W. Curtis 10. Also 306 of Stedman Caters, in which Miss H. Durrant, G. Claxton and Alfred Watson took part.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 16th, for harvest festival, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, in 24 mins.: J. Avis 1, Miss Ethel M. Goodship 2, H. Argent 3, G. Ambrose 4, G. Morrad 5, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 6.

UPPER CLAPTON.—For evening service, on Oct. 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins.: R. Wilson 1, A. Coles 2, H. J. M. King 3, A. J. Gregory 4, H. S. R. Cooper 5, C. A. Gray 6, W. J. Kemp (conductor) 7, H. Smith (first quarter-peal) 8.

BURSLEM, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Oct. 16th, at St. John's Parish Church, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 720 Treble Bob, for evening service, viz., 360 Violet and 360 Woodbine: A. Lees 1, W. P. Deane (conductor) 2, L. Pennington 3, T. Hurd 4, T. Hilditch 5, W. Bourne 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 16th, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. R. Newton 1, A. Fisher (first quarter-peal) 2, C. W. Roberts 3, R. Gordon Brown 4, A. F. M. Tuke (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 5, A. Cutmore 6, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 7, H. Dyas 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for harvest festival, 514 Stedman Caters: C. W. Roberts 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, A. Cutmore 3, A. H. Macdonald 4, Rev. C. Carew-Cox 5, A. E. Bradley 6, P. L. Miles 7, G. W. Frayne 8, A. B. Peck 9, A. F. M. Tuke 10.

LONDON.—London County Association.—On Sunday, Oct. 16th, for evening service, at St. Alphege, Greenwich, S.E., 1,239 Stedman Caters: E. J. King 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, W. Rushton 3, I. G. Shade 4, J. Lamb 5, J. R. Gammon 6, R. W. Rawlins 7, R. G. Chapple 8, W. H. Pickett 9, W. H. Berry 10.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, Oct. 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from 'The Ringing World', Oct. 14th, by Harold Walker (1,260 changes): M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, W. Stevens 3, H. Cook 4, C. Hunt 5, W. Wood 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, W. Willmot 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, Oct. 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. F. Bennington 1, J. Crowder 2, J. Law 3, H. J. Norgate 4, A. Bradley 5, R. A. Forsdike (first quarter on an inside bell) 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

STONEY STANTON.—On Sunday, Oct. 16th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: Stella Disney 1, G. Wood 2, N. Walker 3, C. Brown 4, C. H. Webb 5, T. Atkins (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 6, C. H. Briggs (first quarter as conductor) 7, W. Briggs 8.

SPROTBOROUGH.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 16th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. Clark (Arksey) 1, F. Atkinson (Wrangle) 2, W. H. Metcalf 3, W. Athron 4, W. Dent 5, E. C. Stacey (conductor) 6.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. SPECIAL MEETING AT CUCKNEY.

An interesting supplementary meeting was held at North Cuckney, on a recent Saturday. Business duties kept some faithful members away, others were no doubt deterred by the stormy afternoon, but the muster was fairly representative of seven towers, viz. Anston, Barlborough, Cuckney, Warsop, Worksop, Sutton-in-Ashfield and Treeton. Ringing commenced at 2.45 p.m., and after a few preliminary touches in plain methods for the learners, the higher methods of Oxford, Kent, Violet and Duke of York were practised, and a 'silent' 720 Oxford Treble Bob, the first on the bells, by A. Hakes 1, W. Platts 2, P. Hibbard 3, H. Haigh 4, C. F. Fowler 5, J. H. Brothwell 6. Tea was provided in the Church Institute, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. J. T. Mumford), 25 members sitting down. Afterwards the business meeting was held, and a new peal of eight handbells was rung by mixed bands in tunes and changes.

The Secretary (Mr. H. Haigh) explained the reason for holding the meeting at Cuckney instead of Edwinstowe, and said the Edwinstowe band would join up early in the new year, and a meeting be held there next July.—Mr. Wilson moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Cuckney for his kindness in coming amongst them and presiding over the tea and meeting, and also for the use of the bells and institute. He looked upon the Vicar, he said, as an old friend, and as one who always extended the utmost courtesy to ringers.—Mr. C. F. Fowler seconded the motion, and the Vicar, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the ringers at Cuckney, and hoped they would make good use of the bells, which, upon the authority of one of the oldest ringers, were one of the sweetest rings of six bells in North Notts. He need not tell them too much of the enjoyment he had experienced just before tea, when sick visiting at the other end of the village. The sound of the mellow-toned bells was wafted over by the breeze, and it was delightful to pause and listen to them. During the great war, in which he played some little part, he never heard the sound of church bells except a solitary one in Egypt or France. The art of bell ringing was English, and the people of cities, towns or villages owed a debt of gratitude to the ringers of England. The work of a bell ringer required self-denial and loyalty; hard and strenuous practice to master the art. Their work was hidden and unseen by the outside public. Although the bell ringers derived many pleasures and advantages, he also realised the many ups and downs and disappointments they had to pass through. Especially was this the case with the enthusiastic teacher, who, having brought a band almost to perfection, often found that change of occupation or migration from village to town undid the good work he had done and necessitated the making of a fresh start.

Mr. Haigh moved, and Mr. Ibbotson seconded, a vote of thanks to the hostess (Mrs. Harvey) for her splendid catering.—This concluded the business, and in the evening the bells were rung to a variety of Treble Bob Methods.

BALL BEARINGS AND 'SIMPSON' TUNING. *To the Editor.*

Sir,—I quite agree with Mr. A. Smith as to the permanent utility of either ball, or roller, bearings for bells. People seem to forget that bells are not like engines or motor-cars, which are continually overhauled and looked after; but when once hung, they are expected to go for many years with little or no attention except oiling occasionally. No doubt that the 'go' of a bell hung on such bearings is simply perfect for a time; but what will it be in a year's hence if neglected? There is no doubt that simplicity is the great thing to be aimed at in everything connected with bell hanging.

While on the subject of modern 'improvements' (?) in connection with bells, will you allow me again to protest against tuning on the 'Simpson principle'? Not only have many good old bells been sacrificed for this fad, but the result does not appear to be satisfactory. I have heard from several well-known peal ringers, in different parts of England, and they all tell me that the effect is a continuous howling all through a peal. No doubt this system of tuning is all very well for carillons; but it does not appear to be a success for bells rung in peal.—Yours, etc.,
J. R. FERRAM.

November 5th, 1921.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On November 1st, 672 Grandsire Triples: W. Walters 1, T. East 2, R. Prior 3, A. Webb 4, W. A. Webb 5, G. F. James 6, R. G. Rice (conductor) 7, W. Greenough 8. This touch is the composition of the late A. R. Bosley, who was interred the previous afternoon at Harwell.

LATE NOTICE.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

NOTICES.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation, at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—George W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The Annual business meeting will be held at St. Nicholas Room, Newbury, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Evensong 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. M. Thorp, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Central Committee will meet in the Rochester Cathedral Choir School on Saturday, Nov. 19th, at 4 p.m.—Fred W. Helmore, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The Annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 19th. St. Michael's Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 in the Church Cottage, to be followed by business meeting.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19th, at St. Paul's Church, Wood Green, Wednesbury. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Guild Service in church at 4.30 with an address. Tea (at a nominal charge) and meeting will be held in the Church Institute.—Fred Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at High Halden on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A practice meeting for the ringers in the Scarborough and Pickering district will be held at Malton on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. As these meetings are held to further the art of change-ringing in this district it is hoped all ringers interested will attend.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. District Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30. Tea at "The Grange," followed by meeting. All ringers heartily welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dist. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A special meeting of the Guild for practice in the higher methods will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (6) available from 2 o'clock. Short service in Church at 4.30. All ringers welcome.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Stamford, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea please let me know early.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Winscombe on Saturday, 19th November. Service, 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after service. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, 19th November, at

Horley. 8 bells. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 5.15 p.m. Tea, 6 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—A Monthly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Ringing from 4.30 to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—Thos. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Nov. 29th; St. Magnus on Nov. 24th. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester and Hinckley Districts.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Earl Shilton on Nov. 26th. Ringing from 4 till 7 p.m. Smoking concert following.—F. Cotton and H. E. Norman, Secs.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Arksey on the 26th inst. Eight bells ready early. Tea provided at a moderate charge to those who notify Mr. G. Clark, 10, Dawood Villas, Bentley, Doncaster, before the 23rd. Only those who send word will be catered for, and this rule will be strictly enforced.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The usual monthly meeting will take place on Nov. 26th, at St. Michael's, Headingley. Bells available from 6 to 9 p.m.—M. Moorhouse, Hon. Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A special meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea let me know by Tuesday, Nov. 22nd.—S. J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Road, Northampton.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Exeter Branch. — The annual meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at Heavitree, Exeter. Service 4 o'clock, Parish Church. Tea 4.30, the School, Fore Street, Heavitree. Branch members tea free; visitors 1s. each. All Ringers welcome. The following towers will be open: The Cathedral, St. Sidwell's, St. David's, Heavitree.—J. C. Oke, Assistant Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Our next meeting will be on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at St. Mary's, Whitechapel. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m., kindly provided by the Rector. Business after tea. Will all who require tea kindly inform me by the 20th? Record attendance requested.—E. C. Russell, Hon. District Sec., 57, Market Street, W.2.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices on Mondays at 7.30 p.m.—St. Clement Danes, Nov. 28th; St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Nov. 21st. Sundays at 10 a.m.—St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Further particulars will be announced later.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 1921. Please notify me on or before Nov. 28th, 1921, how many intend to be present from

your tower. — E. Steele, 109, George Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present notify me not later than Nov. 28th so that arrangements for tea can be made?—W. Sear, Secretary, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—Owing to illness at Bishop's Stortford the annual district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available 2 p.m. Short service, with address, 5 p.m., followed by tea and business at the Abbey Temperance Hotel. — F. Dench, Dis. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Yorktown District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, Rev. W. E. Colchester. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 29th? All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at All Saints, Wokingham. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea only provided for those who notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 29th. Ringing at St. Paul's after the business meeting.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea (1s.) and meeting after service. Will members who intend to be present kindly notify me by Nov. 26th, so that arrangements can be made for tea? Shall be pleased to receive all outstanding subscriptions.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, E.15.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch. — The next quarterly ringing meeting will be held at Dalton-in-Furness on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) will, by permission of the Vicar, be available all day. — W. T. Clark, Branch Secretary, Broughton-in-Furness.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available at 3. Service at 5. Full particulars later.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 10th, at Whitworth. Bells ready at 3. Meeting 6.30. — T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 1, Church Street, Middleton.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 70, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

A very successful meeting of the above was held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, November 12th, when members were present from Helmshore, Rawtenstall, Newchurch, Bury, and visiting members from Blackburn, in addition to local ringers.

Ringings commenced at 3.30, and was kept going until 9 o'clock in various methods, viz.: Grandsire, Bob Major, Kent, Stedman and Double Norwich. The usual vote of thanks to the church officials for use of bells and to the ringers for having all in order, brought a very good meeting to a close. The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, upon a date to be arranged.

PRESTON BRANCH.

A very successful meeting was held at Higher Walton, on Saturday last. The bells were raised about 3.30, and well utilised up to 5.45, when a short business meeting was held in the ringing chamber. Mr. J. Bimson, of Preston, presided, and one new member was elected. Several suggestions were made for the first annual social, to be held at Chorley in December.

Tea was afterwards served in the school, and was very much appreciated.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the local ringers for arranging the tea, also to the ladies who so kindly waited at the tables.—This was suitably acknowledged by Mr. J. Eccles, the local captain, who is also a warden of the church.

The tower was again visited, and ringing kept up till 8.30. Perhaps there was one fault to be found, and that was that the bells 'go a little bit rough.' Unfortunately, the discovery of extensive dry rot in the fabric of the church will put the question of overhauling the bells back for some considerable time. However, the range of methods rung during the afternoon was quite good, and included Cambridge and London Surprise Minor, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; also Bob Minor for the beginners.

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THE STANDARD OF RINGING.

From the experiences of Association officials at meetings all over the country and from the evidence of our own columns, ringing has made a wonderful recovery from the effects of the war. In the three years which have elapsed since the Armistice many bands have been built up again; the bells are, in perhaps the majority of cases, rung regularly once more for the services on Sundays; the activities of the associations have revived to almost, if not quite, pre-war vigour; and the ringing of peals is increasing steadily. All these are splendidly healthy signs, and yet, in conversation the other day, a well-known ringer expressed the opinion that ringing on the whole was not as good as it was before the war. In explanation he advanced the view that there was not the same keenness and enthusiasm, nor quite the same desire to do things well, and, consequently, the quality of the ringing was inferior.

The majority of the Exercise have no doubt felt perfectly satisfied with the way recovery has been made since the end of 1918, but there is, after all, something to think over in this ringer's view. Too often, we are afraid, all of us are readily content to think that all is well when it is not really so, and the opinion expressed above has, probably, a good deal in it when one reviews the present position and compares it with those seemingly far off days 'before the war.' There is, perhaps, to be found in our application to the art a little of that spirit of slackness which has, unknowingly, maybe, crept into even more serious aspects of life, as a kind of reaction after the strenuous days of the war. It cannot be described altogether as 'weariness,' and when one endeavours to sense the thing it is difficult to put a name to it; yet it is there.

Lest we be accused of saying that some particular ringer or band is not doing his or its best, or is falling below the standard of pre-war days, when, in fact, he or it may be showing even greater enthusiasm and ability, we hasten to say that the views expressed have only a general application, but they are worth noting, if only they make ringers pause to consider whether they are too self-satisfied with their progress. Is there not room for a little more enthusiasm, which might be manifested in more regular and punctual attendance at service and practice ringing? Is there not scope for a little more keenness in the desire to strike better and advance in method ringing? Is the general standard of the work really as good as it was before the war intervened? These are questions which we could each put to ourselves, and, if answered conscientiously, many would perhaps find that there is considerable truth in the remarks which we have quoted. And the remedy? That is in the hands of the ringer himself.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND, W.C.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... Treble	ROBERT G. CHAPPELLE ... 6
* JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... 2	† JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 7
JEFFREY R. GAMMON ... 3	* JAMES BULLOCK ... 8
* MISS GLADYS E. BATEMAN ... 4	WILLIAM H. PICKETT ... 9
† FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal on 10 bells. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal. The ringers of 2nd and 5th are from Portsmouth and 7th from Midsomer Norton, Somerset.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6043 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HUGH T. SCARLETT ... Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... 2	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... 7
GEORGE B. LUCAS ... 3	FREDERICK C. MAYNARD ... 8
WILLIAM J. KEMP ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... 9
ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... 5	* JOHN COLEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a compliment to William H. Freeman on his birthday, the band again thanking him for his hospitality after the peal. * First peal on ten bells. Quickest peal of Caters on the bells.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT ST. MARTIN'S PRO-CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

* PERCY HARRISON ... Treble	JOHN OLDBAM ... 6
† SAMUEL COTTON ... 2	HERBERT W. NEEDHAM ... 7
LOUIS E. ALLEN ... 3	DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY ... 8
* SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	HARRY BROUGHTON ... 9
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge Royal in Leicester. The ringers wish to thank Mr. J. Oldham for travelling from Loughboro' at short notice to fill a vacancy caused by the sudden illness of Mr. George Cleal.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 57½ cwt.

PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... Treble	ALFRED E. REEVES ... 6
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 2	JAMES HUNT ... 7
ALBERT STOWELL ... 3	WALTER FARLEY ... 8
JOHN W. JONES ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 9
SIDNEY M. LOXTON ... 5	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN } ... Tenor
	CHARLES J. PAIN ... }

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

This peal was rung to commemorate the induction, enthronement and installation of the Right Rev. St. John Basil Wynne Willson, D.D., into the Bishopric of Bath and Wells, which ceremony took place on Tuesday, November 15th.

**ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.**

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
(St. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES SAMPSON Treble	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
GEORGE WILSON 4	WILFRED W. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung with half-muffled clappers on the anniversary of signing the Armistice.

BASFORD, NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES F. GEORGE Treble	*SAMUEL BURGOYNE 5
*THOMAS H. KIRKBY 2	CECIL J. BAKER... .. 6
FRANK JOHNSON... .. 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY 7
R. ALLAN HICKTON 4	†HERBERT LEWIN Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. * First peal of Stedman. † First peal. Rung in commemoration of Armistice Day, also for the coming of age of Miss M. E. H. Kirkby.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES

Tenor 9 cwt. o gr. 26 lb.

GEORGE GRANT Treble	EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. 5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 2	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. 6
REGINALD BROWN 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
D. C. WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O. 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of Mr. William W. Gifford, Mr. C. W. Goodenough and Mr. James Elcombe, all of whom were most active members of the Guild for upwards of 30 years.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

THOMAS EAST Treble	FREDERICK S. MACEY... .. 5
G. FREDERICK JAMES 2	RICHARD G. RICE 6
JAMES BUTLER 3	JAMES S. NAPPER... .. 7
WILLIAM J. NAPPER 4	WILLIAM A. GOODENOUGH... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES BUTLER.

This peal was arranged for the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

N. J. PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

RICHARD SMITH Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
RICKS PAINE... .. 2	CHARLES WINSER 6
JOHN BURLES 3	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7
HERBERT E. ADELSLEY 4	HENRY SIMMONDS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESEMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells. Arranged and rung as a birthday peal to Richard Smith and for the silver wedding of Mr. William Ware, leader of the Northfleet band.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	EDWIN OGDEN 5
TOM STANCLIFFE 2	JONATHAN WHEWELL 6
FRED BRADLEY 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 7
*JAMES SHAW 4	WILLIAM H. HUNTER... .. Tenor

Composed by W. GOODALL. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

Rung by ex-service men to commemorate the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice and in affectionate remembrance of all brother ringers fallen in the war. The ringers of 5th and 8th hail from Burnley, 7th from Churchkirk, 1st, 2nd and 3rd from Blackburn and 4th and 6th from Oswaldtwistle. * First peal in the method.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCY HARRISON... .. Treble	HARRY BROUGHTON 5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD 2	EPHRAIM W. RANDE... .. 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	*ERNEST MORRIS... .. 7
JOHN OLDHAM 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Cambridge. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Chapman, of Manchester.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ROBERT T. LAMBERT... .. Treble	THOMAS TULLETT 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 3	JOSEPH WRAN 7
WILLIAM H. HOAD 4	THOMAS HOAD Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung on the eve of the 8th anniversary of the consecration of the church and bells. * First peal of Triples. Messrs. Tullett and Wren hail from East Grinstead, Lambert (3) from Horsmonden and the rest from Salehurst.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, COBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

GEORGE M. KILBY Treble	ISAAC G. SHADE 5
JOHN J. LAMB 2	ARTHUR MASON 6
REUBEN SANDERS 3	HAROLD W. CLARK 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	DALBY HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MASON.

First peal as conductor in any method.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*SAMUEL WOOD Treble	WALTER AYRE 5
TOM TEBBUTT 2	*MISS L. M. MOBBS 6
†MISS ELSIE B. BRANDON... 3	*ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... 7
MISS PHYLLIS HARE... .. 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major. This is the first peal on the bells since they were augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1920, and was rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar's son.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
*WILLIAM H. BALL 2	GEORGE F. SWANN 6
THOMAS H. REEVES 3	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 7
GEORGE F. GARRISON 4	JOHN NEAL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.
* First Surprise peal. Rung to celebrate the appointment of the Rev. Canon Swindell, M.A., R.D., as Canon of Birmingham.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Beckwith, who were married at the above church Nov. 12th, 1896.

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

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WILLIAM GIBBS Treble	WILLIAM POTTER 5
JOHN BASS 2	HARRY HUBBLE 6
JOHN LLOYD 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS 7
ARTHUR E. WHATMORE 4	CHARLES E. PERKINS Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.
* First peal of Major and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the occasion of the unveiling of the local memorial to the men of Brierley Hill who fell in the Great War.

GREAT YARMOUTH.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt. 0 qr. 12 lb.

ARTHUR WEBBER Treble	BEN S. THOMPSON 5
ALBERT ROUGET 2	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 6
JOHN A. GODFREY 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
GEORGE W. FLETCHER 4	GEORGE MAYERS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.
First peal in the method on the bells. 50th peal of Double Norwich by Frederick J. Howchin. 100th peal as conductor.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. E. BANKES JAMES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALFRED COATES Treble	GEORGE WELLING 5
WM. A. BRECKON 2	*ALBERT HUNTER 6
†FREDERICK W. JOHNSON 3	THOS. SCOLLICK 7
THOS. METCALFE 4	WILLIAM BROADLEY Tenor

Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Patton on attaining his 83rd birthday, he having been a ringer at the above church for over 60 years. It was also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rebung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1915.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN BAYLISS Treble	†WILLIAM LEWIS 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	ERNEST GIBBS 6
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 3	ERNEST W. TURNER 7
†SIDNEY HOLT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. 3 lb.

ROBERT B. SMITH Treble	AUGUSTUS HAYFIELD 4
J. W. H. HALL 2	GEORGE W. FENTON 5
HORACE MORLEY 3	WM. ARTHUR HUDSON Tenor

Conducted by WM. ARTHUR HUDSON.

The ringer of the treble hails from Howden, 2nd, 3rd and 5th from Selby Abbey and 4th and tenor belong to the local band. The peal was rung for 'Guy Fawkes night,' the bells being fired after the peal.

BREDBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Nov. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Bob Doubles and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM WATKINS Treble	*JAMES HAMER 4
*WILLIAM MANTELL 2	RICHARD BETHELL 5
ALFRED TOMKINS 3	†HENRY HODGES Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMKINS.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal in two methods for all the band. Rung with the bells half-muffled in remembrance of the men from the parish who lost their lives in the great war.

HANLEY SWAN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*HENRY CHANCE Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
†JOHN BAYLISS 2	ERNEST GIBBS 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung with the bells half-muffled on the anniversary of the Armistice.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

P. C. LUKE BROOKES Treble	ARTHUR G. LILLEY 4
REGINALD CLEMENTS 2	WALTER FLITTON 5
PERCY WEBB 3	FREDERICK GRIGGS Tenor

Conducted by P. WEBB.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of the men who gave their lives in the war, including four local ringers; also as a token of respect for Mr. W. J. Carver, who had been organist at the Parish church for 42 years, and was buried the same day previous to the peal. Five of the band are ex-service men.

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

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

*REGINALD C. UNDERWOOD <i>Treble</i>	*WILLIAM E. COLES 3
[MISS C. WILMA LAWSON... 2	JOHN F. BROOKS 4
CHARLES W. SMITH <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by CHARLES W. SMITH.

First peal by treble ringer, aged 14 years. First peal by Miss Lawson, who is the first resident lady member to ring a peal for the above Branch. Rung on the anniversary of the termination of the great war. * First peal away from treble.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Stedman, St. Clement's, St. Simon's and two 720's each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

H. DAY <i>Treble</i>	V. CORNELL... .. 3
H. CORNELL... .. 2	W. HEAD 4
J. MARTIN <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by V. CORNELL.

Rung with the bells fully muffled in memory of those who fell in the war, and on the third anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

BLDLOW, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 3,600 of Grandsire and 1,440 of Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*F. NICHOLLS <i>Treble</i>	REV. E. J. TRESDALE ... 3
*A. J. SEYMOUR 2	*G. SEYMOUR 4
J. W. WILKINS <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by J. W. WILKINS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. First peal of Doubles by all. The conductor hails from High Wycombe, the remainder are local.

BOVINGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Bob, 960 of Canterbury, 960 of Plain Bob and 2,400 of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb.

JAS. MANSFIELD <i>Treble</i>	ISAAC CAVILL 4
WILLIAM MARRABLE 2	BENJ. GEORGE BURTON ... 5
WILLIAM LITTLECHILD ... 3	WILLIAM MANSFIELD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells. Rung in commemoration of Armistice Day. Messrs. James Mansfield and Burton belong to Nazeing, the others to Roydon. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, also the young ringers for getting them ready.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS HOAD 4
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2	WILLIAM H. HOAD 5
*ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* Elected member of Association previous to starting. Messrs. Lambert hail from Horsmonden, the rest from Salehurst.

The report of a peal rung at Glodwick, Lincs, on November 12th has been sent without the name of the conductor.

EAST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

*FREDERICK WREN <i>Treble</i>	*ALBERT HOBDEN 4
ALBERT REID 2	*PERCY MARCHANT 5
ALFRED J. PIERPOINT ... 3	JAMES A. HART <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

* First peal of Minor.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz.: Double Bob, Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FRED HILL... .. <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 4
*ERNEST STONE 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 5
ARTHUR ROWLEY 3	EDGAR VALLANCE <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

* First in seven plain methods 'inside.'

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Nov. 13, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
 IN THE TOWER OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

MISS ROSE A. POWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM T. POSTON 4
JOHN J. BEVAN 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 5
JOHN CLARK... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Umpire: J. BLAKE.

First peal rung for the Hereford Guild by a lady residing in the Diocese.

CHRISHALL, ESSEX.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (BARLEY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob Old Doubles, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and 1,440 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*FRANK HAYES <i>Treble</i>	HARRY HOWARD 4
ROBERT HOWARD 2	ALBERT HOWARD... .. 5
WALTER MANSFIELD... .. 3	WALTER SERMONS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal in six methods. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

CHEDDLETON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHDIOCESAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Norton-le-Moors, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK TRINER <i>Treble</i>	JOHN W. WALKER 4
JOHN E. WHEELDON... .. 2	†JAMES WALLEY 5
WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ... 3	FREDERICK T. DAWSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. E. WHEELDON.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. This is the first peal on the bells for 37½ years, and also the first peal in which the new method, 'Norton-le-Moors,' has been rung. All the above ringers hail from Norton-le-Moors.

RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.

On Saturday, October 22nd, at St. Margaret's Church, Leiston, with the bells deeply muffled, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Keeble 1, A. F. Bailey 2, G. Wilson 3, J. G. Rumsey 4, J. M. Bailey 5, C. F. Bailey (conductor), 6, E. H. Bailey 7, C. Sampson 8. On Sunday, October 23rd, with the bells half-muffled, 576 Bristol Surprise Major: A. Keeble 1, E. H. Bailey 2, G. Wilson 3, J. M. Bailey 4, E. S. Bailey 5, C. F. Bailey 6, C. Sampson 7, J. G. Rumsey 8. The touches were rung as a token of deepest sympathy with Mr. John M. Button, late Master of St. Margaret's Society, upon the death of his wife.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Nov. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

IN THE TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR SYMONDS 1-2	*FREDERICK MORTLOCK 4
FRANK TURNER 3	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 5-6
WM. R. JOHN POULSON 7-8	

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by W. R. J. POULSON.
Umpire: L. POULSON.

* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Nov. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE NORTH FARM,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

RICHARD A. GOFTON 1-2	THOMAS T. GOFTON 5-6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3-4	R. ALDER GOFTON 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by EDWARD MULLINS. Conducted by the Performer.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

The above peal was tapped as a birthday compliment to the composer.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESENTATION TO MR. J. J. JONES.

The annual meeting of the Guildford District was held at Guildford on Saturday, November 12th, and was very well attended. The bells at Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas' Churches were rung during the afternoon, and a service was held in S. Nicolas' Church, conducted by the Rev. G. M. Wheeler (Rector), the Guild's form of service being used. An excellent address was given by the Rev. Canon Cooke Yarborough (Rector of Puttenham). Miss Margaret Simmonds presided at the organ.

Tea was held at Brett's Restaurant, the Mayor of Guildford (Councillor H. M. Lunn) being in the chair. He was supported by the Rev. G. M. Wheeler, Canon Cooke Yarborough, Sir John Herschel (Rector of West Clandon), and others.

A pleasing feature of the meeting was the presentation to Mr. J. J. Jones (late hon. sec.) of a handsome silver-plated tantalus, subscribed for by members of the district as a mark of appreciation of his services during his 34 years' secretaryship. The presentation was made after tea by the Rev. G. M. Wheeler, who said he should never forget that when he was assistant priest at S. Nicolas and wanted a team to ring, Mr. Jones told him it was like playing a game of chess and riding a bicycle at the same time.—Mr. Jones, in thanking the members for their handsome present, said what he valued most was their appreciation of the work he had tried to do for the Exercise during the 35 years he was secretary.

At the business meeting the accounts for the past year were submitted and passed, and the following officers were elected: Hon. secretary, Mr. E. Raddon; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Hazleden; Chairman of committee, Mr. W. R. Melvill; representatives to the Central Committee, Messrs. Jones and Hazleden; auditor, Mr. W. H. Tunnell.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were sent by Canon Kirwan (Guildford) and Mr. J. H. White (Dorking).—The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Mayor for presiding, the Rev. G. M. Wheeler for conducting the service, Canon Cooke Yarborough for his address, and to Miss M. Simmonds for acting as organist.

Places of meeting for next year were fixed as follows: Dorking in February; Worplesdon in April; Cranleigh in May; Cobham in July; Aldershot in September, and the annual at Guildford.

After the business a capital entertainment was given by Mr. Sid. Murrells and his concert party, varied by touches on the handbells and songs by Miss M. Simmonds.

WESTBURY'S "MAGNIFICENT EIGHT."

NEW PEAL DEDICATED.

The grand old church of All Saints, Westbury, Wilts. is now in full possession of one of the most magnificent peals of eight bells in the country. The old six bells were re-cast and new metal added, so that, in addition to the two new trebles, the weight of the others have been increased, the tenor being now 35 cwt. The bells have been hung in an entirely new frame, and the whole work carried out at a cost of over £2,000 by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, with that characteristic excellence which has made them famous. With the exception of from £200 to £300 all the money required has been raised in the parish, a fact of which the good people of Westbury may be justifiably proud.

All the old inscriptions and ornamental bands which were on the original bells have been reproduced with an infinite amount of skill and care upon the re-cast bells and the Arms of the Earl of Marlborough and the Royal Arms which appear on the re-cast 7th are, if anything, more distinct than they were upon the old 5th bell. The heavy peal form a noble eight as they hang in their massive iron frames, which from their appearance are constructed to last as long as the tower stands, and the design and construction of all the various fittings down to the smallest detail assure the observer that nothing remains undone that could possibly lend itself to the placing of the peal in the most perfect ringing order. Those who had the pleasure of the first pull on the new bells were unanimous in their expressions of pleasure at the ease with which these heavy bells can now be rung.

There were nearly 200 ringers present on the occasion of the opening on October 29th, visitors coming from Bath, Bristol and various towers in the Salisbury Diocese; others came from Swindon, Slough, London, Dorchester, Swanage, Newport (Mon.), Sheffield, Devizes, Trowbridge and other towns in Wilts. Among well-known ringers were Mr. W. A. Cave (Bristol), Mr. King (Bath), Mr. E. Bishop (Swindon), Mr. J. Holman (Sheffield), Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport), Mr. J. Sykes (Huddersfield), Miss Edith Parker (London), Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough), Miss Evelyn Moore (of Warminster), and others. Mr. S. J. Hector, of Trowbridge, acted as Ringing Master for the occasion.

The congregation that attended the dedication ceremony completely filled the church, and the service was very impressive.

The dedication was performed by the Archdeacon beneath the noble arch which supports the tower. Having given the salutation, 'Peace be to this house,' to which came the response, 'Alleluia,' the churchwardens requested the Archdeacon to 'dedicate to the honour and glory of God the bells now hung in the tower.' Taking the ropes the Archdeacon offered the customary dedicatory prayers, using the words, as he delivered the ropes to the Vicar, 'Receive these bells as a sacred trust, committed unto thee, as the appointed minister of Christ in this church and parish; and take heed that they be ever and only used in His service and for His honour.' Then, holding the ropes, the Vicar and his churchwardens kneeling, he pronounced the dedicatory prayer: 'In the faith of Jesus Christ we do solemnly set apart and separate these bells from all profane and unhallowed uses, and do now dedicate them to the glory of God and for the benefit of the Holy Church, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.'

The Doxology was then sung, and the remaining prayers were offered by Archdeacon Carpenter—for the worshippers, for all that hear the bells, for the ringers, for the afflicted, for the departed.

After the exhortation, 'Sing we merrily unto God our strength,' and the response, 'Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob,' the first open notes of the bells were heard, the effect in the church being as of the sound of a church organ, the mellow sounds of the trebles, intermingled with the rich booming notes of the deep-toned tenor, combining to produce an effect of indescribable grandeur. It was a solemn, and yet joyous, moment to the vast congregation.

Choir and people next joined in singing the hymn, 'In the House of God's own glory,' and following an address by the Archdeacon of Dorset, the service closed with 'Angel voices, ever singing,' and the Blessing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5th, the members of the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association held their monthly meeting at Glodwick, the towers represented being Glodwick, Middleton, Oldham, East Crompton, Milnrow, Todmorden Parish Church, Crossstones, New Hey, Miles Platting, Ashton Parish Church, Ashton St. Peter's, Pendleton and Hyde, and the number present being 31. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble and Plain Bob were rung.

Mr. S. Stott presided over the usual business meeting which followed the ringing. It was unanimously decided that next month's meeting should take place at Whitworth, on December 3rd.

A delegate present from Oldham Parish Church tower intimated to the meeting that their bells were not at present in fit condition for ringing.

The meeting then concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and the local ringers.

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DUNDALK, ST. JOSEPH'S, IRELAND	10 "	25 "
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There has been a boom in peals in recent weeks, and, swelled by the number rung on Remembrance Day, the reports of these performances have been so heavy in the past week that we are compelled to hold over a number of them.

We are informed that Oldham Parish Church bells a ring of twelve, with a tenor of 33 cwt., are so badly in need of the attention of a bell hanger that little or no ringing can be done on them.

The handbell peal rung by the Cambridge University Guild on Nov. 5th was conducted by Mr. E. M. Atkins.

The many ringing friends of Mr. Denison Hayward, the genial and popular tower master at Great Yarmouth, will extend their sympathy to him in the heavy bereavement which he has sustained by the death of his wife, who passed away on October 28th.

A young band—all under 21—and self-taught, are now regularly practising Grandsire Triples at the village of Ringwood, Hants. The bells are rung regularly twice on Sundays, and there is a weekly practice on Tuesday evenings. They only took up change ringing last year, and are heartily to be congratulated upon their quaided progress.

To-day is the centenary of the first peal of Treble Bob Triples, which was rung at St. Peter's, Huddersfield, on Nov. 25th, 1821, and last Wednesday was the centenary of a peal of 5,040 New Treble Bob Royal rung at Soham. One hundred and five years ago yesterday the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus was rung on handbells at Sheffield.

Next Sunday will be the anniversary of a peal of 6,204 Grandsire Cinques, rung in the year 1729, at Cornhill, by the London Scholars.

It is quite possible that there may soon be another twelve bell oasis in the desert of the counties of the south. Taunton, now a peal of ten, is to have two trebles added.

The peal of eight at All Saints', Hereford, which have just been restored, with a recast tenor, date from 1769, when they were cast by Thomas Rudhall, but an inventory of 1552 shows that there were eight bells and a sanctus bell in the tower, even at that distant date.

A big contract for the installation of electric clocks in the new London County Hall at Westminster is being carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnson, of Croydon. There are to be, in all, 700 dials.

THE LATE MR. R. J. WILKINS. MUFFLED RINGING AT BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday evening, November 8th, the twelve bells at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, were muffled in memory of the late Mr. R. J. Wilkins, of Bristol, who was a respected member of St. Martin's Guild. The 'whole pull and stand' was rung 54 times (corresponding with deceased's age), followed by six-courses of Stedman Cinques in the inverted titums and handstroke home position: T. Russam 1, E. T. Allway 2, T. H. Reeves 3, G. F. Swann 4, P. O. Laffin 5, M. J. Morris 6, A. S. Norman 7, J. F. Smallwood 8, S. Mansell 9, J. George 10, A. Walker (conductor) 11, J. Neal 12.

DRONFIELD RINGERS DEAD.

YORKSHIRE TOWER LOSES TWO MEMBERS.

Dronfield, Yorks, has lost one of its veterans, in the person of Mr. Samuel Allen, who has passed away at the age of 82 years. He had been a ringer at Dronfield Parish Church for upwards of 62 years, and took part in many six-bell prize ringing contests all over the county. The deceased possessed a rich, deep bass voice, and had been a chorister at the church for upwards of 50 years.

The impressive funeral service was fully choral, and was largely attended, and the deceased was laid to rest under the shadow of the walls of the church he loved so well, and in which he gave the best of his talents.

Mr. Allen was a member of the Old East Derbyshire Association of Change Ringers, and by his geniality and kindness, together with his rare old stock of anecdotes of ringing and musical lore, always drew a large circle of friends around him.

After the interment, half-muffled touches were rung upon the bells. The following towers were represented: Ecclesfield, Norton, the Catfield, and All Saints', Sheffield.

The deceased was a prominent member of the R.A.O.B., and took an active part in the working of and introducing new lodges in and around the district in the early years of his life.

It is with regret we have also to record the death of Mr. Thomas Platts, of Dronfield, who has died at the age of 55 years. He has been a ringer at Dronfield Parish Church for close upon 35 years, and was also verger for a number of years.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Sunday morning, Nov. 6th, 336 Double Norwich, and for evensong, 1,152 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Tipton 1, T. Hard 2, V. Tipton 3, G. Dent 4, H. Smale 5, S. Clarke 6, J. Cordell 7, Wm. Wheeler (conductor) 8.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER.

PROPOSED PEAL OF 12 FOR ST. MAGNUS.

(Continued from Page 707.)

In proposing the toast of 'London and Provincial Ringing Societies,' Mr. C. H. Horton (vice-chairman) said the coming together on such an occasion of so many representatives of societies from different parts of the country helped in many ways to advance the cause of change ringing. The College Youths had their annual dinner in London; the St. Martin's Guild held the Johnson Commemoration dinner every year in Birmingham, and he would suggest that one of the other provincial societies should institute another such gathering to make a triangular affair of it—perhaps it could be done somewhere in the west. He believed it would knit together even more strongly the interests of ringers and ringing, for amongst the majority of ringers there was a spirit of brotherhood, and it was brotherhood that counted. The College Youths always did their best to make visitors welcome in that city (hear, hear). They welcomed there that night members of the following, among other societies: Gloucester and Bristol, Midland Counties, Essex, Herls, Kent, Surrey, Middlesex, Oxford Guild, Salisbury Guild, Royal Cumberlands and London County. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. A. B. Bennett, of the Royal Cumberlands, well known to many ringers of past days, and the Rev. F. L. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild, who had done yeoman service for the church, and ringers generally (applause).

Mr. A. B. Bennett responded for the London Societies, and expressed the pleasure which it gave the members to take part in that enjoyable reunion to talk over old times with old friends, and to make new friends. He asked the College Youths to accept their thanks, and wished them continued prosperity.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards replied, in a racy speech, for the Provincial societies, and emphasised the spirit of brotherhood, referred to by the proposer, which was always shown by the College Youths to provincial ringers when visiting London. Country visitors always received a hearty welcome in the towers, and it was noticeable how the College Youths accommodated their methods to the rudimentary capacities of the country men.

'THE VISITORS.'

Mr. W. D. Smith submitted 'The Visitors,' and remarked that the gathering was one of the most representative he had attended in connection with the College Youths. It showed that the society was appreciated. He expressed the thanks of the society for the support given to them, and he thanked the London rectors for permitting them to ring at their respective towers, which enabled them to continue in their endeavours to advance the art of change ringing.

It was at this stage that Mr. Carter's ringing machine was publicly shown, and after the course of Stedman Cinques, the Master thanked Mr. Carter, to whom, he said, every honour was due for the marvellous patience and ingenuity he had shown in the construction of the machine. It was a compliment to the society that the machine should make its first public appearance at their gathering (applause).

The Rev. H. J. Pynes-Clinton (Rector of St. Magnus) responded to the toast of 'The Visitors' in an interesting and humorous speech, in the course of which he stated, amid applause, that he hoped some day they would be able to increase the present peal of ten bells at St. Magnus to twelve, as there was room for two more. He had, he said, a great love for our English bells, and he owed a great debt of gratitude to the Ancient Society of College Youths, because they were the first people to welcome him when he came to his new parish. Continuing, the speaker said he was a great believer in the historical traditions of ringing, and the use of the bells. At St. Magnus he had revived two ancient usages, for what he considered the main purpose of bells, viz., the advance of the cause of the church. Bells were not merely for their pleasure; they were to remind them of higher things, and he did not think any man of due sensibility could hear the bells in the ancient towers speaking of the services of God, which were going on inside the churches, without having their thoughts raised a little bit towards things which were above. They of the clergy ought to realise, perhaps more than they sometimes did, the great and valuable part that the ringers played in the services of the church. The revival of which he had spoken at St. Magnus was the revival of the Angel bell (or Angelus), at a quarter to eight, at mid-day and at half-past six. The Angelus dated back to the eleventh or twelfth century, and was rung three times a day as a memorial of the Incarnation. He had had at least one message that that bell was helpful. Nurses at Guy's Hospital had told him that when they heard the bell across the river it did serve as a reminder to them of the spiritual side of their work. The other revival was the ringing of the Sanctus bell at the consecration prayer in the High Eucharist, as a call to those who were not amongst them to raise their hearts and offer a prayer in union with those in the church.

BELLS AND THE PRESS.

Mr E. A. Young proposed 'The Press,' remarking that there was a real link between the bells and the Press, for in the old days when there

were no newspapers it was to the bells that the people looked for the announcement of news of great importance. Ringers were interested in the toast in that they had a paper of their own. It was a great asset to have such a paper, run in their own interests, and although they might sometimes feel they had a little grievance if their performances did not appear when they had done something which they thought merited it, they had to recollect the difficulties which often confronted the journal.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith responded to the toast. The aim of 'The Ringing World,' he said, was to do the best for the greatest number, and if some were occasionally disappointed because their special touch or paragraph did not appear it was not because there was any intention of keeping it out, but because there was not the room. It was not possible to put 24 pages of matter into 16, and it was inevitable that when, as was often the case, there was far more material than there was space available, something had to go 'overboard.' The Editor had to do just the best he could, and while he was sorry for those who were disappointed, he asked them to believe that that disappointment was unavoidable.

A most interesting musical programme was then carried out, opened by Mr. Percy Cave with a pianoforte selection. Messrs. A. C. Hardy, C. Fenn, T. Faulkner and R. Fenn next gave an exhibition of London Surprise on handbells, and almost completed a course, which was loudly applauded. Excellent songs and a duet were contributed by Messrs. H. Castell (who was also the accompanist), and W. C. Dowding, but the most delightful and novel item in the programme was the handbell solos given by Mrs. A. A. Hughes, who was loudly encored for her charming rendering of 'Ashore' and 'Little Grey Home in the West.' This was Mrs. Hughes' first appearance at a ringers' gathering, although she has performed at other entertainments previously, and her extremely clever manipulation of the bells, coupled with the artistic rendering of the solos, was quite a feature of the evening's entertainment.

After the toast of 'The Artistes,' submitted by Mr. T. Faulkner, the enjoyable proceedings concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A highly successful meeting was held on Saturday, Nov. 19th, at St. Margaret's Church, Stoke Golding. A goodly number of ringers from the Nuneaton District were present. Grandsire was first rung, one very young enthusiast having to be accommodated with a couple of boxes in order to get near enough to the beloved sallie. Next came St. Clement's and Kingston Treble Bob, and London Surprise and Grandsire followed. Then the ringers attended service, conducted by the Vicar, the surpliced choir assisting. The ringers' hymn, 'Set between the earth and heaven,' was sung after the first lesson, followed by the Magnificat. After the Collects and prayer for ringers, 'Faith of our Fathers' was sung, and the service concluded with the Nunc Dimittis.

Tracks were then made for the Schoolroom, where a good tea was waiting. Afterwards the Vicar, who was elected an honorary member of the Guild, welcomed the ringers to the parish, and said he hoped to do so again on some future occasion.—Hearty thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the service, also to the choir for their attendance.

The tower was then again visited, and London, Beverley, Cambridge, Chester and Norbury were all brought round, thus concluding a very happy day.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Bedford District was held at Milton-Ernest on Saturday, November 12th. Ringing commenced at 2.30, and a service was held, at which an excellent address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. E. L. Holmes). At tea, which was served in the School, 30 members were present. The Vicar presided at the business meeting, supported by Miss E. Steel (vice-president), Mr. F. Payne, of Keitering, and members from Sharnbrook, Harrold, Thurlough, Riseley, Clapham, Elstow, Bedford, and the local company.

The District Secretary referred to the sad loss to the Elstow company and to the association by the death of Miss S. Smith, and a vote of condolence was passed, by all standing. Although Miss Smith had only rung one peal, she was a very keen ringer, and her loss will be sadly felt by all her ringing friends.

The Secretary's report was passed, and the committee were re-elected en bloc. The secretary, although he gave notice to resign, was asked to take on the duties for another year, and consented to do so.—It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Bromham, of which notice will be given in 'The Ringing World.'—The Vicar was elected an hon. member.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address, and for his kindness in providing tea, to which he responded.

A course of Grandsire Caters on handbells by H. L. Harlow 1—2, W. Stapleton 3—4, C. W. Clarke 5—6, F. Webb 7—8, E. White 9—10, brought the meeting to a close. The methods rung in the tower ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

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HEREFORD GUILD'S WAR MEMORIAL.**ALL SAINTS' BELLS RESTORED.**

The Bishop of Hereford, on the eve of All Saints' Day, dedicated the recast tenor bell at All Saints' Church, Hereford, and once more, after fifty years of silence, this peal of bells, now rehung in a new frame, rang out again. The recasting of the bell was the proposal of Mr. C. Edwards, one of the joint secretaries of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and was undertaken by the Guild as a memorial to its 57 fallen members. The tenor is 17 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs., and is inscribed, on one side:—

To the glory of God and in memory of the ringers of the Diocese, who fell in the Great War, 1914-1918. This bell was re-cast by the Herefordshire Diocesan Guild of Bellringers, 1921: A. G. M. Rushton, Vicar; S. Searle, H. R. Rogers, Churchwardens.

On the other side of the bell is reproduced the old inscription:—
I to the Church the living call
And to the grave do summon all.
Stephen Sandford, Esq., Mayor, 1769.

The work was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and has given the greatest satisfaction, the firm's work having drawn the warmest praise from the large number of ringers who assembled in the ancient city for the opening ceremony.

The dedication service was one that will live long in the memory of the parishioners of All Saints. The Bishop, in his robes, the choir and clergy, preceded by the thurifer scattering incense, walked in procession to the steps of the belfry, where his Lordship solemnly dedicated the tenor bell to the memory of the 57 fallen ringers, and offered up prayers for the repose of their souls. At the conclusion the buglers sounded 'The Last Post' and 'The Reveille.'

The lessons were read by the Dean of Hereford (the Very Rev. R. Waterfield), and the Bishop preached an impressive sermon upon the uses of bells.

On the following day there was Solemn Evensong, attended by members of the Guild. The Rev. J. H. Roberts officiated, the lessons being read by the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. M. Rushton) and the Rev. G. W. Turner (Vicar of Madley).

The preacher was the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild). The sermon was based on the three opening verses of the 40th Psalm, in which he found a parable which crystallised in metaphor the story of the re-cast tenor bell. The bell, he added, was now a bell of remembrance, a monument to those who had laid down their lives for God and their fellow-men. It was fitting that the dedication should have been on All Saints' Day, for that was a day which tugged at every heart, and more so than ever now because of the remembrance of those last seven years. Could they ever forget those early days in 1914 when those to whose memory the bell was re-cast, set out on that great adventure, which was to win peace and liberty? So was it with the Christian life itself. Their profession, their faith, was a great, a splendid adventure.

After the service the Office of the Dead was sung by the Rev. F. G. Russell.

There was a large gathering of ringers at tea at St. Peter's Church House, over 150 sitting down, under the presidency of the Dean of Hereford. Among those present were the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Rev. G. W. Turner, Madley (Secretary, Hereford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. A. C. M. Rushton (Vicar of All Saints), Rev. J. R. Roberts, Rev. A. Middleton (Allensmore), Rev. F. E. Russell, Mr. C. Edwards, Great Brampton (Joint Secretary, Diocesan Guild), Mr. R. Knowles (Worcester), Mr. E. Jenkins (Norwich), Mr. A. A. Hughes (head of the firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, London), Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), Mr. J. G. Buchanan (Master of the Diocesan Guild), Mr. G. H. Phillot (Obeltenham), Mr. S. Searle and Mr. H. R. Rogers, jun. (churchwardens), Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport), Mr. W. Mead (Clun), Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough), and many others.

After tea the Chairman complimented Hereford upon its bells, and congratulated the Vicar of All Saints upon the very happy festival which they were this year celebrating. No one could have been present at the dedication service the previous night without being impressed by its extreme beauty. The bell ringers of the diocese could not possibly have chosen a better way to commemorate the fallen bell ringers than by re-casting the tenor bell and refitting it so that with the other bells the peal might be rung again as it had been in the days of their forefathers (applause).

The Vicar welcomed the Guild, and spoke in gratitude and appreciation of the work done by Mr. C. Edwards in connection with the memorial.

Mr. Edwards, in reply, said it was a matter of great regret to him, after a 23 years' absence from his native Hereford, to come back and find the peal still out of order, the tenor bell still cracked. When the question of commemoration of the fallen diocesan bell ringers was raised the idea came to him, he felt almost as an inspiration, that it might be possible to have it re-cast. It had been possible. He did not attempt to minimise the task, or the anxiety which the re-casting had been to the bell founders, but all had ended well. His difficulty in getting a full list of names was very great. He was afraid it was not yet complete. He believed that if the parishes would only respond and give accurate returns

that it would be found there were 66. He hoped that a full list for permanent record would soon be possible.

Congratulations were also extended by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Mr. J. G. Buchanan and Mr. G. H. Phillot.

Much ringing was organised in the diocese during the week, and the visitors spent a very happy time.

A CUMBERLAND'S GOLDEN WEDDING.**PEALS, HOSPITALITY, AND PRESENTATIONS.**

Should there be any members of the Exercise (of either sex) who still believe in the old adage that 'ringers and singers are no home-bringers' they would be well advised to ask the opinion of Mrs. Benjamin Foskett in the matter. For certainly her good man, 'Old Ben,' brought a goodly number home to No. 1, Olive Road, Cricklewood, on Saturday, November 12th. And should 'Old Ben' by any chance fall in with the suggestion of one of the party to make it an 'annual,' no doubt his good lady will look forward to seeing her beloved taking part in long peals once again in preference.

However, the occasion was a memorable one, even for the proverbial long-lived ringer. For had not Mr. and Mrs. Foskett outlived the trials of 50 years of married life? And was there one of the party who did not hope that, should it be his good fortune to recall such a landmark in this 'vale of tears,' he would at least be as happy, contented, and comfortable as this worthy old couple?

To the younger generation of ringers Mr. Foskett's name may not be so well known, but to those of us who can hark back (dare we say it?) round about 30 years his name is well known as one who has done much to further the Exercise. His proudest performance was his share in the 13,440 of Double Norwich at Romford in 1894, and in the few years preceding and following this he took part, with the late George Newson and Henry Dains, in a goodly number of peals for the Royal Cumberlands. But there are two sides to every story, and this long peal was no exception to the rule. One wonders what his feelings were at Brentwood, some six weeks before the peal was successfully rung, when the treble rope came down on his head after ringing 13,072 changes in 8 hrs. 16 mins., the actual time taken to ring the peal at the next attempt! All this, of course, is ancient history to the 'old uns,' but it may serve as a reminder to the younger generation that perseverance is as necessary in ringing as in anything else.

The peals rung to mark this historic golden wedding have already appeared in their proper place. Following the peals at Highgate and Willesden on the Saturday, the respective bands assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Foskett to partake of their hospitality. The number of good things provided, it need hardly be said, were done ample justice to. Following the toast of 'The King and Royal Family,' Mr. Foskett welcomed his friends in a few words of kindly advice and reminiscence. He was pleased to see that the company included not only members of his own society, but of the Middlesex, London County, and College Youths.

The toast of the evening, 'Mr. and Mrs. Foskett,' was proposed by the Master of the Society, of which Mr. Foskett has for so long been a worthy member and office-holder, whilst Mr. W. Pye also added a few words of good wishes. Then followed song and jest, interspersed with a course of Stedman Cinques, a course of Double Norwich, three leads of Treble Twelve, and a touch of Stedman Caters.

At an appropriate interval a pleasant little surprise was sprung upon the worthy couple by Mr. J. D. Matthews, on behalf of the ringers at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. It was his pleasure and privilege, he said, to ask Mr. and Mrs. Foskett to accept some small token of the goodwill of his fellow Sunday ringers. The speaker recalled the fact that during the dark days of the war, when ringers had a difficulty in keeping things going, he had no more loyal supporter than Mr. Foskett, who, despite his age, was regularly in his place on Sunday morning, rain or shine. Mr. Matthews then pinned on his old friend's tie a gold pin, with a bell in relief, and Mrs. Foskett received a gold brooch to match.

Mr. Foskett tendered his thanks on behalf of himself and wife, and said how much they would value the small tokens they had just received. He hoped for a long time yet to be regular in his Sunday ringing, but reminded his hearers that years were beginning to tell.

And to prove it he had rung a peal of Stedman Cinques before 48 hours had expired!

To the Misses Foskett and friends the best thanks of the party are due for all they did for their comfort. With such daughters one need have no misgivings as to the welfare and comfort of 'Old Ben' and 'Mrs. Ben' in the evening of their days. Long life and good luck to them—one and all!
J. D. M.

HALF MUFFLING BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should be glad for any of your readers' opinions as to which is the correct way of half muffling bells. Should they be muffled on hand-stroke or back-stroke? We always muffle the back-stroke, but on visiting a neighbouring tower just recently on the occasion of war memorial dedication we found the bells muffled on the hand-stroke, and it led to a discussion as to which is the proper way. Perhaps someone will give an explanation?—Yours truly,

JAMES SMITH, Hon. Sec., Horbury Branch, Y.A.C.R.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GARGRAVE, YORKSHIRE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 6th, for a special war memorial service for the fallen, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: A. Trench 1, A. R. Jones 2, J. Bazeley 3, W. Bradley 4, J. Langstroth 5, Dr. Wales (conductor) 6, C. Langstroth 7, H. Birtwhistle 8.

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.—For morning service, at All Saints' Church, 360 Bob Minor: J. Porter 1, H. Bowen 2, John Porter 3, V. Bowen 4, E. Barker 5, Tony Price (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: E. Barker (conductor) 1, H. Bowen 2, J. Porter 3, R. Watson 4, H. Porter 5, T. Brice 6.

BATHEASTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, Oct. 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: F. Green 1, G. James 2, T. Grant 3, J. Taylor 4, J. Hallett 5, H. Taylor (conductor) 6.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—For morning service, on Sunday, Oct. 16th, 504 Grandsire Triples: S. Chapman 1, J. Hazel 2, W. Clark 3, Miss S. Davis 4, F. Freeman 5, G. Parsons 6, J. Abery (conductor) 7, W. Green 8.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.—On Sunday, October 16th, harvest festival, for early celebration, 720 Bob Minor; for Matins, 720 Bucknall Delight; for evensong, 720 Biddulph. Ringers: Misses A. Preston and A. Wheelton, and Messrs. C. Preston, C. Pointon, W. Fradley, W. Wheelton, junr., and W. Wheelton, senr. On the preceding Thursday, 720 Cambridge Surprise: Chas. Bowen (first 720) 1, C. Preston 2, W. Wheelton, junr., 3, C. Pointon (conductor) 4, W. Fradley 5, W. Wheelton, senr., 6.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 13th, at the Church of St. Mary, 360 and 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Pelling 1, R. J. Dawe 2, W. Watts, senr., 3, G. Piper 4, F. Bennett (conductor) 5, A. J. Turner 6. Also 360 Bob Minor and a 720; W. Watts, junr., 1, W. Watts, senr., 2, G. Piper 3, F. Bennett 4, E. J. Dawe 5, A. J. Turner (conductor) 6.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, Tottenham, for evening service, on Sunday, Nov. 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Reacher 1, H. A. Barnett (conductor) 2, S. W. Crabb 3, H. Strickland 4, W. W. Dickinson 5, C. H. Ross 6, H. Ellis 7, W. Patmore 8.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, Nov. 6th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: E. F. Cole 1, E. G. Goddard 2, G. Spencer 3, J. Milner 4, J. N. Frossell 5, C. J. Tricker 6, J. Howes (conductor) 7, W. Warne 8.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 6th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (twin bob), in 42 mins.: E. F. Pike 1, W. Smith 2, F. King 3, G. Wickens 4, F. Terry 5, J. E. Keep 6, I. Emery (conductor) 7, F. Scutcher 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, Nov. 6th, for morning service, at St. Andrew's Church, 630 Grandsire Triples: G. Upshall 1, H. Prior 2, F. L. Clercq 3, R. Hasted, junr., 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall (conductor) 6, E. Hasted, senr., 7, A. King 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Sunday evening on Nov. 6th, 720 Double Oxford, in 23 mins.: J. Avis 1, Miss E. M. Goodship (first in the method and first attempt) 2, G. R. Ambrose 3, F. Mitchell (conductor) 4, G. Morrad 5, M. V. Jarrett, R.E., 6. Arranged for M. V. Jarrett, who was on a visit to the district with the R.E. band.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Nov. 6th, for morning service, 307 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Bullock 1, A. Lawrence (conductor) 2, R. W. Hyner 3, C. J. Gardiner 4, E. Bishop 5, H. A. Hearle 6, W. G. Lancaster 7, A. E. W. Smith 8.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 30th, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): V. W. Rigg 1, C. Bragg 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, H. Shepherd 4, H. Bragg 5, S. Bragg 6, R. Bragg (conductor) 7, J. Bragg 8. Composed by D. Matkin, and rung for the first time. First quarter-peal of Major by all, and first by a local band in Solihull.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, Oct. 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. A. Fosdike 1, E. J. Panuett 2, H. J. Norgate 3, J. Law 4, A. Bradley 5, T. A. Easterby 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8. Taken from Holt's Original.

ERITH, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Sunday, Oct. 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: W. J. Smith 1, F. J. Cullum, senr., 2, F. Grove (St. Mary's Woolwich) 3, J. P. Lowrey 4, D. Harvey 5, E. J. Dlott (conductor) 6, A. J. Morton 7, J. S. Morton 8.

BEVERLEY.—At the Minster, on Sunday, Oct. 30th, for morning service, 305 Grandsire Caters: J. E. Constable 1, A. H. Foster 2, C. P. Bradley 3, G. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerby 5, C. G. Constable 6, A. E. Sellers 7, W. Gibson 8, W. Middleton (conductor) 9, G. M. Waggitt 10. From 'The Ringing World' for Oct. 7th.—For evening service, 1,295 Grandsire Caters, in 56 mins.: A. Botham 1, C. P. Bradley 2, C. G. Constable 3, J. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerby 5, A. H. Foster 6, A. E. Sellers 7, J. E. Constable 8, W. Middleton (conductor) 9, G. M. Waggitt 10. From 'The Ringing World' for July 15th.

CHATHAM.—On Sunday, Oct. 30th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: H. Springate 1, J. Hunt 2, Col.-Sergt. Bennett, R.M.L.I., 3, H. Hogarth 4, F. Belsey 5, C. Norris 6, F. Richardson (conductor) 7, G. Lawrence 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: P. Couchman 1, F. Richardson 2, T. Hills 3, H. Springate 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, G. Norris 6, Cir.-Sergt. J. Bennett, R.M.L.I., 7, G. Lawrence 8. It was S. Hill's first quarter-peal with a bob bell also rung as a birthday compliment to him.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 30th, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1,257 Stedman Caters: W. E. Garrard 1, R. T. Hibbert 2, F. B. Sinkins 3, G. W. Frayne 4, A. Cutmore 5, A. B. Bennett 6, P. L. Miles 7, A. V. Selby 8, H. G. Miles (conductor) 9, W. Hibbert 10.

COALBROOKDALE.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 30th for the choir service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 minutes, composed by John Carter: W. Crawford 1, R. Evans 2, A. Baxley 3, B. Rixom 4, R. Jones 5, W. Wase 6, W. Saunders (conductor) 7, J. Johnston 8. Also for the musical service in the afternoon and for evensong, short touches of Grandsire Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent, Mr. Albert A. Hughes, from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, taking part.

CHELMSFORD.—On Sunday, Oct. 30th, for evensong, 701 Grandsire Caters: A. Saltmarsh 1, C. Gentry 2, A. Whight 3, A. E. Pitstow (Saffron Walden) 4, H. Allan 5, P. Timson 6, C. Pease 7, H. W. Kirton (conductor) 8, J. Wood 9, W. Pease 10. This is the longest length on ten bells by the ringers of 1 and 2.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 23rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), H. E. Gillett 1, W. Stratford 2, H. Gillett 3, J. Collett 4, H. Packer 5, T. Banning 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Buttler 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 1,280 changes of Double Norwich, in 50 mins.: F. Hunt 1, A. King 2, B. Wilson 3, C. Rollings 4, T. Blackburn 5, T. Kendall 6, H. Walker (first quarter in the method) 7, L. A. Goodenough 8.

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1,260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

234567
672453 2
256734 3
472356 1
724356 4
S 427356 4
P.L. 462675 1

Five times repeated.

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1,280 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

23456 B M W H
45236 — — —
45362 — — —
23564 — — —
62534 — — —
23645 — — —
42635 — — —
23456 — — —

In this quarter-peal the 2nd is never behind with the tenor, except in the third course, when it is 4th's place bell between the M and H.

H. W. WILDE.

1,260 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

23456 1 5 6
35426 — — —
52436 — — —
42635 — — —
23645 — — —
63425 — — 2
24365 — — 1
32546 — — —
53246 — — 2
23456 — — 2

J. HOWES.

720 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR.

2345 4th W O I H
4353 — — —
3254 — — —
3425 — — —
5243 — — —
4235 — — —
4523 — — —
5324 — — —
2345 — — —

Also for Surfleet, Beverley, or Lightfoot, and with S half-way and end, for Double Bob, Oxford, and Stedman Slow Course.

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VETERAN BLACK COUNTRY RINGER.**MR. ROCK SMALL'S 82nd BIRTHDAY.**

On Saturday, November 12th, Mr. William Rock Small, the well-known, popular and respected octogenarian Black Country bell ringer, celebrated his 82nd birthday, and in honour of the event the bells of several church towers in the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang out 'birthday greetings.'

At Wednesbury, the place where Mr. Small first saw light, in the year 1839, and where he rang his first peal—Treble Bob Royal—in the year 1866, the Parish Church bells were rung by the 'senior' band to the tune of Stedman Caters (many of the company having rung peals with Mr. Small over 33 years ago), and were successful in scoring a good peal in 3 hours and 47 minutes. Whilst the 'seniors' were ringing at Mr. Small's native place, some 'juniors' and one of the 'stalwarts' were attempting a peal of Stedman Triples ('Rock's' favourite method) at the 'Pepper Box,' Tipton Parish Church, where Mr. Small attends Divine service when he is fit and weather permitting, but, unfortunately, after ringing nearly an hour, the attempt came to grief owing to too many being in the 'slow' at one time. The band was: J. Pemberton, W. A. Cooper, Abe Greenfield, S. Baker, W. Fisher (conductor), Jesse Screen, T. Cattell, and Reuben Hall, the last-named having taken part in peals with Mr. Small 40 years ago. Unfortunately, Mr. Small was, for the first time in his career, unable to take part in either of the birthday peals, owing to his legs not being able to stand the strain of three hours. Neither was he able to get over to either the Wednesbury or the Tipton functions, to which Mr. Small always invites his colleagues when his birthday celebrations are in progress.

The Tipton contingent were entertained at the Britannia Hotel, Church Lane, the witty and good-humoured Mr. John Jagger joining the party, together with Mr. Alf. Rowley, the Tipton tower-keeper, who acted as chairman. After drinking the health of Mr. Small the party spent the remainder of the evening in handbell ringing.

The Wednesbury 'boys,' together with three ladies (Mrs. J. E. Groves, Mrs. Ben Gough and Mrs. Bert Horton), were entertained to a hot dinner at the ringers' coffee-pot, 'The Three Tuns' Hotel. Afterwards Mr. James George, who should have taken part in the peal, but was unfortunately late, was voted to the chair, he being the senior of the party. In proposing the health of Mr. Small, he congratulated him on attaining his 82nd birthday, and said how sorry he was that Mr. Small was not able to be with them. He hoped, however, that Mr. Small would live for many years to come, and that he would be able to take part in the pastime he loved so much.

Messrs. Herbert Knight, Ben Gough, J. E. Groves and Bert Horton also spoke in honour of the veteran ringer, and said how they appreciated Mr. Small, who had helped to put bell ringing on its proper basis and to advance belfry reform.

Mrs. Groves, on behalf of the ladies present, and on behalf of the Ladies' Guild, also spoke, and said that she hoped Mr. Small would be able to take part in many more birthday celebrations.

At the request of the gathering Mr. Ben Gough undertook to convey the congratulations and best wishes of the ringers to Mr. Small.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the North and East District was held at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, on Saturday, November 5th. Quite a large number of members put in an appearance during the afternoon and evening, and it was good to see an old friend, Mr. James Hunt, now of Taunton, amongst the company.

Ringings commenced at 3 p.m., and at 5 p.m. a short service was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. H. Davies), who prefaced an instructive sermon with a hearty welcome to the association. Tea was served in the Church House, the members being the guests of the Rector and the local ringers, who were heartily thanked for their kindness. The former, unfortunately, had to leave before the business meeting, but before departing he addressed a few words of thanks to the members for the help given by the association to his own ringers, and expressed a hope that all had enjoyed the meeting.

At the subsequent business meeting, the chair was taken by the President (Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O.), who proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to all who had contributed towards the success of the gathering, especially to those who had been good enough to provide such an excellent tea as they had just enjoyed.

The Hon. Secretary produced a number of Central Council publications which he had for sale, and disposed of several.

A large party afterwards visited St. Andrew's Church, Wells Street, under the guidance of the genial towerkeeper, Mr. H. Dyas, and several touches were rung on the very fine peal of bells. A further visit was paid to the tower of St. Giles'-in-the-Fields where ringing was continued until 9 p.m.; amongst the methods rung at both churches being touches or courses of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, and Superlative Surprise.

NOTICES.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester and Hinckley Districts.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Earl Shilton on Nov. 26th. Ringing from 4 till 7 p.m. Smoking concert following.—F. Cotton and H. E. Norman, Secs.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Arksey on the 26th inst. Eight bells ready early.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A special meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Usual arrangements.—S. J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Road Northampton.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at Heavitree, Exeter. Service 4 o'clock, Parish Church. Tea 4.30, the School, Fore Street, Heavitree. Branch members tea free; visitors 1s. each. All Ringers welcome. The following towers will be open: The Cathedral, St. Sidwell's, St. David's, Heavitree.—J. C. Oke, Assistant Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Our next meeting will be on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at St. Mary's, Whitechapel. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m., kindly provided by the Rector. Business after tea. Record attendance requested.—E. C. Russell, Hon. District Sec., 57, Market Street, W.2.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices on Mondays at 7.30 p.m.—St. Clement Danes, Nov. 28th; Sundays at 10 a.m.—St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Aberavon, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. All ringers welcome.—C. Morse, Hon. Sec., 2, Tycoch Road, Sketty.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 1921. Please notify me on or before Nov. 28th, 1921, how many intend to be present from your tower.—E. Steele, 109, George Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present notify me not later than Nov. 28th so that arrangements for tea can be made?—W. Sear, Secretary, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—Owing to illness at Bishop's Stortford the annual district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available 2 p.m. Short service, with address, 5 p.m., followed by tea and business at the Abbey Temperance Hotel.—F. Dench, Dis. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Yorktown District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, Rev. W. E. Colchester. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 29th? All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at All Saints, Wokingham. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea only provided for those who notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 29th. Ringing at St. Paul's after the business meeting.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea (1s.) and meeting after service. Will members who intend to be present kindly notify me by Nov. 26th, so that arrangements can be made for tea? Shall be pleased to receive all outstanding subscriptions.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, E.15.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch. — The next quarterly ringing meeting will be held at Dalton-in-Furness on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) will, by permission of the Vicar, be available all day. — W. T. Clark, Branch Secretary, Broughton-in-Furness.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available at 3. Service, conducted by the Rector, at 5. Through the kindness of the Rector and Mrs. Campbell Ward, tea will be provided after the service, and visitors must notify me by first post on Wednesday, Nov. 30th. Tea cannot be guaranteed unless notice is sent. All ringers are welcome. Business meeting to follow.—Fred. M. Mitchell, District Hon. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at Whitworth. Bells ready at 3. Meeting 6.30. — T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 1, Church Street, Middleton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday Dec. 3rd. Tea will be provided at the 'Cadena,' Wine street. Will all those who intend to be present please let me know by Wednesday, Nov. 30th?—Edith Smith, 23, Somerset Street, Kingsdown, Bristol.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Next meeting at Steeple Ashton on December 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All wishing to attend tea please let me know early.—H. F. Brown, Hon. Sec., 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT & OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Tea, 1s. per head, for those who notify Mr. A. Mitchell, 76, Rawmarsh Hill, Rawmarsh, Rotherham.—Sam Thomas, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready at 4. Tea, 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to Sec.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the North and East District will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea, at a small charge, at 6 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. A good attendance is desired, and I shall be glad to hear from all who require tea about three days prior to the meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The first Annual Social will be held at Chorley on Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available from 2 till 5. Tea in the Church Institute at 5.15, to be followed by a whist drive and social evening. Visitors heartily welcomed. Admission, ladies or gents, 2/6 each.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec., 98, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Western District will be held at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, Dec. 10th. The fine recast peal of ten (tenor 25 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.) will be available from 2 to 4 p.m., and after tea until 9 p.m. A short service will be held in the Cathedral at 4 p.m., when the Vicar (Archdeacon Stanton Jones, B.A.) will address the members. Tea at 5 p.m. in Captain St. Schools at 6d. per head to those who notify Mr. J. Hardcastle, 72, St. Margaret's Road, Horton, Bradford, before Tuesday, Dec. 6th. Business meeting immediately after tea. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dist. Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice :—St. Martin's, second Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On Friday, Nov. 11th, with the bells half-muffled, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Emery 1, F. W. Edwards 2, T. Lincoln 3, F. G. Radley 4, W. Lincoln 5, A. Head 6, H. Head (conductor) 7, T. B. Fairhead 8. Afterwards, with the bells open, 1,280 Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: T. Lincoln 1, F. W. Edwards 2, H. Head 3, F. G. Radley 4, G. W. Sorrell 5, A. Head 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, W. Emery 8.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday afternoon, 5th November, six members of the Ely Diocesan Association spent an enjoyable time at Litlington, Cambs., a small village near Royston. The ringers met with the intention of attempting a peal of the bells of the Parish Church, which were augmented from five to six last February. The Vicar (the Rev. L. G. Edwards) met the ringers at the church, and insisted that they should adjourn to the Vicarage and have tea before starting for the peal. Upon arrival at the Vicarage they were welcomed by Mrs. Edwards, who had a splendid repast awaiting them. After partaking of the good things provided, the ringers returned to the tower, and an attempt was then made for the peal, but after ringing 720 Oxford Bob and nearly 720 Cambridge Surprise the peal came to grief.

A further attempt was not made but touches of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob were rung, and then the Vicar appeared again and invited the ringers to meet the local men at the Vicarage and have some more tea. After this, some of the local ringers were put through their first plain course of Bob Minor, and then a 720 of Cambridge Surprise was rung by: S. Reed (Melbourn) 1, E. G. Hibbins, conductor (Cambridge) 2, A. E. Austin (Stapleford) 3, C. Gouldtborpe (Melbourn) 4, F. Harper (Melbourn) 5, S. E. Roberts (Royston) 6.

The bells are a light peal, tenor $7\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. in A flat, and go excellently. The ringers wish to place on record their appreciation of the kindness of the Vicar and Mrs. Edwards in making them so welcome.

REMEMBRANCE DAY.

WINDSOR.—At the Parish Church, on Remembrance Day, Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandire Triples, half-muffled, in 52 mins.: J. W. Crofts 1, W. F. Cross 2, H. F. Hunt 3, T. Smith 4, A. J. Harman 5, C. Farr 6, L. Stilwell (conductor) 7, J. H. Cropley 8. The above are all Sunday Service ringers.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Saturday, Nov. 12th, at St. Mary's Church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 518 Grandire Triples from Holt's Ten-part: G. H. Dexter 1, A. Ballard 2, R. Barrow 3, L. Jackson 4, A. Cattell 5, J. Morriss 6, R. F. Elkington (conductor) 7, A. Cufflin 8. Rung in honour of the Armistice, with bells half-muffled.

WYKE REGIS, WEYMOUTH.—At All Saints' Church, on Remembrance Day, 720 Bob Minor, rung on the middle six, treble leading, tenor covering: A. Hatcher 1, *J. Gray 2, *A. Muntz 3, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 4, J. Rose 5, C. H. Jennings 6, A. J. Rose 7, J. Beale 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, in honour to the glorious dead. * First 720.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.—Norwich and Ipswich Association.—At St. Peter's Church, on Friday, Nov. 11th, in commemoration of the Armistice, a half-peal of Plain Bob Minor (2,520 changes), in 1 hour 23 mins.: G. Smith 1, W. Smith 2, A. A. Ling, junr., 3, J. Smy 4, A. Smith 5, A. Ling, senr. (conductor), 6. Longest length by the local company.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—With half-muffled clappers, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major: W. Clifford, senr., 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, W. A. James 3, A. B. Moss 4, J. C. Dickon 5, W. Clifford, junr., 6, F. S. Price 7, P. Price 8.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Armistice Day, Nov. 11th, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Dowler 1, H. Hastings 2, B. Boylin 3, W. Mumford 4, H. J. Dowler 5, Wm. Ikin 6, Wm. B. Cartwright (conductor) 7, H. Parkes 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who fell in the war. The above are all ex-Service men except the ringer of the treble. Rung on meeting short for an ex-Service peal.

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SUNDAY RINGERS' MEETINGS.

A new and interesting departure has been made by the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association, by the holding of a Sunday meeting for Sunday service ringers. The proceedings can certainly be counted an entire success. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by a tea and further touches on the bells before evening service, which was attended by the ringers, and which included such features as the use of the association's special form of service, an appropriate address, delivered, of course, not only to the ringers, but to a general congregation, and a short handbell recital. The meeting was held at Bredons Norton at the instigation of the curate-in-charge (the Rev. F. C. Champion), who is himself a ringer. So successful was the gathering that, we are informed, similar meetings are likely to be arranged in other parts of the county, and the experiment will doubtless be watched with interest. Indeed, we think it likely that it may be readily copied by many other associations, for there are points about it which open up new possibilities.

The majority of the ordinary meetings of associations are held on Saturdays, and there are generally a number of members regularly prevented by business from attending and sharing the pleasure which is obtained from these gatherings. Sunday Service meetings would remove the handicap under which these ringers are placed. Beyond this, special features of the service can be made to bring the ringers' work very prominently before the congregation of the church where the meeting is held, as in the case at Bredons Norton. The services at the ordinary meetings are seldom attended by any but the ringers themselves, and the sermons preached—dare we say it?—do not often contain anything that is new. Indeed, if truth be told, ringers sometimes get just a little tired of hearing the oft-repeated story of the bells. When, however, the history, the uses, and the message of the bells can be delivered to the wider congregation present at an ordinary service, the value of the sermon may be infinitely greater, in that it may serve to extend public knowledge of what the science of ringing and the ringers' work consist. In this way useful results may follow from this new departure.

At the same time we venture to utter just a word of warning. Excellent as these gatherings are likely to be, it must not be forgotten that the ringer's Sunday duty is to his own church, and this duty ought not to be neglected without adequate arrangements having been made to see that the service ringing is properly maintained. This means that whole bands ought not to desert their towers together,

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It would be quite possible for members to go in turn to these meetings, leaving at home a sufficient number to ensure that the bells are efficiently rung. Upon another point, too, consideration must be exercised, and that is to avoid, as far as possible, involving others in Sunday labour to provide teas, etc. If these two matters are borne in mind, the general institution of Sunday meetings for service ringers might result in considerably extending interest in the art.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

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On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Six Hours and Six Minutes,
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Tenor 14½ cwt.

F. STEDMAN WHITE Treble	ARTHUR H. WHITE 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 2	*F. S. MACEY 7
HARRY HOLIFIELD 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 8
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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN 6
THOMAS ROSSAM 2	PERCY O. LARLIN 7
ALBERT E. NORMAN 3	ALBERT WALKER 8
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 4	JOHN NEAL 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS 5	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Nov. 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN Treble	W. E. MAULDEN 5
HAROLD S. MAYHEW 2	VICTOR E. KERRIDGE 6
ALFRED H. WATSON 3	CHARLES BUTTON 7
JOHN GARRARD 4	JOHN HALL Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by D. G. WIGHTMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled on the anniversary of Armistice Day.

GLDOWICK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 3½ cwt.

*MISS R. GARSIDE Treble	S. STOTT 5
F. CROSSLAND 2	†J. CLEGG 6
I. SCHOFIELD 3	E. B. SHAW 7
J. TAYLOR 4	*A. ASTIN Tenor

Conducted by S. STOTT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to commemorate the dedication of the war memorial (a new chancel screen and reredos) for the fallen of the parish. Ringers of the treble, 4th and tenor were admitted members before starting. * First peal. † First peal in the method, Miss Garside is the first lady to ring a peal in Oldham.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Nov. 13, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES ABLITT... .. Treble	ERNEST E. LANHAM 5
GEORGE BENNETT 2	GEORGE ABLITT 6
GEORGE FRYKE 3	WILLIAM T. LAST 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	NORMAN R. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by G. LINDOFF. Composed by W. T. LAST.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Nov. 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*CYRIL J. JENNINGS Treble	JOHN W. GLEW 5
ERNEST H. CLARKE 2	JOSEPH LORD 6
WILFRED H. BUXTON 3	WILLIAM A. PARSONS... .. 7
J. ARTHUR ORGILL 4	ARTHUR SHERWOOD Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTANS. Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal, and elected a member before starting. Rung in celebration of the signing of the Armistice.

SWINDON, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, Nov. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

CHARLES J. GARDINER Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD... .. 5
ERNEST BISHOP 2	*HARRY A. HEARL 6
GEORGE LANCASTER 3	SIDNEY PALMER... .. 7
WILLIAM G. LANCASTER 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This peal was rung to celebrate the 3rd anniversary of the Armistice.
* First peal on eight bells.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Nov. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lb.

THOMAS HARD Treble	GEORGE DENT 5
WILLIAM MORRIS... .. 2	STANLEY CLARK 6
VINCENT TIPTON... .. 3	JOHN CORDELL 7
LEWIS J. CORDELL 4	WILLIAM WHEELER Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by G. DENT.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Nov. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... Treble	ISAAC SCHOFIELD... .. 5
BENJAMIN THORP... .. 2	SAMUEL BOOTH 6
MISS THORP 3	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
JAMES LEES 4	FRANK STONLEY Tenor

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On Thursday, Nov. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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HERBERT AUDSLEY Treble	SPENCER MARSHALL... .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 2	HENRY GIBBS 6
WILLIAM J. WHEADON 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	*REGINALD CLARKE Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.

* First peal.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, Nov. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

EDWARD GRINDELL Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
SYDNEY C. ROWE 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY... .. 3	*JOHN C. G. HAGGAR... .. 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4	ERNEST E. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* First peal of Double Norwich on an 'inside' bell.

WITHEYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(EXETER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD G. STOCKER Treble	JOHN M. SKINNER 5
EDWIN SHEPHERD 2	ROBERT C. G. MANLEY ... 6
R. G. C. FLEW 3	JOHN R. HAYMAN 7
FRED DIMOND 4	JAMES CHUDLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of the parish.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE OLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS METCALFE Treble	ALBERT HUNTER 5
WILLIAM A. BRECKON 2	*THOMAS LANCASTER 6
FREDERICK W. JOHNSON 3	WILLIAM J. JACKSON... .. 7
GEORGE WINDSOR 4	WILLIAM BROADLEY Tenor

Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

* First peal in the method.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. Treble	WILLIAM T. PALMER 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 6
JOHN HOLMAN 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN 7
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 4	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN Treble	BEN S. THOMAS 5
ROBERT HARDY 2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 6
JOHN A. GODFREY 3	GEORGE MAYERS... .. 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal by the ringer of the 2nd, who is only 14 years of age.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

MATTHIAS HOBBS... .. Treble	JOHN R. MAIN 5
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON 2	GEORGE LINES 6
GEORGE BASFORD 3	*THOMAS ABBOTT... .. 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Nov. 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*ROBERT GLEAVE Treble	†GEORGE H. RANGLES 5
WILLIAM BIBBY... .. 2	HENRY C. COLLYER 6
BERTIE RYDER 3	†FRANCIS BIBBY 7
†JOHN E. BIBBY 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

This composition, Author's No. 171, is now rung for the first time.
* First peal on a working bell. † First peal of Bob Major. Rung as a 19th birthday compliment to Mr. R. Gleave.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
EDWARD HARRISON 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST... 6
JOHN HAYES... .. 3	*SAMUEL JONES, JUN... .. 7
FRANK FOX 4	ARTHUR NEWELL Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Major. Arranged for Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, of Hodnet, Salop.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE AND BLACKBURN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Unitarian Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	FRANK FIELDEN 5
HERBERT DAVENPORT 2	JOHN NASH 6
RENNIE HARTLEY 3	WILLIAM CRABTREE 7
WILLIAM D. HUNTER... .. 4	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

FEERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

PERCY J. LANGSTON Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	*ROBERT FISHER... .. 6
†WILLIAM H. P. MELLINS 3	*CHARLES ROGERS 7
†CYRIL PEASE 4	WILLIAM ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung to celebrate the induction of Canon P. Barnes as Vicar of Feering, and as a birthday compliment to C. Pease. * First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Kent Major.

ASHTED, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*MRS. AMOS CLARK Treble	AMOS CLARK... .. 5
HERBERT J. SKELT 2	ARTHUR C. OTWAY 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	ARTHUR DEAN 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Clark, on the 16th anniversary of their wedding.

The peal of Doubles rung at Bovinger (Bobbingworth), Essex, on November 12th, and recorded as the first peal on the bells, is not entitled to that distinction. Mr. W. Miller informs us that the Leytonstone band rang a peal of Surprise Minor there on August 20th, 1904, conducted by Mr. W. Keeble.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Nov. 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS F. KING... .. Treble	CHARLES W. BELL 8
GEORGE TEMPLE 2	HENRY W. BROWN 6
THEODORE GRANT 3	*GILBERT H. HARDING 7
RICHARD J. COUSINS 4	THOMAS HOGSFLESH Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to H. W. Brown.
* First peal of Stedman as conductor.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Nov. 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*WILLIAM L. GOFTON Treble	R. ALDER GOFTON 5
JAMES E. GOFTON 2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 6
*GEORGE R. HOLMES... .. 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 7
RICHARD A. GOFTON... .. 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

* First peal of Bristol.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Nov. 24, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

BERNARD PETTIT Treble	FRED WILKIN 5
LEWIS WISEMAN 2	SIDNEY HALE 6
HORACE COOPER 3	ARTHUR WASH 7
STANLEY WILDING 4	CECIL BARKER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by S. HALE.

First peal as conductor.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Nov. 25, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN W. STEDDY... .. Treble	GEORGE EDWARDS 5
ERNEST LEIGH 2	GEORGE MALYAN 6
JAMES HEASMAN 3	KEITH HART 7
ALBERT BELTON 4	*EDWIN COLBRON... .. Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal and first attempt.

BARKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, Nov. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ERNEST G. COTTIS Treble	ARTHUR J. NEALE 5
GEORGE W. FAULKNER 2	FRANK C. NEWMAN 6
*EDWARD H. KING 3	ALBERT C. HARDY 7
EBENEZER ANDREWS... .. 4	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

* First peal of Double Norwich and first attempt.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, E.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

*ARTHUR MASON Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 3
GEORGE R. PYE 2	HAROLD W. CLARK 6
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 3	GEORGE B. LUCAS 7
WILLIAM J. KEMP 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* 100th peal.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 26, 1921, in Three Hours,
At Christ Church, Epsom Common,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

*ERNEST WEATHERBY... .. Treble	ALFRED H. WINCH 5
*CHARLES N. BURDOCK 2	*GEORGE W. STEERE... .. 6
*WILLIAM BEESON 3	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 7
HENRY HUTTON... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JOSEPH BREITTELD Treble	GEORGE HINTON, JUN. 5
WILLIAM C. JONES 2	WILLIAM LEWIS 6
THOMAS WALTERS 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7
*ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4	WILLIAM PAGE Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

* First peal in a Surprise method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford and three 720's of Kent, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

†GEORGE PIERCE... .. Treble	†RICHARD JONES 4
GEORGE JONES 2	JAMES MORGAN 5
*SAMUEL JONES, JUN... .. 3	†HENRY W. WILDE Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

First 5040 on the bells. * First 5040 of Minor. † First 5040 of Treble Bob Minor, also the first of Treble Bob Minor in the county of Flint. H. W. Wilde has now rung peals of Treble Bob Minor on all seven numbers, 6 to 12 bells.

BURTON-UPON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 720 of Oxford Bob, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob, Tenor 12 cwt.

TOM TEBBUTT Treble	ELSIE B. BRANDON 4
*WALTER AYRE 2	*ARTHUR W. HOODLESS 5
PHYLLIS HARE 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal in four methods, also first peal on the bells.

The peal at Bridstow on November 13th, and published last week, was rung on handbells.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Nov. 13, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

CHRIS. BOWERS Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
*GEOFFREY LEWIS 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
DAVID HORNE 3	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

First peal in seven methods on the bells. * First peal. The band wish to thank Mr. A. Tomkins for getting permission to ring, and also for his kind hospitality after the peal.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Nov. 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY WALLACE Treble	BARNARD PATMORE 4
ERNEST A. OVERALL 2	GEORGE H. CARTER 5
SIDNEY CARTER 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Nov. 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Beverley, Carlisle, Lincoln, London, Wells and York. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM RICHES... .. Treble	EDWARD SMITH 4
GEORGE DAWSON... .. 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
ALFRED PRIOR 3	JOHN MOULE... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Foskett, on attaining the 50th anniversary of their wedding. The band are all members of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Nov. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOSEPH ODNTHORNE Treble	EDWIN TILLEY 4
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON... .. 2	WILLIAM WALDRON 5
FRANK ROWLINSON 3	JOHN J. JUTSON Tenor

Conducted by J. J. JUTSON.

Rung with the bells muffled in memory of Mr. William Chattle, who had been associated with St. Mary's bells since they were installed in 1887.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Nov. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Gabriel,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN BAYLISS Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
ERNEST E. BARBER 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by R. G. KNOWLES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. Charles Harington, Vicar of Hanley Castle, interred at Whitbourne on this date. It was intended to attempt this peal at the Parish Church, but owing to the bad going of the bells, it was decided to ring it at St. Gabriel's instead.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION
 On Monday, Nov. 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALPHÆUS BERRY Treble	*GEORGE BROWN, JUN. ... 4
JAMES BETTS 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 5
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ... Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

* First peal.

LOCKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
 On Saturday, Nov. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM THORLEY Treble	RICHARD PAINS 4
JOHN W. BOOTH 2	HARRY WHITTLE 5
THOMAS ATKINS 3	ALBERT JOYCE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

BODIAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
 On Tuesday, Nov. 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

JAMES GOOSELL Treble	EDWARD MILLS 3
TRAYTON BOOTH 2	THOMAS HOAD 4
ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor	

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells, which were hung in 1761. The peal was rung as a farewell to the Rev. Theodore Johnson, for 27 years the respected Rector of the parish, who is retiring at the end of 1921, to the great regret of the parishioners.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
 (WESTERN BRANCH.)
 On Tuesday, Nov. 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Worcester, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER Treble	FREDERICK STANTON 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all, also upon the bells. This peal was attempted unsuccessfully on Nov. 10th, the 54th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (STOCKPORT BRANCH.)
 On Thursday, Nov. 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven spliced 720's:

- (1) Crowland, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh;
- (2) Grove Delight, Braintree, Neasden, College Bob IV. and Wragby;
- (3) Poynton, Marple, Old Oxford Modernised, Bocking and Willesden;
- (4) Trowell and Duke of Norfolk; (5) College Exercise and Norbury;
- (6) Sandal and Overton; (7) Oxford, London Scholars and Kingston.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY Treble	REV. A. T. BEESTON 4
JOHN P. FIDLER 2	FRED HOLT 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 3	JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

This peal contains the greatest number of methods yet rung in seven complete 720's.

CASTLE EATON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
 On Thursday, Nov. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

G. LAW Treble	J. HOPE 4
B. GREY 2	P. SGT. HASTINGS 5
H. ACOCK 3	R. WINSTONE Tenor

Conducted by J. HOPE.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
 On Saturday, Nov. 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
 IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

JAMES M. BAILEY 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 7-8
EDGAR H. BAILEY 9-10	

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.
 Witnesses: H. PEARSON and E. SAMPSON.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
 On Thursday, Nov. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
 IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

JAMES M. BAILEY 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 7-8
EDGAR H. BAILEY 9-10	

Composed by W. T. ELSON. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.

BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
 On Thursday, Nov. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
 IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 17 size in B flat.

JAMES E. GROVES 1-2	*ALBERT E. NORMAN 5-6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3-4	MORRIS J. MORRIS 7-8

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.
 Referee: ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal on Stedman Triples on handbells.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
 On Friday, Nov. 18, 1921, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
 AT 32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

LOUIS ATTWATER 1-2	HARRY R. PASMORE 7-8
HERBERT LANGDON 3-4	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 9-10
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5-6	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 11-12

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. LANGDON.
 Umpire: HAROLD J. WALTON.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
 On Sunday, Nov. 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
 AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Size 13 in E.

JOHN W. WOOD 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
ROBERT RICHARDSON 3-4	*TOM TEBBUTT 7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.
 Witness: MISS PHYLLIS HARE.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

BICTON.—On Saturday, November 19th, two 720's of Bob Minor:
 W. Fairhead 1, J. E. Lilley 2, A. Short 3, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 4,
 R. Pole 5, D. J. Boucher 6.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Northern Division was held at Hitchin, on Saturday, November 19th. Ringers assembled from Baldock, Barnet, Bedford, Cambridge, Dunstable, Gravley, Luton, Little Munden, Newmarket, Royston, Stevenage, Wallington, Wymondley, and the local band. The ringing began with Stedman Triples, which was followed by various other methods. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. B. Ashby), who gave an address on 'the bells and their message.'

Tea at the Grange, was followed by business meeting, over which the Vicar presided. After some discussion it was decided to hold the next meeting at Baldock in February, and one at Offley in the summer.

Hearty thanks to the Vicar for his excellent address, for the use of the bells, and for presiding, to the ladies who undertook the catering, and to Miss A. M. Durrant for presiding at the instrument in church, terminated the meeting.

Ringings on the tower bells afterwards, ranged from Plain Bob to Superlative.

LADIES' GUILD.**CHANGE OF MIDLAND SECTION SECRETARY.**

The quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Midland Section) was held on October 29th, at Smethwick. The visitors, though small in numbers, came from Bilston, Solihull, Handsworth, Erdington, and, of course, included the local company. The bells were rung before the service, Grandsire and Stedman being the methods. The service was conducted by the Rev. Stanley Astbury, son of Canon Astbury, M.A., Vicar, and the Guild form was used. The rev. gentleman gave an interesting address.

After service the ringers and friends adjourned to the Schools, where a good tea was provided by the local company. After justice had been done to the repast, the usual business meeting was held, Miss S. Pigott being voted to the chair.

The elections of district officers took place. The secretary (Miss Salter) retired from the position, and the meeting elected Mrs. J. E. Groves, of 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, to fill the vacancy, and members are requested kindly to note this change.

The place of the next quarterly meeting will be at Willenhall, the date to be arranged later.

Further ringing took place afterwards.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING.**

On Saturday, November 26th, despite the fog, the Northern District of the London County Association held a very enjoyable meeting at St. Mary Matfelon Church, Whitechapel. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob were rung before the short service, which was conducted by the Rector, who afterwards explained some of the remarkable work in his church. This thoroughly interested all present.

Tea followed, some 25 members enjoying a very substantial repast, admirably arranged and provided by the Rector. A good touch of Stedman Caters on handbells by Messrs. T. H. Taffender, A. D. Barker, W. H. Judd, W. Taffender and W. Chapple, was perfectly rung and appreciated.

The business meeting followed. Three new members were made, including the Rector (the Rev. Mayo), who was elected a hon. member, amidst much applause.—The Rector replying, said that whilst he was sure he would never be able to master the art of change ringing he had one consolation, and that was that he could listen to the bells with anybody, and was never more happy than when his own bells were being rung.

Mrs. C. Ebberson, wife of a very well known member, Mr. Cecil Ebberson, was elected a ringing member, and hearty congratulations were extended to her, and it is hoped she will favour the association with her presence at future meetings.

Mr. P. Norton, of Willesden, was appointed to audit the district's books, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. E. A. Young (who unfortunately had to leave the meeting early) for his presentation on behalf of the district, to the Rector, of a drawing of the old church at Whitechapel, thus fulfilling his promise of twelve months' standing. The drawing was much admired, and the Rector stated that he would place it in a prominent part of the church.

The Master announced the date and place of next meeting, at which it is hoped to be able to put on a good musical entertainment in the evening. Particulars will be published in the usual way, and it is earnestly requested that all northern members will book January 21st for Bishopsgate.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector, steeplekeeper, and all who helped to make the members comfortable. Thanks are also due to Mr. J. Raynor, who thoughtfully brought his fine set of bells, and Mr. Riley for bringing his. Touches of Kent, Cambridge and Stedman brought a most enjoyable and successful meeting to a close.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. G. R. Fardon, who has been elected Master of the College Youths for the ensuing year, is a native of Bourton-on-the-Hill, Gloucestershire, where he learned to pull a bell at the early age of eight years. His connection with ringing in London dates from 1895, when he joined St. Luke's Society, Chelsea, of which he was Master in 1897 and 1898. He was elected Master of the St. James' Society (now London County Association), in 1907, and filled the office for several terms. He has also represented that Society on the Central Council.

During the winter, 1899-1900, the bells of Norbury, Cheshire, were rebung by William Greenleaf, of Hereford, and on a board in the belfry commemorating this, there is recorded a seven method peal rung on November 10th, 1900, which was the first peal in that number of methods for the Stockport branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Now, 21 years later, there has been rung a peal in twenty-four methods, the first of its kind, for it comprises a greater number of methods than ever before spliced into seven complete 720's.

We are told that a trophy of some value and historical interest may be won by any ringer with sufficient energy and ability to pilot the Manchester Town Hall tenor through a 5,000.

The prize consists of a U.S. dollar note, No. D. 88062388 A., formerly the property of Mr. Richard Newton, now of Boston, U.S.A. It is at present in the hands of another 'Dick.'

The present holder stipulates that the peal must be Royal or Major. So roll up, strong men of London, Birmingham, and elsewhere! The Town Hall tenor is a somewhat formidable bell, weighing 52 cwts., but goes quite well, and the tower is available for a peal attempt almost any Saturday.

The Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council and the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings have at length got into real contact with one another. This is a very happy step, and should lead to a better understanding of the different points of view which are held on the respective sides. We understand that a joint statement may shortly be issued.

At the little village of Bodiam, Sussex, is a ring of five bells hung in 1761, and the first peal has just been rung on them by a band from Salehurst. The event created quite a stir, and Mr. A. Elsom, for 27 years churchwarden, and most of the local ringers, were present to witness the peal which is practically the first change ringing on the bells. They were all greatly interested.

Next Sunday will be the 110th anniversary of the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal rung on handbells. It was achieved at Sheffield on December 3rd, 1811, by ringers who on October 30th in the same year had scored the first peal of Oxford Treble Eight, with, of course, an additional man.

December 4th is an interesting anniversary to the College Youths, for it was on that day in 1803 that they rang their first peal of Stedman Triples. This was at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington.

In the year 1731, on December 6th, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Michael's, Coslany, Norwich. It was composed and conducted by Edward Crane, and from the ancient records appears to have caused a lot of feeling with the rival company at St. Peter Mancroft.

Henry Johnson's 'five ones' of Stedman Caters (11,111 changes), the longest length in the method at the time, was rung by the College Youths at Fulham on December 8th, 1883, in 7 hrs. 12 mins. It was conducted by James Pettit.

The ten thousand of Grandsire Caters rung at Appleton on November 19th is specially interesting, from the fact that the conductor (Mr. G. Holifield, senr.), took part 33 years ago in the 15,041 Stedman Caters (the record at that date) rung on the same bells.

The reference made a fortnight ago in our columns to the proposal, abandoned on account of the war, for a Charles Henry Hattersley memorial dinner at Sheffield, brings from a Yorkshire worthy the information that it is the intention of the Hattersley Memorial Committee to honour the late G.O.M. of the Exercise when charges are not so exorbitant, and the trade of the city is more flourishing.

We have seen a very artistic muster roll designed and executed by one of the young ringers at All Saints', Ilkley, upon which the record of attendances for 1922 is to be kept. Patience and skill mark the penmanship of the draughtsman, and keen interest is manifest among the young band, several of whom are still in their teens.

The ringer of the 9th in the peal at Shoreditch, on November 14th, was William (not Ernest) Bottrill.

Peals have been rung by bands of Freemasons, Oddfellows, Foresters, and other societies, and there is now a movement on foot to attempt a peal by members of the Ancient Order of Druids. The difficulty at the moment is to make up the band, and ringing members of the society are asked to communicate with Mr. W. Farley, City Saw Mills, Wells.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGERS' MEETING.**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S INTERESTING DEPARTURE.**

One of the first meetings of its kind ever held in connection with the Worcestershire Association took place on Sunday afternoon and evening, on November 20th, at Bredons Norton Church, which is situated on the side of Bredon Hill, and in the extreme west of the Southern Branch. This was a Sunday Service Ringers' meeting, and was arranged at the instigation of the Rev. F. C. Champion, curate-in-charge of Bredons Norton Church.

Soon after 3 p.m. ringers began to assemble, and soon the beautiful peal of bells were set going to various standard methods, and eventually upwards of 25 ringers were present. At 4.30 p.m. they were invited to tea in the Schoolroom, provided by the Rev. F. C. and Mrs. Champion, who were assisted by several willing lady helpers, and the ringers showed their appreciation by heartily thanking Mr. and Mrs. Champion for their generosity and thoughtfulness. The bells were then set going for evening service, at which the church was filled. The association form of service was used, and the Rev. F. C. Champion officiated. He took for his text, Exodus xxviii. 35, 'And the sound (of the bell) shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy place before the Lord.' The preacher gave an eloquent and interesting address on bells, their history, and use. He quoted the inscriptions on various peals of bells, and pointed out to his hearers the patience and concentration of brain power, which were necessary to become proficient in the art of change ringing.

An uncommon feature of the service was a short handbell recital given at the conclusion of the address by some of the ringers. This included a course of Grandsire Triples, and the hymn, 'Come ye faithful, raise the anthem,' etc.

Both the Rev. F. C. Champion and the ringers were congratulated upon the unique service, and it is anticipated that similar services will be held in other parts of the county.

Unfortunately for the Worcestershire Association, the Rev. F. C. Champion is shortly leaving for the North Cotswolds, but he will take with him the best wishes of all members of the Southern Branch.

'SIMPSON' TUNING.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—As no one has replied at present to Mr. Jerram's protest against Simpson tuning, perhaps I may be allowed, as one living within 100 yards of a Simpson tuned ring in constant use, to say a few words in defence of the system. One advantage it possesses over the old method of tuning is that it is possible to get a better effect from lighter bells. For example, the tenor bell of our ring here, which weighs 7½ cwt., is a far more dignified bell than the tenor, say, of St. Andrew's, Cambridge, which is about 11 cwt.

For all light bells of about 5 cwt. and under, I regard it as incontrovertible that the Simpson method is vastly superior, for the reason that the harmonics, especially the hum notes of these bells, are very aggressive, and it is, therefore, of the utmost importance that they should be in tune with the dominant note of the bell. It is generally impossible to tell the note of school and factory bells weighing up to 2 cwt.; bells of this weight, however, tuned on the Simpson principle give a clear and definite note.

Most of the peals I have rung on up to the present have been on Simpson tuned bells, and I can assure Mr. Jerram always with pleasure, as far as the sound was concerned. Yes, in ringing on heavy bells (not on light rings), I have distinguished a kind of noise which might be likened to howling, when I have listened for it; it has never bothered me. But what about the weird confusion of noises which always accompany the ringing of 'old-fashioned' bells, and which made the poet Tennyson describe them as 'wild' bells? I like it myself, as I do all bell sounds, but a great many people do not. A musical neighbour of mine told me the other day that the sound of bells made him feel melancholy. I answered that I feared our Long Stanton bells must be a trial to him. 'Oh, no,' he replied rather testily, 'yours are all right—they're in tune!'

Long Stanton, Nov. 25th.

H. B. WOOLLEY.

NAMING METHODS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have been informed that Method No. 9 on page 10 Leg. Meths. Coll. should be Nelson's Delight; Method No. 11 on page 10 should be Woodcock's Victory; Method No. 24 on page 19 should be Duke of Clarence.

Page 21, No. 1, Howard; page 21, No. 2, Lily; page 22, No. 8, Kellaway; page 23, No. 10, Tavistock; page 23, No. 12, Vulcan; page 24, No. 14, Wellington; page 24, No. 15, Waterloo; page 27, No. 28, Newham; page 29, No. 30, Linden; page 20, No. 28, Brindly should be Burnaby.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

LEICESTER'S PROPOSED RING OF TWELVE.**AN APPEAL.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—I am making an urgent appeal to all ringers on behalf of the bells of St. Margaret's, Leicester, which are now about to be increased to twelve. Our grand old church has always been famous for its fine bells and historians, and others of the past have testified to this, notably John Brand in 'Popular Antiquities,' who states that 'the finest peal of ten bells in England is said to be in St. Margaret's, Leicester.' We, of the present day, have endeavoured to carry on this spirit and uphold this tradition, and when the bells became dangerous and unringable, the Church Council was prevailed upon to take the matter in hand and have them rehung. It was found, on thorough examination, that the bells themselves could not uphold their traditions, and so it was unanimously decided to recast them with additional metal, and make them worthy of the name they bore. Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. have done this with great skill, and once more St. Margaret's, Leicester, will possess one of the finest peals in the kingdom (certainly in the Midland Counties), hung in a new steel and iron frame, with all new fittings.

It was also decided to raise the peal to twelve, providing the necessary funds could be raised, and as one bell was practically assured by promises of ten £10 subscriptions, the scheme will be carried out.

There still remains some £700 yet before the bells can be cleared of debt, and as the church has already raised £1,700, we appeal to a wider public, and especially ringers who are interested, to help us in this great work.

There will be a public procession of the bells through Leicester, on Saturday, December 10th, and they will be dedicated (on the floor of the church) on Sunday morning, December 11th, by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. They will be hung and ready for ringing on Christmas Day by the St. Margaret's ringers, and I hope to arrange an 'open' ringers' day shortly afterwards, which will be announced in your columns.

Any subscriptions, however small, will be gratefully received by the under-mentioned, on behalf of the Vicar and Church Council.

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ERNEST MORRIS.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**TAPPED PEALS NOT TO BE RECORDED.**

At the meeting of the Central Committee recently held at the Cathedral Choir School, Rochester, it was decided to hold the annual general meeting on Easter Monday at Ashford, or, in the event of the requisite permission to ring being withheld, at Tenterden.

Grants from the Belfry Repairs Fund were voted towards the work done, or about to be done, at Headcorn (8), Aylesford (8), Gravesend (8) and Maidstone (10).

In order to raise more money for the War Memorial Fund, which during the past year or more had been practically at a standstill, it was agreed that collecting cards should be printed, and circulated among the members by the district secretaries.

The committee decided that a peal tapped by a single individual on handbells could not be regarded as an association peal. In passing this resolution there was no idea of detracting from the merit of such performance, only the plain practical view that the very name 'association' implies a combination or binding together of several persons, and, therefore, could not be applied to the performance of a solitary individual.

After the meeting several members enjoyed a ring on the new peal of ten at the Cathedral.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.**ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

The following officers have been elected by the Ancient Society of College Youths to serve for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. G. R. Fardon; treasurer, Mr. A. A. Hughes; trustees, Messrs. C. F. Winney and W. Prime; senior steward, Mr. J. C. F. Bayley; junior steward, Mr. W. E. Garrard; hon. secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

A CORRECTION.*To the Editor.*

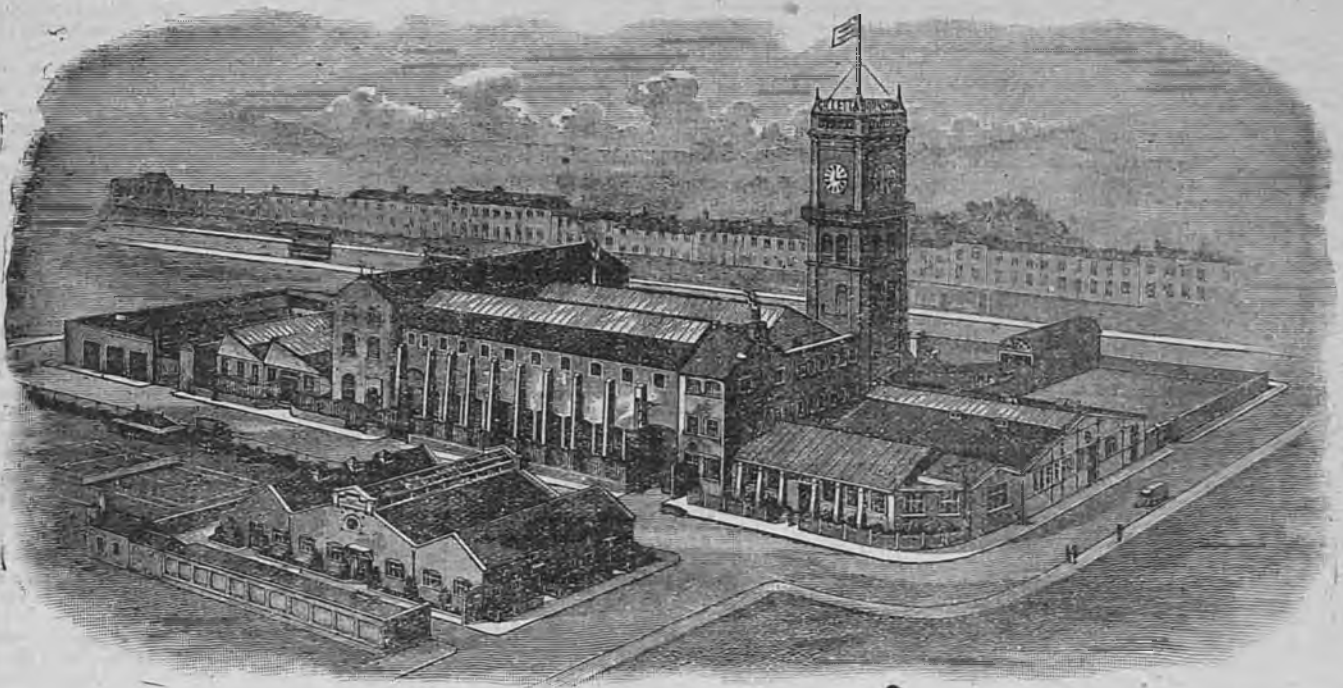
Sir,—In reference to the footnote to the peal of Stedman at Coalbrookdale, on November 11th, 1921, which states that it was the first peal of Stedman by a local band, this is not correct. The first peal of Stedman Triples rung by a local band for the society was at St. Edmund's, Shrewsbury, on February 17th, 1913, and the local ringers visited Whitechurch on February 22nd, 1913, and rang another, while the St. Chad's Society rang one at Wem, on March 11th, 1914. All these were in the Salop Archdeaconry, and the Lichfield Diocese.—Yours truly,

C. R. LILLEY.

BRABOURNE, KENT.—On Nov. 11th, at St. Mary's Church, for Remembrance service, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Plain Bob; L. Finn 1, S. Finn 2, P. Pierce 3, W. Cheesman 4, E. Cheesman 5, E. S. Ruck (of Willeboro'), conductor, 6.

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EASTERN DIVISION MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Mayfield, on Saturday, Nov. 19th, when members attended from Brighton (St. Nicholas'), Chiddingly, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Hailsham, Heathfield, Pevensey, Rotherfield, Tunbridge Wells, Waldron, and the local ringers. Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), Mr. F. Benueit (Brighton), and Mr. A. Piper, Mr. E. Bray (Eastbourne) were also present.

The address at the service was given by the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Pitt-Johnson), who gave the ringers a most hearty welcome, the lessons being read by the Rev. C. H. Clarke, of Chiddingly (hon. general secretary of the association).

A most excellent tea was provided by the kindness of the Vicar at the Parish Hall, to which 31 sat down, including the Vicar and churchwardens (Messrs. J. G. P. Moon and H. Grinham).

Following tea, the business meeting was held, the Rev. E. C. Pitt-Johnson being voted to the chair.

The election of Mr. W. J. Jeffries as non-resident life member be confirmed.—It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Eastbourne, circumstances permitting.

The Rev. C. H. Clarke proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the address at the service, and last but not least, his kindly invitation to the ringers to tea.—This was supported by Mr. W. D. Smith, who also coupled with the motion thanks to the organist, and to the ladies who so kindly assisted at the tea.—The Vicar, in response, stated that it had been a great pleasure to meet them that day, and wished that meetings such as these could take place more frequently.—This was supported by Mr. J. G. P. Moon (churchwarden), who also expressed his pleasure at being amongst the ringers.

The ringers then returned to the tower, where good practice was had in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major. Taken altogether, it was a most successful meeting, and many thanks are due to Mr. A. R. Miles and the local ringers for their co-operation.

BALL BEARINGS FOR BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Permit me to write a few lines in the defence of ball bearings for bells. Comparing ball or roller bearings with the old-fashioned gun-metal bearings, we find that the former offer five times more resistance to friction than the latter. Hence it would seem that five times as much wear will take place in the gun-metal bearings than the ball bearings. Therefore, the ball bearings will last five times as long as the gun-metal. This fact alone should be sufficient to remove any doubt that there may be as to the permanent utility of ball bearings.

These bearings do not require as much attention as the ordinary type, and require oil only at long intervals. Being totally enclosed it is impossible for dust or moisture to gain access to them. This cannot be said of gun-metal bearings.

Mr. J. R. Jerram says we must aim at simplicity. I beg to differ. What we must aim at and go 'all out' for is efficiency and progress. It is a poor repayment to those who have laboured so hard and spent so much time in perfecting the science of bells to have the results of their researches stigmatised as fads.—Yours truly,

Doncaster, HAROLD WALKER.

OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

A SPLICED PEAL OF 5,280.

By HENRY W. WILDE.

23456 1 3 5

32456 — — —

53246 — — —

46325 — — —

25634 — — —

32654 — — —

53624 — — —

24365 — — —

62345 — — —

45236 — — —

36524 — — —

23564 — — —

Twice repeated.

In this peal there are no Bobs, Oxford places being made instead of Kent places at the lead ends marked under the head, 1, 3, 5. The call at 3 shortens the course by two leads, cutting out the leads in which the tenor and 7th would have been in the slow. The 2nd and 3rd are never in 6th's place at the course ends, and the composition is the least number of changes for a three-part peal on the plan.

The first four courses repeated give a quarter-peal, 1,280 changes.

THE EXTENSION OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Years ago it was pointed out that there are two rival theories as to what the extension of a method to higher numbers ought to be.

(a) There are the practical ringers who have mastered a method (say, London) on eight, and desire a 10-bell method to practise, which they can call the same name. They want something ringable, and they expect the work of individual bells to be similar on both numbers.

(b) There are the scientists and mathematicians who are seeking the constructional equivalent.

In the present state of our knowledge is it possible to get the Exercise to decide definitely between (a) and (b)? Consider a few of the pros and cons.

Practical reasons in favour of (a) are obvious, and from the theoretical point of view it can be plausibly argued that in the existing confusion as to the nomenclature of methods generally little harm can be done by giving a name to a method to which it is not strictly entitled. But, in this case, the inevitable result will be incessant controversy. Now it is London, to-morrow it will be Bristol and Superlative. Naturally each investigator thinks his own discovery the nearest and best, and there will be just as much divergence of opinion between practical ringers. There is, and can be, from this point of view, no definite test for you to apply.

If you decide to follow (b) something of the same difficulty exists, and will do until you get an approach towards general agreement as to what the construction of a method actually is. But even now you can go a good way towards ruling out incorrect extensions. A true one will probably be opposed at first, but will almost certainly make its way by its inherent excellence. You may not be able to prove it is a (or the) correct extension; but instinctively you feel it to be so. Where you have many rivals, as in London; and, above all, alternative solutions offered at intervals by the same investigators, each with plausible claims and not one of them singled out by general acclamation, you will not err greatly in suspecting that neither is a real extension, though it may be a variation in somewhat of the same way as Oxford and Kent are variations of one method, or, again, Grandsire Major and Bob Major.

Further, it will be more than probable in this case that no true extension on this number of bells does in fact exist, at any rate in a ringable form. Illustrations of what is laid down above will be found in the history of Cambridge and Double Norwich. In the last-named method it seems more or less agreed now that Shipway was right. There are, moreover, some reasons for thinking that Mr. Law James is, perhaps, mistaken in regarding the Maximus variation, with places in 5-6, 7-8 as the true extension.

A second criterion easily applied is this: any mathematician who approaches the subject without prejudice will tell you that the probability is great—in fact, so great as to amount to practical certainty (Mr. Trollope goes too far in putting it as an absolute necessity), that if a method will extend from 6 to 8 and on to 10 by the same process you will arrive at an extension to 12. If it will not do so, you may be sure that in (say) 99,999 cases out of 100,000 there is a flaw in the reasoning; in other words, the succession 6, 8, 10, is not a true mathematical progression.

These two criteria which are capable of application by many practical ringers should go far towards providing a solution of the question for all practical purposes in any given case, and there is more than a likelihood that the solution will be scientifically sound.—Yours, etc.,

E. S. POWELL.

Holbeton Vicarage, Plymouth.

HALF-MUFFLED BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. James Smith, for half-pull ringing bells should be muffled on the handstroke. This ensures the back bells turning up in the right order at the open leads, i.e., the 5-6's or 7-8's open, and the 6-5's or 8-7's, muffled. For whole-pull ringing, which is, to my mind, far the best method to adopt when the bells are half-muffled, they should be muffled at back stroke, thus producing a soft echo to each change. (See 'Rope Sight').

H. B. WOOLLEY.

Long Stanton.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Monday evening, November 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) was rung on the bells of St. Nicholas Church, Harwich, in 45 minutes, on the occasion of the wedding at Portrose, Scotland, of Mr. T. Bernard, captain of the Harwich band of ringers, to Miss Mackenzie, of Portrose, by the following band: J. Alderton 1, B. Elmer 2, C. Ellis 3, G. Taylor 4, S. Taylor 5, G. Jordan 6, G. Thompson (conductor) 7, S. Bernard 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 6th and tenor. Afterwards the ringers were kindly entertained by Mrs. C. H. Bernard, mother of the bridegroom.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SHIRBECK, BOSTON.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Eastern Branch).—On Sunday, Nov. 27th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 22 mins.: Harold Palmer 1, Frank Staffurth 2, A. Swain 3, A. H. Palmer (conductor) 4, Harry Palmer 5, T. Groombridge, junr., 6.

FRITENDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 27th, for morning service, three 120's of Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: R. E. Want 1, C. Tribe 2, H. Baker 3, W. H. Lambert 4, R. E. Burgess 5; and another three 120's, with 4, 6, 8 covering, Mrs. H. Baker ringing the treble.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Sunday, Nov. 27th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: *F. J. Gilbert (Bishop's College) 1, G. Andrews 2, W. G. Darlington 3, H. Warner 4, A. Bull 5, F. Jelf 6, G. Maxim (conductor) 7, *J. T. Munday (Bishop's College) 8. * Longest length in any method.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, Nov. 27th, for evening service, at the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, 720 of Bob Minor: V. Shorter 1, H. J. Hazell 2, H. G. Benson 3, E. G. Hibbens (conductor) 4, W. Welch 5, T. R. Dennis 6.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.—On Advent Sunday, Nov. 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 minutes: J. M. Nickerson 1, O. Willson 2, D. Redhead 3, L. Wyman 4, A. Willson 5, S. Willson 6, R. C. Loveday (conductor) 7, J. Coleman 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by all the band excepting the conductor, and first as conductor. It was rung at the first attempt.

WEST BALING.—For the morning service, at St. Stephen's Church, on November 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: H. Belcher (conductor) 1, M. Folkard 2, E. J. Walsom 3, W. Lawrence 4, W. H. Hollier 5, G. Edwards 6, E. Harris 7, A. Harding 8.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.—On Sunday, Nov. 6th, at Crosthwaite Church, 720 Bob Minor: Robert Dennison 1, Miss Lena Telford 2, Miss Clara Grisdale 3, F. Hogarth 4, T. Wilson 5, F. Hogarth (conductor) 6. The ring of the treble is 82 years of age, and has been a ring for 70 years, of which 58 years have been at the above church.

STREITON, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 30th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Fairclough 1, S. T. Jenkins 2, E. Bostock 3, L. Bostock 4, E. Jenkins (conductor) 5, J. H. Davenport 6. First 720 on the bells by an entirely local company.

NETHERTON.—Worcestershire Association.—At St. Andrew's Church, for harvest festival, on Sunday, Oct. 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: L. Prestidge 1, W. Massey 2, R. Round 3, H. Hubball 4, J. Faulkner 5, W. Prestidge 6, A. Prestidge (conductor) 7, J. Faulkner, junr., 8.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 45 mins.: J. M. Nickerson 1, J. Coleman 2, D. Redhead 3, L. Ryman 4, F. Stubs 5, A. Bellamy 6, F. Kirk 7, R. C. Loveday (conductor) 8. Taken from 'The Ringing World,' by H. Haigh.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 30th, in 50 mins., 1,260 Grandsire Triples, as a compliment to Mr. J. Goucher on his 75th birthday, the veteran taking part: W. Biggin 1, W. Bingham 2, B. Shaw 3, J. Goucher 4, T. G. Sarel 5, G. M. Thorpe 6, G. F. Allen (conductor) 7, G. Butcher 8.

GRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, Oct. 30th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by W. A. Tyler, and published in 1882: A. Parsons 1, W. G. Cook (first quarter-peal as conductor) 2, F. J. Lewis 3, H. Lewis 4, J. Butler 5, J. Hope 6, H. C. Bond 7, J. Hayward 8.

LONDON.—London County Association.—On Sunday, Oct. 30th, for evening service, at St. John's, Vassell Road, Brixton S.W., 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. W. Tafender (first quarter-peal of Major) 1, T. H. Tafender (conductor) 2, E. J. King 3, J. R. Gammon 4, R. G. Chappelle 5, G. A. Card 6, G. W. Wild 7, W. H. Pickett 8.

NEWPORT PAGNELL.—On Sunday, Oct. 30th, the following touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the occasion of a visit by Miss Stella Davis, 504 for morning service, and 546 for evening service, both touches conducted by F. Tompkins. Also a quarter-peal, after the evening service, in 50 mins., composed by H. G. Miles, and conducted by H. Warren. The under-mentioned ringers took part during the day: A. Gregory, W. Brown, F. Tompkins, E. Lathall, Miss Stella Davis, G. Boon, H. Warren, W. Smith and J. Gregory.

HAYES, KENT.—On Oct. 30th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Harwood 1, H. Reader 2, J. Hack 3, F. Keech 4, H. Brown 5, O. Gilbey (conductor) 6. Rung after the baptism of a niece of the conductor, and as a birthday compliment to Miss M. Lazell, one of the godparents.

LONDON.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, Bow, Middlesex, before and after Divine service, on Oct. 23rd, on the occasion of the induction of the new Rector (the Rev. H. Greatbatch), touches of Stedman Triples (1,764 changes) were rung: W. Theobald 1, J. Scholes 2, R. Turner 3, H. Clark 4, A. Scambler 5, W. A. Alps (conductor) 6, R. Sanders 7, D. Hodgson 8.—At the same church, for Divine service, on Sunday, Nov. 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: J. Scholes 1, W. Salmon 2, R. Turner 3, W. Theobald 4, A. Scambler 5, R. Sanders 6, W. A. Alps (conductor) 7, F. Baker 8. Composed by G. Charge.

STONEBY STANTON.—On Sunday, Oct. 16th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: Miss Stella Disney 1, G. Wood 2, N. Walker 3, C. Brown 4, C. H. Webb 5, T. Atkins (first with a bob bell) 6, C. H. Briggs (first as conductor) 7, W. Briggs 8.

ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, YORKS.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, October 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): M. Cooper 1, Miss M. Parnaby 2, Miss A. K. Wilkinson 3, Miss D. Bulman 4, Miss A. Bulman 5, J. W. Wilkinson 6, Miss B. Wellburn 7, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 8. This is the first quarter-peal by an entirely local band since the company's reorganising in 1919, and first for Miss A. Bulman.—On Sunday, Nov. 6th, for evening service a quarter-peal in the same method: P. C. Mervyn Duck 1, Miss M. Parnaby 2, Miss A. K. Wilkinson 3, Miss D. Bulman 4, J. W. Wilkinson 5, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 6, Miss B. Wellburn 7, F. Townsend 8. Arranged for P. C. Mervyn Duck, of Malton, Yorks.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 16th, for the harvest festival, morning service, in 45 minutes, a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of 60 changes of Double Court and 240 each of Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: E. W. Finch 1, J. H. Waldox 2, A. Mansfield 3, A. J. Peake 4, A. South (conductor) 5, H. J. Mansfield 6. For evening service, 1,344 changes, 264 Double Court, 360 Plain Bob, 192 Cambridge Surprise, 96 Woodbine, 144 Kent, and 288 Oxford Treble Bob: E. W. Finch 1, W. Brinkley 2, A. Mansfield 3, A. South 4, J. H. Waldox 5, H. J. Mansfield (conductor) 6.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Carter's Old Bob), in 41 mins.: W. Lawrence 1, *H. Wincote 2, *C. Brown 3, W. Alps 4, Robt. Holloway 5, Challis Winney (conductor) 6, Robt. Fardon 7, G. R. Fardon 8. * First quarter Stedman.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, Oct. 16th, for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples: O. Hodges 1, H. Baker 2, E. Parsons 3, G. Sims 4, C. Tribe 5, R. E. Burgess 6, G. Johnson 7, J. Neve 8.—On Monday, October 17th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, C. Tribe 2, L. Honess 3, G. Sims 4, H. Parkes 5, R. E. Burgess 6, G. Billenness 7, R. Want 8.

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—For Wake Sunday evening service, and also on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Peterborough, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, being 10½ six-score* called differently, in 45 mins.: P. Reynolds 1, H. Wright 2, J. W. Reynolds (conductor) 3, H. Hurd 4, J. Wright 5.

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NOTICES.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—Owing to illness at Bishop's Stortford the annual district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available 2 p.m. Short service, with address, 5 p.m., followed by tea and business at the Abbey Temperance Hotel. — F. Dench, Dis. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Yorktown District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, Rev. W. E. Colchester. Tea and meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at All Saints, Wokingham. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Ringing at St. Paul's after the business meeting.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea (1s.) and meeting after service. Shall be pleased to receive all outstanding subscriptions.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, E.15.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch. — The next quarterly ringing meeting will be held at Dalton-in-Furness on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) will, by permission of the Vicar, be available all day. — W. T. Clark, Branch Secretary, Broughton-in-Furness.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at Whitworth. Bells ready at 3. Meeting 6.30. — T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 1, Church Street, Middleton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available at 3. Service, conducted by the Rector, at 5. Through the kindness of the Rector and Mrs. Campbell Ward, tea will be provided after the service. Tea cannot be guaranteed unless notice is sent. All ringers are welcome. Business meeting to follow.—Fred. M. Mitchell, District Hon. Sec., 36, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday Dec. 3rd. Tea will be provided at the 'Cadena,' Wine Street. Will all those who intend to be present please let me know by Wednesday, Nov. 30th?—Edith Smith, 23, Somerset Street, Kingsdown, Bristol.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at North Shields on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, under the vice-presidency of George R. Holmes, Esq. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at usual price; members from other districts cordially invited.—James E. Gofton, District Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not made twenty attendances in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on Dec. 8th and 22nd; *St. Mary-ie-Bow, Cheapside, on Dec. 13th; St. Andrew's Holborn, on Dec. 15th; and *St. Paul's

Cathedral on Dec. 27th, all at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the East Suffolk Branch, to which members of the West Suffolk Branch and of the Norwich and Ipswich Association are also invited, will be held at Stowmarket at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Reports having been spread that the Suffolk Association is being organised in opposition to the Norwich and Ipswich Association, it is hoped at this meeting to make it clear that this is not so. The Vicar of Stowmarket will outline his scheme for joint working between the two associations. Bells available from 2 p.m. Also at Finborough (6) all day. Tea at the King's Head at 4 p.m., 1s. 6d. each.—Herbert Drake, Sec., Ufford, Woodbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Barnsley (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 at 1s. each to those notifying Mr. C. D. Potter, 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley, by Wednesday, the 7th.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 5. Tea (1s. each) in the Church Institute at 5.45. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by the previous Tuesday?—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Branch Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Mersham on Saturday, Dec. 10th. The bells will be available from 3 p.m.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above, in conjunction with the Romney Marsh Guild, will be held at Mersham on Saturday, Dec. 10th, at which a peal tablet will be unveiled to commemorate the first peal rung by a lady member of both the above societies. Meeting to commence at 3 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Farnworth, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells at 2.30. All ringing friends welcome.—H. L. Harlow, District Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Nibley on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Vicarage, by invitation, at 5 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Quarterly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above association will be held at St. James', Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (10) available from 3 o'clock. Service conducted by the Rev. E. F. Neep at 4.30. Tea, 1s. per head, 5 o'clock, at the Parish Hall. Meeting to follow. Please notify Branch Sec. by Dec. 5th. The President (Rev. E. F. Neep) and Members of the St.

James' Society extend a hearty welcome to all ringers at the above meeting.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Bushey on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Service at 5 p.m. Meat tea in the Institute at 5.45 p.m., 2s. per head. Bells will be open from 3.30 p.m. and the tower at Bushey Heath will be available after the business meeting. Kindly notify me if you intend to come.—H. Eden, Hon. Sec. Watford Division, 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hoddesdon and Broxbourne on Dec. 10th. The bells of Hoddesdon will be open from 3 till 5, and Broxbourne from 3 till 8. Tea will be at the Welcome at 5.30, business after. All will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, District Sec., Little Munden.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Stalybridge, on Saturday, Dec. 10th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready at 4. Tea, 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to Sec.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the North and East District will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea, at a small charge, at 6 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. A good attendance is desired, and I shall be glad to hear from all who require tea about three days prior to the meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The first Annual Social will be held at Chorley on Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available from 2 till 5. Tea in the Church Institute at 5.15, to be followed by a whist drive and social evening. Visitors heartily welcomed. Admission, ladies or gents, 2/6 each.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec., 98, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Western District will be held at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, Dec. 10th. The fine recast peal of ten (tenor 25½ cwt.) will be available from 2 to 4 p.m., and after tea until 9 p.m. A short service will be held in the Cathedral at 4 p.m., when the Vicar (Archdeacon Stanton Jones, B.A.) will address the members. Tea at 5 p.m. in Captain St. Schools at 6d. per head to those who notify Mr. J. Hardcastle, 72, St. Margaret's Road, Horton, Bradford, before Tuesday, Dec. 6th. Business meeting immediately after tea. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dist. Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays, at 7.30 p.m. St. Clement Danes, Dec. 12th; St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Dec. 19th. Sundays, at 10 a.m. St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Meeting in the Church House at 4.45 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head, will be provided for those who let Mr. G. Yeo, Long Ashton, Bristol, know by Tuesday, Dec. 13th.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 17th, at St. Paul's, Hammersmith, W. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, second Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Corrford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

On the re-election of Councillor David Miller as Mayor, on Nov. 9th, the ringers of the Saffron Walden Society rang a touch of 513 Stedman Cafers for service at mid-day. In the evening, touches of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and Superlative Surprise were successfully brought round.

This company has again reached its old standard as one of the premier bands in the country, and now regularly rings from Stedman Cinques downwards.

A MEMORIAL TABLET.

On Sunday, November 15th, during evening service at Earl Shilton, the Vicar (the Rev. H. V. Williams) dedicated a tablet (by Messrs. Jones, of Rugby) recording a muffled peal rung in memory of the late Vicar, and bearing inscriptions to that effect. Half-muffled touches were rung before and after service, among those taking part being all the ringers whose names appear on the tablet.

GOLDEN AND SILVER WEDDING DAYS.

Mr. H. Briggs, for 55 years a ringer at Stoney Stanton, has just celebrated his golden wedding, and, as a mark of esteem, his ringing friends have presented him with a handsome reference Bible, in which the names of the subscribers were written by Miss Disney. The gift was handed to the veteran with good wishes for the future health of himself and his partner of 50 years.

The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Beckwith, of Coggeshall, Essex, was celebrated on November 12th by a peal on the bells of the church where the wedding took place. Three of the band who rang for the 25th anniversary also rang for the ceremony itself, viz.: Messrs. D. Elliott, W. Elliott and J. Sadler. After the peal the band, with other ringers, were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Beckwith, and hopes were expressed that they would be spared in health to see their golden wedding.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting was held at Roystone on Saturday, Nov. 12th, a good muster of ringers from neighbouring towers assembling. The bells were kept going in many methods during the afternoon and evening.

The business meeting was held in the belfry. It was particularly noted, that although ringers are still directly under the control of the incumbent, it is extremely desirable that at least one ringer should have a seat on the Church Parochial Council.

Although apologies were due to the larger societies for this meeting clashing with others, this gathering may be said to have been very successful and popular.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Crofton, on Saturday, December 17th.

REMEMBRANCE DAY.

ABERAVON.—At St. Mary's Church, on the evening of Nov. 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, in 52 mins.: A. Hatton 1, A. Pitman (composer and conductor) 2, E. Stinch 3, W. Nurton 4, H. Boyce 5, J. Hammond 6, F. Atwell (first quarter-peal on inside bell) 7, J. Wethersby 8. The ringers of 1, 5 and 6, belong to Neath.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Saturday, Nov. 12th, in honour of Remembrance Day, 720 Bob Minor, with tenor covering, with bells half-muffled, in 24 minutes: L. G. Palmer 1, A. Daffin (first 720 in the method) 2, F. E. Parsons 3, W. Daffin 4, S. Smedley, senr., 5, A. E. Parsons (conductor) 6, J. R. Brooks 8. Rung after meeting short for Bob Major. The bells were rung half-muffled for both services on the following day, Sunday, Nov. 13th.

SWAINSWICK.—On Friday, Nov. 11th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: H. Merrett 1, W. Starr 2, W. Clark 3, Miss A. E. Watson 4, S. White (conductor) 5, E. Bath 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to those who fell in the great war.

BURGHILL, HEREFORD.—On the occasion of the unveiling and dedication of the war memorial picture, on Nov. 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: C. Jones 1, A. Probert 2, C. Edwards (conductor) 3, W. Williams 4, T. Probert 5, H. Beeks 6, T. Rawlings 7, R. Lloyd 8. Rung with the bell half-muffled, with 7, 6, 8 as covers, as a token of respect to the fallen heroes: First quarter-peal by the local band.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Armistice Day, the last 742 Holt's Original was rung half-muffled: J. Simmonds 1, W. Scott, senr., 2, W. Johnson 3, J. Bacon 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, W. Chambers 8.

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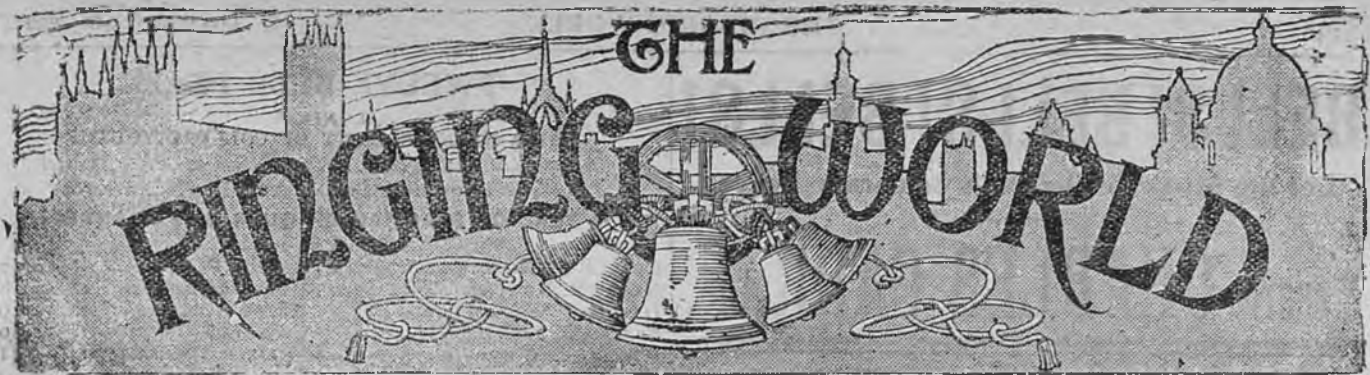
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RINGS OF TWELVE.

The steady growth in the number of rings of twelve in the country is a very gratifying feature of the ever-widening interest in bells, and of the progress of the art of ringing. Close upon the opening of the peal of twelve at Winchester come the announcements of proposed additions to the existing rings of ten at Taunton and St. Margaret's, Leicester, as well as the expressed desire of the Rector of St. Magnus to add his tower to the twelve-bell churches of the Metropolis. At the moment the St. Magnus' proposal has not developed into a definite scheme, but in the two other cases the order has been definitely given. When the work is complete these new twelve-bell peals should prove of immense value to ringers. As we mentioned only recently, the southern and south-western counties of England are very badly off for towers with the highest number of bells for change ringing. Except for the new peal at the Abbey at Buckfastleigh, Devon (which are hardly likely to be often, if ever, available to ringers), the peal at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, and the light peal at Quex Park, Kent, the whole string of counties from Dover Straits to Land's End was without a ring of twelve, until Winchester led the way. The present ten at Taunton should make a splendid twelve, and there are men in Somerset who will see that they are used.

It is fitting also that such an active centre of ringing as Leicester should possess a peal of the maximum number; and, in some ways, it is strange that a peal of twelve bells has not made its appearance in the Midland area long before this. Up to the present, however, there is no such ring between Birmingham and Sheffield, or Ashton-under-Lyne and Cambridge. Thus Leicester will raise the standard in another wide area hitherto without twelve-bell opportunities; and here, again, we may look for the fullest use being made of the peal.

It is interesting to look for a moment at the growth of the twelve-bell towers of the country. When the 'Clavis Campanologia' was published in 1788, there were eight such rings, four of them in London, while York Minster, which was the first twelve bell tower in the country, had at that time had the ring recast into ten. When Shipway collected information as to the rings of bells in the country and published it in 1816, the number had increased to 13, by the addition of three towers in London and two in the provinces. The total in England now is 38, no fewer than seven having been added in the last ten years, which, remembering that the period includes four years of war, is a really great achievement, and one of the many encouraging signs of the advance of ringing. Leicester needs assistance to complete its ring of twelve, and we commend to our readers the appeal made in our last issue.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

CHALIS F. WINNEY Treble	GEORGE F. HOAD 7
HENRY R. NEWTON 2	HERBERT LANGDON 8
HAROLD J. WALTON 3	HENRY G. MILES 9
ALFRED B. PECK 4	CHARLES S. BURDEN 10
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 11
HORACE BELCHER 6	THOMAS LANGDON Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. T. COCKERILL.

TEN BELL PEALS.

FULHAM.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, Nov. 24, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

JAMES W. DRIVER Treble	GEORGE SPENCER 6
WILLIAM H. HEWITT 2	ARTHUR HARDING 7
WILLIAM H. WOOD 3	*CHARLES F. HUNT 8
WILLIAM E. JUDD 4	*FRANK SKEVINGTON 9
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 5	†ARTHUR F. M. TUCKER Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

J. W. TRAPPIST Treble	AMOS W. CLARK 6
*C. KIPPIN, JUN 2	D. WRIGHT 7
A. J. TRAPPIST 3	A. H. WINCH 8
J. SPARROW 4	R. BROUGH 9
H. J. SKELT 5	C. W. R. GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by D. WRIGHT.

* First peal of Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION

(THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 6
*ARTHUR S. BOAR 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 8
EDWARD EVANS 4	*GEORGE E. SYMONDS 9
*JAMES ROSE 5	FREDERICK J. TILLET Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

* First peal of Double Norwich Royal.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS Treble	GEORGE CARD 6
JOHN W. CORNFORD 2	*CECIL J. MATTHEWS 7
FRANK SMITH 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 8
JOHN H. WHITE 4	ARTHUR DEAN 9
FRANK BLONDELL 5	ARTHUR C. OTWAY Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Caters.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*REGINALD L. LEWIS 2	†HARRY WEST 6
JOHN BUTLER 2	WILLIAM PHILLIPS 7
FRED ATWELL 3	FREDERICK G. VILES... .. 8
WILLIAM B. BISS 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
JOHN W. JONES 5	CHARLES GREEDY Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters on an 'inside' bell. Arranged specially and rung as a birthday compliment to J. W. Jones and W. B. Biss (both were born on the same day and in the same year), also as a compliment to the mother of the ringer of the tenor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, Nov. 24, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE WHITING Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
ALBERT FLEMING 2	GEORGE FLEMING 6
†GEORGE PRYKE 3	WILLIAM T. LAST 7
ERNEST E. LANHAM 4	*WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WHITING.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Alfred Whiting (uncle of the conductor), who was for several years a member of the local company and was buried the previous Saturday.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 5
OWEN H. GILES 2	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 6
REGINALD BROWN 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
ALAN R. MACDONALD... .. 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. J. W. Faithful to Miss Dorothy Victoria Warrell, both of Southampton, the bridegroom being a member of the St. Mary's band. This was the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN LLOYD Treble	ALFRED DAVIES 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	ERNEST J. BROOKS 6
WILLIAM SHORT 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
JOHN BASS 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 26, 1921, in Four Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7104 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN... .. Treble	JOHN HALL 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 6
ERNEST CURTIS 3	ALFRED H. WATSON 7
WALTER ROFFLES 4	HARRY HALL... .. Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

This is the longest peal by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th, and was rung in honour of the conductor's birthday.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

JOHN SADDINGTON Treble	DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY ... 5
WILLIAM SMITH 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 6
HARRY BROUGHTON 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 4	JOHN OLDHAM Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by J. OLDHAM.

Rung in honour of the betrothal of Princess Mary to an Englishman. First peal in the method on the present ring of bells, the heaviest in the county.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Nov. 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN SADDINGTON Treble	PRYCE TAYLOR 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY ... 6
WILLIAM SMITH 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
JOHN OLDHAM 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. G. Jenney. Quickest peal of Major on the bells, the lightest in the county. This peal and the preceding one were rung between the hours of 2 p.m. and 8.45 p.m.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 19 lb. in F.

HENRY W. KIRTON Treble	HENRY HEAD 5
ARTHUR EDWARDS 2	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM... 6
*CYRIL C. PEASE... .. 3	*JOHN WOOD... .. 7
*PERCY TIMSON 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells. Rung to usher in the festival of Advent, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

WILLIAM STEED Treble	WILLIAM LATTEr 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 2	HERBERT MARKWELL... .. 6
FREDERICK WHITE 3	WILLIAM HART 7
GEORGE ELLIS 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by KEITH HART.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER J. BATTLE Treble	†THOMAS ROGERS 5
*JOHN COOKE 2	JOHN EVANS 6
†HAROLD ROGERS 3	HERBERT LUDKIN 7
JOHN GREASLEY... .. 4	SYDNEY F. BARNES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Armistice Day, Nov. 11th, at the Parish Church of St. Peter, 1,008 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: H. L. Smith 1, R. Barrow 2, A. Ballard (conductor) 3, H. Sibson 4, E. Ankratt 5, G. W. Tilkson 6, H. Reeves 7, W. W. Duffwell 8.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*HENRY C. COLLYER Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
*JOHN HAYES 2	*ARTHUR NEWELL 6
HENRY W. WILDE 3	*GEORGE R. JONES 7
ROBERT SPERRING 4	*CECIL RADDON Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method; also G. R. Jones' 50th peal.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Sunday, Nov. 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND, R.C.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION

JAMES GEORGE Treble	BERNARD W. WITCHELL 5
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON 2	OLIVER G. NORMAN 6
WILLIAM KENT 3	ALBERT E. NORMAN 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 4	WILLIAM G. ANKER Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

This peal was specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. James George on his 68th birthday. He kindly entertained the ringers to an excellent tea at the residence of Mr. Bernard W. Wittchell.

DEPTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, Nov. 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.

ERNEST B. CROWDER ... Treble	*ALBERT BRADLEY 5
*EDWIN J. PANNETT 2	ALBERT E. GODDARD... .. 6
THOMAS A. EASTERBY ... 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 7
*WILLIAM H. DAYNES ... 4	HARRY J. NORGATE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. B. Crowder.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Nov. 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JAMES E. GOFTON Treble	EDWARD A. HEARN 5
*WILLIAM L. GOFTON 2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 6
GEORGE R. HOLMES... .. 3	R. ALDER GOFTON 7
RICHARD A. GOFTON... .. 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the consecration of St. Peter's Church, Monkseaton, by the Bishop of Newcastle.

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

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal in the method by all, also on the bells. Rung at the first attempt. First peal in the method by a local band and for the above Association, and quickest peal of Major on the bells.

The report of the peal at Bushey Heath, on November 26th, has been sent in without the time.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. MORRIS' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*G. HARRY DEXTER Treble	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 5
ARTHUR CATTELL 2	JOSIAH MORRIS 6
ROWLAND BARROW 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7
LAURIE JACKSON... .. 4	ALFRED CUFFLIN Tenor

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Jennings, of Wyke Regis, Dorset.

CRANBROOK, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. JUDGE ... Treble	LUTHER HONNESS... .. 5
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS 6
FREDERICK G. BURDEN ... 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 7
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 4	CHARLES TRIBE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec. of the Kent Association, who was 79 years of age on the previous day.

SALTBURN, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN APPLETON Treble	ROBERT LAUGHTON 5
WILLIAM A. BRECKON 2	JOHN WEDGEWOOD 6
ALBERT HUNTER 3	WILLIAM BROADLEY 7
GEORGE PECK 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

GUISELEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. H. ASH Treble	FIRTH HOPWOOD... .. 5
JOSEPH BROADLEY 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON 6
JAMES R. KEMP 3	FRANCIS BARKER... .. 7
JOHN PALFRAMAN 4	HENRY SMITH Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Ash, daughter of the treble ringer.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

†ALBERT E. GASSON ... Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 5
THOMAS MANNERING... .. 2	*HARRY COAST 6
CHARLES H. SONE 3	†LOUIS HEAD 7
†THOMAS E. SONE 4	†CHARLES SMITH... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS MANNERING.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE, SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK Treble	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON 5
GEORGE BESTER 2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 6
JOHN ARMSTRONG... .. 3	JOHN E. MILLER 7
EDMUND G. TOMLINSON 4	SIDNEY WADE Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

This is the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

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

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

JOHN WITHERS Treble	ALFRED DAVIES... .. 5
JOHN BASS 2	*J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 6
PERCY O. LAFLIN... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM SHORT 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

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

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5440 CHANGES;

*HERBERT E. ROBBINS Treble	EDWARD ROBBINS 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2	PERCY KNIGHTS 6
CHARLES MASON 3	JOHN KENT 7
REV. R. F. WILKINSON 4	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung in honour of the installation of the Vicar of Bolsover (Rev. D. Akrill Jones) as Diocesan Missioner and Canon of Llandaff. This composition is now rung for the first time. * First peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, DEANE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS Treble	ROBERT WALLWORK 5
JOSEPH LOWE 2	WILLIAM TAYLOR 6
GEORGE POWNALL 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 7
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 4	TITUS BARLOW Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Dec. 4, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lb.

*JOHN HALL... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. GROOM 5
NORMAN R. BAILEY 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
*JOHN C. G. HAGGAR... .. 3	ERNEST E. GRIMES 7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. First Surprise peal as conductor.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On August 23rd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,220 changes): F. Hollands 1. S. Taylor 2. W. Nye 3. G. H. Spice 4. E. J. Dobbie 5. T. Jull 6. T. B. Dobbie 7. W. Spice (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method on the bells; also by all except the bob caller.—On Tuesday, Sept. 8th, for practice, 224 of Superlative Surprise, 224 of Cambridge, and 224 of Oxford Treble Bob Major by G. H. Spice, E. H. Spice, W. Nye, F. Hollands, S. Taylor, E. J. Dobbie, S. R. Dobbie, T. Jull and W. Spice. All the above ringers reside in the Sittingbourne district.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Nov. 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*THOMAS REEVE Treble	ALFRED WATSON... .. 4
*FRANK REEVE 2	JAMES WARDLEY 5
†JOHN GARRETT 3	JOHN HALL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor on an 'inside' bell. Quickest peal on the bells.

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

On Saturday, Nov. 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of Grandsire, Double Oxford, Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob & Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*FREDERICK MITCHELL, JUN. Treble	JOHN BURLS 4
†MISS ETHEL M. GOODSHIP 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 5
HARRY ARGENT 3	GEORGE MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 26, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*GEORGE COOPER... .. Treble	†LEONARD A. SMITH 4
†THOMAS E. ROBERTS... .. 2	†THOMAS E. READ 5
†FREDERICK C. CASE 3	ALBERT J. GREEN Tenor

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal in seven methods with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Joseph Read.

RETTENDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

*WALTER JAY Treble	FRANK C. MAY 4
*ALFRED SOUTH 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD 5
W. CHARLES JAY 3	FRED CHALK... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. J. MANSFIELD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringers of 2, 5 and 6 hail from Maldon.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 1040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CECIL CHAPMAN Treble	WILLIAM LAWRENCE 3
MISS MAUD CLARKE... .. 2	*DAVID SHALFORD 4
MATTHIAS HOBBS Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM LAWRENCE

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. S. Dainty, who was for many years a ringer and sexton at the above church, and who was interred in Barton churchyard on Nov. 28th

WYMSWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 26, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM THORLEY Treble	JOHN W. DOOTH 4
HARRY WHITTLE 2	THOMAS ATKINS 5
RICHARD PAINE 3	ALBERT JOYCE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS ATKINS.

BARTON FABIS, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

* ERNEST CHAMBERLAIN ... Treble	CECIL J. BAKER 4
* FRED PRIESTLY 2	* JOHN W. PRIESTLY 5
FRED J. TITE 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate H. R. H. Princess Mary's betrothal.

MAXEY, NORTHANTS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS PHYLLIS HARE Treble	MISS ANNIE M. DALE 4
MISS ANNIE PARKINS 2	MISS CECIL E. HEPBURN 5
MISS ELSIE B. BRANDON 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

This was the conductor's 300th peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE OLD VICARAGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Size 13 in E.

JOHN W. WOOD 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	TOM TEBBUTT 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Witnesses: MRS. J. W. WOOD, MISS IRENE WOOD and
MISS PHYLLIS HARE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Richardson, of Glyn Garth.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by the Performer.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

The above was tapped as a birthday compliment to the composer.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Nov. 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four and a half
Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Size 13 in E.

JOHN W. WOOD 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	TOM TEBBUTT 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Witness: MISS PHYLLIS HARE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss E. B. Brandon, of Peterbor'

RINGER'S WEDDING.

The wedding took place at Almeley, Herefordshire, on November 24th, of Mr. William Webb and Miss Ethel Jones. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar (the Rev. H. M. Evill), and quite a number of parishioners were present, both the bride and bridegroom being highly respected. Immediately after the marriage service, the bells rang out merrily, and later the ringers attended a reception at the new home of the happy pair. Mr. Male, on behalf of the ringers, wished both the bridegroom and the bride a long life of happiness and health, and added that as a token of the respect in which Mr. Webb was held by the ringers, he had very great pleasure in asking his acceptance of a silver inkpot, in the shape of a bell. He trusted it would remind him of the happy hours they had spent, and hoped to spend in the belfry.—Mr. Webb, who was completely taken by surprise, suitably replied.—Mr. J. P. Hyett (district secretary of the Hereford Guild, to which the Almeley band now belongs) associated himself with all that Mr. Male had said.

LEEDS & DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY

On Saturday, November 26th, the usual monthly meeting took place at St. Michael's, Headingley. Owing to a service intervening in the time advertised when the bells would be available, the Vicar of St. Chad's, Headingley, kindly granted permission for ringing to take place on his bells. Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Stedman were rung from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Then St. Michael's tower was visited, and touches of Double Norwich and Stedman were rung.

In the absence of the chairman, Mr. P. J. Johnson was voted to the chair, and a short business meeting took place. After much discussion it was decided to hold the December meeting at St. Francis, Holbeck.

Ringers were present from Selby; St. Chad's, Headingley; Armley; Leeds Parish Church; Pudsey; and the local company.

SUFFOLK VETERAN'S DEATH.
SONS' FUNERAL PEAL.

One of Suffolk's veteran ringers has passed away, at the ripe age of 80 years, in the person of Mr. William Riches, of Fressingfield. The deceased was a native of the village, and possessed of a lovable and happy disposition, was a general favourite. He had been a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association since 1878, and for many years acted as Master of the Fressingfield ringers.

On the evening of the funeral, half-muffled touches were rung by his brother, Mr. John Riches, and five of his sons, Messrs. Albert, Walter, William, Robert and Jas. Riches. Many local friends attended the funeral, and, besides these, the following bell ringers were present as a mark of respect to an old master: Messrs. J. Mottz (Ipswich), F. R. Borrett (Pulham), E. F. Poppy (Stoke Ash), G. Howard (Weybread), J. Filby (Wingfield), G. Filby (Wingfield), J. Adams (Harleston), R. Raynor, R. Girling, F. Barber, and J. Etheridge (all of Fressingfield). The above took part in the ringing before and after the service, and the four first named rang a course of Triples on handbells over the grave.

On Sunday evening the Rev. K. E. Shaw (Vicar) preached a funeral sermon, and another company of bell ringers attended and rang half-muffled touches before and after service. This company consisted of Messrs. E. Lincoln, C. F. Wood, H. Barrell, and C. Clarke (of Bungay), J. Filby and G. Wilby (of Wingfield), and F. Freeman and J. Etheridge (of Fressingfield).

LOSS TO PORTSMOUTH.

SERVED UNDER FIVE VICARS.

Portsmouth has sustained a severe loss by the death of Mr. W. H. Hellyer, who has passed away at the advanced age of 87 years. He was a prominent figure in local friendly society circles, and his connection with St. Mary's, Portsea, can be best quoted from a paragraph in the local Press: 'For a lengthy period he had been one of the most stalwart workers at Portsea Parish Church, where he had served under five Vicars—the late Bishop of St. Albans, the present Archbishop of York, the late Canon Wilson, the present Bishop of Southwark, and the present Vicar (the Rev. J. F. L. Southam). He was superintendent of the Sunday School for over 30 years, until compelled to retire by advancing age, two years ago. He was always to be relied upon in his work for the church, and his memory will be revered throughout the parish.'

When the present magnificent church was built, 30 years ago, he was instrumental in providing two bells to complete the present octave, and was greatly interested in the art.

After the funeral, a quarter-peal (1,260) Grandsire Triples was rung in 46 minutes, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect and gratitude for past services: J. J. Symons 1, F. A. Burnett 2, F. W. Rogers (composer and conductor) 3, W. Tate 4, J. D. Harris 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, senr., 7, B. W. C. Hardy 8.

MILNROW, LANCs.—On Armistice Day, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, with the bells fully muffled: R. Buckley 1, J. Fitton 2, C. Bennett 3, G. Staff (conductor) 4, S. W. Dunn 5, C. Fielding 6, Jno. H. C. Massey 7, H. Buckley 8.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**EXETER DISTRICT BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Exeter District Branch was held at Heavitree, Exeter, on Saturday, November 26th, and attended by 48 members, representing St. Sidwell's, St. David's, Heavitree, St. Peter's, Withycombe Raleigh, Topsham, Thorverton, Clyst St. George, Sowton, and Christow.

Service was held in Heavitree Parish Church, and conducted by the Rev. H. B. Clark (Honiton Clyst). Tea was served in the Fore Street School, followed by the meeting, presided over by Mr. E. Shepherd (chairman of the branch), amongst those present being the Rev. Canon McLaren and the Rev. H. B. Clark.

A vote of sympathy with the relatives of two honorary members, deceased, was passed by all standing.

The accounts of the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. N. J. Southwood) showed a satisfactory state of affairs, and a balance in hand.

The Assistant Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. C. Oke) stated in his report that the year's work had been very satisfactory, meetings having been well attended, while change ringing was making steady progress. He regretted, however, that the number of peals had fallen short of last year's total, and hoped that members would endeavour to remedy this before the annual report was printed. One tower had joined the district during the year, and one tower desired to resign. It was, however, resolved to ask this band to reconsider the matter.

The reports were adopted, and the officers re-elected unanimously.

Nine new members were elected, and one honorary member added to the list.—Thorverton was selected as the place for the next meeting, to be held in March.

Votes of thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells and to the ladies for presiding at tea, brought a very successful meeting to a close.

The bells of the Cathedral, St. Sidwell's, St. David's and Heavitree, were kept going during the afternoon and evening, and some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples rung.

RINGING AT ST. MARY REDCLIFFE.

On Saturday, November 26th, at the Church of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, in honour of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Bristol for the annual confirmation service, 967 Grandsire Cinques: Miss A. Brown 1, F. G. Leaker 2, A. Pearce 3, S. Badman 4, E. Dibbens 5, t. W. H. Came 6, F. G. Jewell 7, H. Pring 8, F. J. Porch 9, E. J. Brown 10, W. A. Cave (conductor) 11, W. Read 12.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A most successful joint meeting of the Leicester and Hinckley Branches of the Midland Counties Association was held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, November 26th. Members and friends, numbering 45, attended, the following towers being represented: Anstey, Burbage, Barwell, Croft, Hinckley, Higham-on-the-Hill, Kirky-Muxloe, Leicester, Nuneaton, Stoney Stanton, Stoke Golding, Lt. Wigston, South Wigston, and Earl Shilton. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Double Norwich, and during the ringing, the Vicar (the Rev. H. V. Williams) came amongst the ringers to say how pleased he was to welcome them to Earl Shilton. The visitors took the opportunity to thank him for so kindly placing the bells at their disposal. Ringing continued until about 7 p.m., when the visitors were conducted to the meeting-room, and enjoyed refreshments, provided by the generous hospitality of the churchwardens (Messrs. E. H. Gilbert and A. Abbott), and an honorary member of the association (Mr. A. H. Bradbury).

The business meeting followed, Mr. A. H. Bradbury being voted to the chair.

Two towers, Hinckley and Nuneaton, were nominated for the annual district meeting, and on a vote being taken Hinckley was selected by a large majority. The meeting will be held there early in January.

Five new honorary members were elected (Messrs. Harry Orton, Arthur Green, Leonard Cobley, Joseph Grewcock and Joseph Ladkin).

—The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and W. Willson, in seconding, coupled with it a vote of thanks to the chairman and churchwardens for their kind hospitality.—The motion was carried with applause.

It was resolved to make an annual affair of these joint meetings, one to be held in Leicester district, and one in Hinckley.

Mr. W. Willson referred to the excellent position the M.C.A. had attained, and his statement was very gratifying to the members.

A musical programme was then carried out, including a pianoforte selection by Mr. Coe, junr.; duets by Messrs. W. Reynolds and L. Cobley; songs by W. Humphreys, L. Cobley, W. Reynolds and H. Fullylove; a course of Grandsire Caters: H. Webb 1—2, J. Clarke 3—4, H. Stoneley 5—6, W. Willson 7—8, F. Elkington 9—10; and handbell selection by Messrs. H. Webb, H. Stoneley and W. Willson.

KIRDFORD, SUSSEX. — On Friday, Nov. 11th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 41 mins.: M. Stenning 1, S. Kilner 2, P. Duneton 3, S. Kitchener 4, F. Brooks (conductor) 5, V. Nicholls 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

To-morrow is the 40th anniversary of the first peal at St. Paul's Cathedral. This was a 5,014 Stedman Cinques in 4 hrs. 17 mins., by the College Youths. The band contained some famous names, but all, we believe, have now passed away, except the 'youthful' Ted Horrex. The ringers were: J. Pettit 1, G. Muskott 2, W. Coster 3, J. R. Haworth 4, R. Jameson 5, G. Mash 6, G. Dorrington 7, W. Tanner 8, M. Wood 9, E. Horrex 10, J. M. Hayes 11, W. Jones and W. A. Tyler 12. The bells had been opened on November 1st, 1878.

On December 12th, 1848, St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, rang the then longest length of Stedman Cinques (7,392), in 4 hrs. 55 mins. It was composed and conducted by Henry Johnson, and superseded in length the 7,126 rung in 5 hrs. 17 mins., at Norwich on January 18th, 1844, thus regaining for Birmingham the honours which the Norwich men had taken from them.

Three anniversaries fall on the 15th of December. On that date, in 1735, the College Youths rang 8,008 Grandsire Cinques at Southwark, at that time the longest length on 12 bells, the peal being called by Benjamin Annable. On December 15th, 1806, the Junior Cumberlands rang a peal of 5,886 Stedman Cinques at Christ Church, Spitalfields, where there are now only eight bells. Two days before, the Senior Cumberlands lost a peal in the same method, after ringing 5,500 changes, and on the 20th scored a peal of 6,334, all on the same bells. What the neighbours said, history recordeth not.

To come to modern days, on December 15th, 1904, was rung the first peal in South Africa. This was Grandsire Triples at Woodstock.

By ringing a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal last Saturday the St. Mary-le-Tower company, Ipswich, have completed a series of meritorious performances this year; having rung a peal of Cambridge Surprise and Double Norwich on eight, ten and twelve bells. The society were the first to ring a peal of Cambridge Maximus.

The death occurred, on November 24th, of Mr. Wm. Lee, for many years steeplekeeper at St. Mary's, Nottingham. He was well known in the Midland Counties as an eccentric character. Not being an expert in change ringing, his peals were not numerous, and were confined to either trebling or covering.

Mr. Percy Cave, of Bristol, who obtained his B.Sc. degree last July, is taking up an appointment at Southampton. He will be much missed at St. Stephen's, especially for Sunday ringing, at which he has been most regular.

Over 100 miniature bells were sold to help the fund raised for recasting Westbury bells. We understand that the profits on the surplus bells, which were purchased by Mr. W. H. Fussell, amounting to £4 2s., were handed over to the Hereford All Saints' Fund.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Waltham Abbey was rung on Oct. 22nd.

THE BELLS OF ST. GEORGE'S, DONCASTER

The magnificent peal of eight bells at St. George's, Doncaster, has just been overhauled. The clappers have been taken out and new crutches inserted. New fillets have been put in the wheels, and alterations have been made to the pulley boxes. The whole peal is now in excellent ringing condition. Mr. J. F. Mallaby, of Barnby Dun, carried out the work, and great credit is due to him for the excellent way he has done it. It was he who rehung the bells the last time any repairs were carried out, which was 25 years ago.

The peal at St. George's is claimed to be the heaviest and finest peal of eight in Yorkshire. The bells were cast by Warner and Co. in 1856, to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe. The weight of the tenor is 30½ cwt., and its note E flat. The bells replaced an older ring of eight, which perished in the great conflagration of 1853, when the entire church was laid in ruins. This old peal was cast by Hedderly, of Bawtry, and was described by Lord Grimthorpe as the finest he had ever heard. It is believed that these bells were slightly heavier than the present peal.

H. W.

HALF-MUFFLING OF BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was much interested in the inquiry of Mr. J. Smith as to the muffling of bells, and agree with the Rev. H. B. Woolley that the back stroke should be open. When the musical qualities of touches or peals are given the back stroke is always referred to; also it must be very obvious that a roll up of, say, 5678 in Major is much better than an open 6587, or take the Littums position of Caters, an open 6978 is much better than 9687. It is customary in this neighbourhood to muffle the back stroke, and I always consider the best effect is lost.—Yours truly,

W. PAGE.
Worcester.

GUILDFORD.—On Friday, Nov. 11th, for Armistice Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, at St. Nicolas' Church: E. Raddon 1, G. J. Nichols 2, E. A. Etheridge 3, G. R. Nichols 4, G. Pether 5, S. Radford 6, G. Tomsett (conductor) 7, E. G. Heath 8.

A HATTERSLEY MEMORIAL DINNER? SHEFFIELD RINGER'S STRONG COMMENTS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I shall be greatly interested to know what authority 'Yorkshire Worthy' has for making the assertion which appeared in the Belfry Gossip of December 2nd, re the intentions of the Hattersley Memorial Committee, which is now defunct. I myself served on the committee which was formulated to carry out the scheme to perpetuate the memory of the late C. H. H. That scheme was to establish a library in the Cathedral belfry, and I am sorry to say (without fear of contradiction) that the subject of a Commemoration Dinner was never once discussed in committee. However, I myself did incidentally make the suggestion to one of the serving committeemen, who immediately poured cold water on the scheme—not out of any disrespect to the late gentleman, but for other obvious reasons.

It is strange, but true, that neither exorbitant charges, nor the shocking state of trade, affects the late Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner. That goes on! Why? Simply because it is nurtured in an environment of unselfishness!

One is rather doubtful concerning the excuses: Is it intended to convey coercion, or is it the essence of sincerity? Personally I am inclined to think it is sent with the former intention; if so, I am sure it will lack sufficient strength to bring about the desired effect! The real reason there has been no Commemoration Dinner in Sheffield is simply the predominating spirit of selfishness!

Where are the men who profess to be admirers of the late C. H. H.? Where are their pretentious ambitions, either to do honour to the late gentleman, or any other enterprise which will be for the uplifting of the art? Boldly I stand before the whole Exercise and say there will be no Commemoration Dinner in Sheffield, unless some generous person comes along and says: 'Parake of my hospitality and call it a Commemoration Dinner,' or a magnanimous spirit arises which will conquer and tread down that spirit of callous and selfish indifference! Once this is accomplished, that honour (long deferred) will become manifest, and not until then.

Further, credit can only be given to one man for his conception of a memorial library, and for the assiduous manner in which he carried this undertaking to a final issue, in the face of having to gauge his own generosity by the meanness of other individuals.—Yours, etc., Hillsbro', Dec. 5th, 1921.

ALFRED T. BAKER.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING.

A district meeting was held at North Shields, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, when members attended from Newcastle, Whitley Bay and North Shields. During the afternoon some good practice was obtained with London and Cambridge Surprise Major and Kent Treble Bob Major. Tea was kindly provided by Mr. William Story at the Douglas Cafe, and was followed by a business meeting.

The Secretary (Mr. J. E. Gofton) welcomed Mr. George R. Holmes, and said what a great pleasure it was to all present to have at last such an active vice-president to grace the chair.—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at St. Stephen's, Newcastle, on January 21st, and the secretary was instructed to get on with the arrangements.—After further discussion, it was also decided to pay visits to other districts when holding meetings.

Some good touches of Stedman Caters were afterwards brought round in fine style. The tower was visited by the Vicar and other clergy, who expressed their pleasure at hearing the ten bells going, after being recently restored by a local firm of engineers.

This brought an excellent meeting to a close.

SIMPSON TUNING—BALL BEARINGS. 2778

To the Editor.

Sir,—I think Mr. Woolley is probably right as regards 'Simpson tuning' for very light bells. Everybody knows that small bells are often 'wild.' Heard from one point, under certain atmospheric conditions, they appear to be in tune; and heard from another point, under other conditions, they seem to be horribly out of tune. Probably the 'Simpson tuning' corrects this fault. As Mr. Woolley says, it is with heavy bells that the howling is noticeable. I still maintain, however, that to recast good old bells, which are in tune with one another, simply because they cannot be tuned on the 'Simpson Principle,' is a most unjustifiable waste of money, which is badly needed for more important church purposes in the present day.

As to what Mr. H. Walker says about ball and roller bearings, his theory about wear may be all right, but I question whether in actual practice the old way will not prove to be the best. Time alone will show this. I never heard of bell brases being actually worn through; though, of course, gudgeons will wear oval in time. After all, bells of up to, say, 40 cwt., go well enough hung on the old plan on a perfectly rigid frame for all practical purposes: though possibly it might be worth while to try to find some plan to facilitate the 'go' of very heavy bells.—Yours, etc.,

December 2nd, 1921

J. R. JERRAM.

EXTENSION OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Powell's letter raises the question of the extension of methods, and he says that there are two rival theories, and wants the Exercise to decide between them.

These two theories are not rivals, they are complementary, and we have to take both of them into account.

I will begin to-day with the Grandsire Bob method, and show what its extension really is, and with your permission, I will go on with some other simple examples, and so lead up to the more difficult problems.

Grandsire Bob can be rung on all numbers of bells by the following two rules:—

If the treble turns you from lead make 3rd's place (on odd numbers) 2nd's (on even numbers), now count $2x-1$ blows and dodge; continue to do this, and you will complete the plain course on 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12 bells, x being the number of bells being rung.

To explain; consider the 3rd in Grandsire Doubles. Here, x equals 5, so $2x-1$ is 9.

Make 3rd's place, strike in 2nd's and count one; at lead 2; and so on up to 9, and dodge 4-5 down; count 9 and dodge 4-5 up; the treble turns you from lead next time. Consider the 2nd in Grandsire Bob Maximus (commonly called Bob Maximus). She has just made 2nd's place; x equals 12. $2x-1$ equals 23. Lead and count 1, etc., up to 23 and dodge 3-4 down; count 23 and dodge 5-6 down, etc.

Now, what is the extension of the method? Obviously, nothing but plain hunting. We add two places to each section of plain hunting between the dodges for every extra bell we add, and we make 2nd's or 3rd's once only in the plain course.

We have, therefore, extended the method according to both of Mr. Powell's so-called rival theories, and so we see that they are not rivals at all, but complementary.

Next week we will consider Double Court.—Yours truly,

Surfleet Vicarage.

H. LAW JAMES.

RINGING IN AMERICA. AN INVITATION TO ENGLISH RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—You have at various times received letters from Dr. A. H. Nichols, 55, Mount Vernon Street, Boston, U.S.A., regarding efforts made by him to stimulate interest in bell ringing here in America. While he has succeeded in interesting a few persons in the art, the general results of his efforts are rather disappointing. The reason for this is chiefly because of failure to keep a band of ringers together. At the present time we have six ringers who live within the confines of this district, the only locality in the U.S.A. where there are any bells for ringing. At the present time all the towers are open to us for ringing. One tower is situated at Groton School, 40 miles from Boston; one at Hingham, 18 miles from Boston; one at Watertown, 8 miles from Boston; and two in the city itself. Since the war, our ringing has been confined to periodic visits to Groton School, usually on a holiday, where, with the assistance of Mr. Sturgis and Mr. Farr, teachers at the school, we are able to ring a touch on eight.

Dr. Nichols often receives inquiries regarding the installation of a peal of bells, usually as a memorial, by some person of wealth, who has heard us ring and wishes to erect a peal near home. But usually the request is made that we make regular visits to ring; and, not getting a definite answer that we can do so, the inquirer is discouraged.

My object in writing this letter is to interest any of your readers who are thinking of moving to some 'promised land' to try their fortunes anew, that they may possibly call here and look things over. Conditions are as good in Boston as in any place, and chances of employment equally as great. Men in the building trades, especially masons (bricklayers), are almost certain of employment; gardeners, good ones, are as scarce as hens' teeth. This State is one of the greatest manufacturing districts in the country, especially of shoes, cotton and woollen goods, etc. At the same time, I do not want any person to imagine that a fortune can be picked up on the street.

We believe that if we could add to our numbers sufficiently to enable us to be certain of getting a band together for regular ringing, we could interest more people, and so advance the art of change ringing in this country. A new peal is to be erected, I believe, very shortly, at Wellesley College, Mass., easily reached from Boston. It is expected that a peal will be brought over and installed at the World's Fair, to be held in Boston, 1924. Altogether the prospects for the furthering of the art of change ringing seem good, could we get a good band of ringers to enable us to ring regularly.

If anyone wishes further information regarding conditions, etc., should they be interested enough, the writer or Dr. A. H. Nichols (55, Mount Vernon Street, Boston) will be glad to enlighten them to the best of their ability.—Very truly yours,

ALEXANDER MATTHEWS.

84, St. Botolph Street, Boston, Mass.
Nov. 20th, 1921.

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ROYAL EXCHANGE, 1921.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

CARISBROOKE, 1921.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD. PROPOSED ADDITION TO DAWLEY BELLS.

By the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. T. R. J. Faulness), a monthly meeting of the Salop Archidiaconal Guild was held at Dawley on Saturday week. Touches were rung in various methods on the tower bells during the afternoon, and members were pleased to have the Vicar with them in the tower.

The Vicar expressed a wish to have two more bells added to the peal, and Mr. W. Saunders suggested that it would be far better to have the whole of the bells retuned when the time came to add two trebles. Tea was well provided in the National Schools by Mrs. Ruscoe, and among those who were present were representatives from Cardington, Hodnet and Wellington, while Coalbrookdale, as usual, was well represented. Afterwards the Vicar said how pleased he was to see the members of the Guild in his parish to hear the bells rung, especially on a Saturday, as it was not very often that people in Dawley heard bell ringing on that day.

Mr. Saunders, of Coalbrookdale, in reply, remarked that the main object of the Guild in holding those meetings was to set up a good standard of Sunday Service ringing, and in getting the ringers to take more interest in their art, besides helping members to keep more in touch with one another.

Mr. Woodvine supported Mr. Saunders' remarks, and it was then decided to hold the next meeting at Sheriff Hales.

Members then turned to St. Leonard's, Malins Lee, where a good touch of Oxford Bob was well rung; also a course of Grandsire Caters and Triples on handbells.

HEREFORD GUILD.

EFFORTS TO INTEREST YOUNG RINGERS.

A successful meeting of the Hereford District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was held at Tarrington with a view to stimulating local interest and enthusiasm. Ringers were present from Allensmore, Madley, Lugwardine, Fownhope, Hereford Cathedral, Stoke Edith and Tarrington. A short service was held in the church, and the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Green-Price) gave the members an encouraging address. The Vicar presided at the tea at the Foley Arms. At the business meeting which followed, Mr. C. Edwards, the district secretary, pointed out that the annual meeting would be at Hereford, and he would expect a large attendance. All Saints' peal would now be available. It was surprising, that upon the last occasion there was not a clergyman in Hereford who could be found to offer to hold a service for them. Therefore, they had to have the annual meeting without a service. He thought that upon this occasion they would be in a better position. He pointed out that practices were held at All Saints' every Thursday evening at 7.30, and that all ringers were welcome. Proceeding, he said that it was only twelve months since they had a district meeting at Lugwardine, and they knew what was brought forward there, the project for recasting All Saints' tenor bell. When he moved that that be done, he never thought for a moment he would have had the support of the ringers in the way he had, and that the project would have been brought to such a successful issue. He was grateful to all who supported him, and particularly to the ringers in the Hereford district. Many towers did not contribute, but the result showed that they had had real workers. All Saints' had now a fine peal of bells, and the parishioners were very pleased. He hoped the ringers would show a united spirit, and do all they could to make themselves proficient.

Mr. H. Taylor moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. C. Edwards for all he had done, and said he was sure no one could have worked harder. They had now a fine peal of bells at All Saints', and they should become better ringers. They had practices there on the Thursday and on Wednesday at the Cathedral.

Mr. Fussell seconded, and referring to Mr. Edwards' great interest in ringing, said his father, who was present, must have given him a good education in that direction to have turned out such a good ringer. He regretted the silence of All Saints' bells for so many years, and announced that he was able to hand over to All Saints' belfry fund the sum of £4 2s., profits on the sale of miniature bells. He referred to the large amount of work that had been done voluntarily in cleaning out the dirt and dust of centuries in the belfry by Hereford ringers.

Mr. Edwards, responding, said there were still towers that stood aloof from the Guild. They did not want to thrust scientific change ringing down their throats, but he thought that if they would join in meetings like that it would create a better feeling all round.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar, who, in responding, said he hoped Tarrington bells would be in a better condition the next time the ringers visited the church. He threw out the suggestion that the Guild should send out, say, once a month one of their members to try to interest the younger men of the parish in ringing.

The District Secretary said he had that very point in view, and meant to bring it forward at their annual meeting, as they were now in a position to appoint qualified district instructors (applause).

Further ringing took place after the meeting.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

Ringers from Aldershot, Hurst, Shere, Wargrave, Wokingham and Worplesdon were present at the quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, held at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday, December 3rd. Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major were rung, and the Rector (the Rev. B. Long) conducted the Guild service. The members afterwards enjoyed an excellent tea, for which thanks are due to the Misses Robinson and Walker.

The business meeting only lasted a few minutes. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Staines on Saturday, February 25th, if possible.

Ringing was then carried on at St. Paul's Church.

The Guild wishes to thank all concerned for the use of the bells.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting was held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday, December 3rd. To visit this church is always a great treat to the members, and a good number were present. They were much indebted to Mr. Knight, who made all arrangements. The bells were kept going until 5 o'clock, when the Guild service was conducted by the Rector, who also acted as organist, and gave an address. Tea was provided at the 'Cadena Cafe,' followed by a short business meeting.

Owing to a concert in the Colston Hall there could be no further ringing at St. Stephen's, but several ringers availed themselves of the offer of a pull at the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob during the evening.

Portishead has now thirteen members of the Guild.

It is hoped that it may be possible to hold the next quarterly meeting at Weston-super-Mare early in March, and an intermediate practice meeting at Portishead during January.

The Secretary reminds members that a few subscriptions are still owing for the year September, 1920—September, 1921, which she would be glad to receive.

A DISPUTED CLAIM.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As one of the ringers who took part in the peal of Stedman Triples, rung at Coalbrookdale on November 11th, 1921, and claimed to be the first peal rung in the method for the Salop Guild by an entirely local band, my colleagues have requested me to reply to Mr. C. R. Lilley's letter headed 'A Correction,' appearing in last week's issue of your paper. The only satisfactory way to decide anything of the kind is at the annual meeting of the Guild concerned, but as the claim has been challenged, I wish to state that it was made because we are all members of the local band of ringers at Holy Trinity Church, Coalbrookdale, ringers who have struggled on for years unanimously and happily together. Further, whilst the peal was being rung there was quite another good local band of Stedman ringers listening to it from various parts of the neighbourhood; ringers who are always welcomed and who are delighted to come to Coalbrookdale belfry. Mr. C. R. Lilley is quite well acquainted with their names.

Mr. Lilley states that the first peal of Stedman Triples rung by a local band for the Guild was at St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, on Feb. 17th, 1913; he mentions also the peals at Whitechurch and Wem. Unless he takes in the Lichfield Diocese, the Salop Archdeaconry and the county of Salop, to make up his local bands, the above peals were rung by mixed bands from various towers. The three peals were conducted by himself. I think I am right in stating that before he arrived at Shrewsbury he had several hundred peals to his credit, so he did not need much training as a 'local.' When Mr. Lilley also states that the three peals he mentions were rung in the Lichfield Diocese and the Salop Archdeaconry he means that Coalbrookdale tower is in the Hereford Diocese, but we have one honorary member (our Vicar) and 14 ringing members subscribing annually to the Salop Guild. We are nearly the last church on the northern border of the Hereford Diocese, and since 1905 have been loyal supporters of the Salop Guild. This year we have one hon. member and 15 ringing members, so I do not think we are any the worse for not being in the Lichfield Diocese. Further, I take it for granted that if a local band from Coalbrookdale had gone to Quebec, Canada, and rung the peal we should have been quite in order in making the claim we have.

Mr. Lilley also mentions that the peal at Wem was rung by the St. Chad's Society. We are continually being asked: What is the St. Chad's Society, and by whom and when was it started? Well, though I am a member I cannot say much about it, but I think it is about like the 'one man bands' we hear so much—*one man is trying to play twelve beautiful instruments without the aid of the 'locals,' who were advanced ringers before he came amongst them. What a pity, when we come to think of it, that these instruments, which are the only peal of twelve in the county of Shropshire, are practically closed to every 12-bell band in existence!* May I, in conclusion, advise Mr. C. R. Lilley to try and leave Coalbrookdale ringers in peace. We are quite happy.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM SAUNDERS,
for the Coalbrookdale Ringers.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, December 4th, for morning service, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: Miss W. King 1, H. Prior (longest length inside) 2, F. Le Clercq 3, R. Hasted, junr., 4, G. Upshall 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted, senr. (conductor), 7, A. King 8.—On Sunday, Nov. 27th, for morning service, 560 Grandsire Triples: Miss W. King 1, H. Prior 2, A. Prior 3, R. Hasted, junr., 4, G. Upshall 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted, senr. (conductor), 7, A. King 8.—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: Miss W. King 1, H. Prior 2, F. Le Clercq 3, R. Hasted, junr., 4, G. Upshall 5, T. Upshall (conductor) 6, R. Hasted, senr., 7, A. King 8.

LONDON.—St. Mary's, Acton, Guild.—At All Hallows', Barking, City, on Sunday, December 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), taken from Holt's Original, in 45 mins.: E. E. Easton 1, R. H. Boddington 2, W. Lawrence 3, H. Wincote 4, S. D. Breeze 5, R. Holloway 6, R. Fardon (conductor) 7, Alf. Joyce 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Dec. 4th, for evening service, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 720 Bob Minor, with the tenor covering: A. Hardy 1, A. Prior (conductor) 2, T. Newman 3, G. Card 4, W. Theobald 5, C. J. Matthews (first 720 of Minor) 6, J. Cornford tenor. Rung after meeting short for Caters.

BATTERSEA.—At St. Mary's Church, for men's service, on Sunday, Dec. 4th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 47 mins.: T. Symonds 1, C. E. Mitchell 2, H. H. Mance 3, A. G. Newman 4, E. A. Reeve 5, W. Essery 6, H. Mance 7, H. Burton (conductor) 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, December 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: J. Crowder 1, E. J. Pannett 2, T. A. Easterhy 3, H. J. Norgate 4, A. Bradley 5, E. B. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. F. Bennington 8.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—For morning service, on Sunday, Nov. 27th, 350 Grandsire Triples, conducted by H. W. Curtis, for evening service a quarter-peal came to grief, after 35 minutes' ringing: L. E. Wailing 1, C. Smith 2, C. Pearce 3, H. W. Curtis 4, W. A. Dormer 5, E. W. Atkins 6, S. Quintin (conductor) 7, E. Challis 8. The quarter-peal was arranged on the occasion of Mr. E. W. Atkins' visit to Newbury.

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 20th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: V. Bowen 1, H. Bowen 2, John Porter 3, J. Porter 4, E. Barker (conductor) 5, T. Price 6.

WITCHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—The Devonshire Guild. — On Sunday, Nov. 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: E. G. Stocker 1, A. England 2, R. Flew 3, F. Dimond 4, R. Manley 5, J. Hayman (conductor) 6, A. Snow 7, J. Chudley 8. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar.

FEN DITTON, CAMBS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 13th, for evensong, 240 St. Simon's Doubles: J. Nicholls 1, H. Wishbeach 2, J. Martin 3, A. Turner 4, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 5. Also 120 New Doubles and 120 Grandsire Doubles.

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND. — On Sunday, Nov. 13th, for evening service, with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect for those fallen in the great war, 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins., by the following: R. Potts 1, J. Casson 2, J. Tickle 3, J. Norman 4, F. Tickle 5, W. T. Holmes (conductor) 6, G. Martin 7, W. Bowe 8.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.—On Sunday, Nov. 13th, for morning service, with the bells muffled, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Gillett 1, J. Collett 2, T. Banning 3, E. Parden 4, H. Packer 5, H. Gillett 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Buttler 8.—Also for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes): H. E. Gillett 1, J. Collett 2, T. Banning 3, E. Parden 4, H. Packer 5, H. Gillett 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, A. Collett 8.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 13th, for morning service, 503 Grandsire Triples: A. Tarrant 1, T. Smith 2, J. Smith 3, T. Head (Mairstone) 4, T. E. Sons (conductor) 5, J. Head 6, F. Pope 7, O. H. Sons 8. A local peal was attempted the day before, but after an hour's good ringing, came to grief through a late call.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 13th, 546 Grandsire Triples, for a united service held in the memorial ground: W.

Johnson 1, E. Hendley 2, E. Collins 3, Miss G. Brown 4, E. Whitfield 5, E. Green 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, E. Bradford 8. For evensong, 504 Grandsire Triples.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—Bath and Wells Association. — At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Sunday, Nov. 13th, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: Wm. Milbourne 1, Eric Chivers (first quarter-peal) 2, I. B. Holmyard 3, C. Ford 4, F. Chivers 5, J. Hambleton 6, Wm. Keevitt (conductor) 7, W. Ford 8.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Nov. 13th, the last 720 of Holt's Original, for evensong: J. Goodsell 1, F. Morgan 2, T. Booth 3, T. Hoad 4, E. Mills 5, C. Creasey 6, A. Edwards (conductor) 7, George Mills 8.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Nov. 6th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Groves' Variation, in 44 mins.: F. Montford 1, T. Tudor 2, E. V. Rodenhurst 3, W. Lycett 4, J. Clark 5, H. Tyler 6, Wm. Weatherby (conductor) 7, G. Hall 8. Arranged for W. Lycett, of Stanton, this being his first quarter-peal of Triples.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Nov. 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: H. Giles (first-quarter) 1, Miss Wilma Lawson 2, E. O. Underwood 3, W. E. Coles 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 5.

OXFORD.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Nov. 6th, a half-muffled 720 of Kent Treble Bob at the Church of St. Ebbe, for a memorial service, by: H. Tolley 1, F. Beckett 2, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 3, V. Bennett 4, F. Clinkard 5, W. Harris 6.—On Sunday, Nov. 13th, 720 Oxford Single Bob, by: L. Bennett 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, H. Tolley 3, G. Stone 4, F. Clinkard 5, W. Harris (conductor) 6.

EDGBASTON.—On Sunday, Nov. 6th, for morning service, 720 of Double Oxford Bob Minor: J. Johnson 1, L. G. Cartwright 2, C. H. Stanley 3, G. Piggott 4, H. Hastings 5, H. Withers (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for morning service, 720 of Double Court: E. Allaway 1, C. H. Simkins 2, V. Hemus 3, L. G. Cartwright 4, G. Piggott 5, H. Withers (conductor) 6.

QUEENBOROUGH.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 6th, a half-muffled peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor: A. Gosbee 1, E. Welland 2, J. Spooner 3, W. Wood, junr., 4, G. Wood 5, W. Wood (conductor). Rung as a token of respect to the late Mr. Jabez Watson, a staunch churchman, and a keen supporter of bell ringing in the borough.

WILLENHALL.—At St. Giles' Church, before service, on Sunday morning, Nov. 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: I. Evans 1, A. Ward (first quarter on an inside bell) 2, F. Ward 3, D. Appleby 4, E. Horton 5, J. T. Davies 6, C. Wallater (conductor) 7, H. Ludford (first quarter-peal) 8.

WATH-ON-DEARNE.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on November 6th, 720 each of Cambridge Delight and Wath Delight: J. W. Champion 1, H. Chamberlin 2, A. Panther (conductor) 3, T. Hilton 4, A. Gill 5, C. Walsh 6. Wath Delight is No. 11 on page 23 in C.C., and is believed to be the first 720 rung.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, November 6th, at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, 352 Bob Major and 960 Bob Major: York Green 1, H. J. Hazell 2, H. C. Benson 3, E. M. Atkins 4, E. G. Hibbins 5, W. H. J. Hooten (conductor) 6, W. Welch 7, T. R. Dennis 8.

BATTERSEA.—In Sunday afternoon, Nov. 6th, for the men's service, at St. Mary's, Battersea, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Symons (first quarter away from tenor) 1, H. Mance 2, F. Mitchell 3, A. Reeve 4, H. H. Mance 5, W. Essery 6, A. Newman (conductor) 7, G. Barber (first quarter) 8.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.—On Sunday, Nov. 6th, for evening service, 672 Bob Major: F. Wilkinson 1, Eva Hopkin 2, Maud Gough 3, W. Taylor 4, W. Godden 5, F. Cardwell 6, H. Wilson 7, J. Garth 8. This is the longest length by all the hand except ringer of treble.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 6th, for evensong, 1,376 Bob Major: H. Rayner 1, R. Smith (Northfleet) 2, E. Bates 3, E. Brown 4, J. H. Cheesman (conductor) 5, W. J. Wheadon 6, H. Simmons 7, H. Audsley (composer) 8.—On Sunday, Nov. 20th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. H. Cheesman (conductor) 1, H. Rayner (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, R. Morgan 3, E. Brown 4, H. Audsley 5, W. J. Wheadon 6, J. Wheadon 7, H. Simmons 8.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

335 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.
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Twice repeated.

J. F. PENNING.

432 STEDMAN CATERS.
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143652 3 7 10 12

Twice repeated.

HENRY JOHNSON.

486 GRANDSIRE CATERS.
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73592468 4 in 3
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23456789 9 in 3

G. HOLLIS

512 BOB MAJOR.
23456 W B H

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45236 — 2
23456 — —

JAMES GEORGE.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Yorktown District was held at Bagshot on Saturday, December 3rd, when about 30 ringers were present from Winchester, Sandhurst, Binsted, Ash, Horsham, Walton-on-Thames, Chertsey, Farnborough, Yorktown, and the local band. Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock, and the ringers later attended service, at which the Guild's form was used. The Vicar (the Rev. Canon K. Stuart) officiated, and a helpful address was given by the Rev. W. E. Colchester (hon. treasurer of the Guild). Tea was served in the Church Room, presided over by the Vicar.

At the business meeting which followed, the accounts for the past year were submitted, and passed, and showed a balance in hand of over £9.—The Vicar of Bagshot was elected an hon. member of the Guild, and the following officers were elected: Hon. secretary, G. Miles; Ringing Master, Mr. H. Chaffey; representatives on the Central Committee, Messrs. H. Chaffey and W. A. Woodrow; auditor, Mr. G. W. A. Gasson.

The places chosen for next year's meetings were: Yorktown in February; Thames Ditton in May; Horsell in August; and Chertsey for the annual meeting.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and church room, and for officiating at the service; also to the Rev. W. E. Colchester, who came from Winchester to give the address, concluded the meeting.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
NEW SECRETARY FOR FYLDE BRANCH.**

A meeting of the Fylde Branch was held at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, November 26th. A few touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire preceded the business meeting. Mr. J. Tipping (Parish Church, Lytham) was elected President and Ringing Master for the ensuing twelve months.

The chief object of the business was election of secretary, in place of Mr. G. Maries, who has resigned, after occupying the post for 20 years. Mr. C. Sharples, of 32, Ormond Avenue, Blackpool, was appointed secretary, accepting the post on condition that the office becomes vacant annually, the retiring official being eligible for re-election.

It was resolved that the secretary arrange branch peals, the first peal attempt to be a farewell for the Rector of Bispham (Canon Leigh-ton), who is retiring at the end of December. The attempt will be made on Boxing Day.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the late secretary for his services, the meeting wishing him prosperity in his new business venture.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at the two six-bell towers of St. Peter and St. John.

Touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples brought the meeting to a close.

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Doncaster and District Society was held at Arksey on November 26th, when about 30 members were present. The standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. A short service was held in church, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Rhys James), who is himself a ringer. Taking as his text part of Psalm cxxii.—'I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord,' he delivered an eloquent and stirring address, and mentioned that the inscription on the tenor bell at Arksey, which was cast by W. Sellar, at York, in 1622, was—

'God send them heaven that hear us ring,
We praise Thy name when ere we sing.'

Tea was partaken of in the Schoolroom, and was presided over by the Vicar. At the business meeting, four new members were elected, and Mr. J. Eagles, A.R.C.Se., Principal of the Doncaster Technical College, was elected an honorary member.—The usual vote of thanks was passed.

SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

There was a good representative attendance at the meeting of the East Suffolk Branch, at Framlingham on November 12th. It was agreed to accept the invitation of the Vicar of Stowmarket to meet at his town on December 10th, in order to hear his proposals for united working with the Norwich and Ipswich Association.

It was, however, agreed to pass the following resolution: 'That this meeting does not see how a joint working with the Norwich and Ipswich Association can be arranged.' Only the secretary and one other member voted against this.

It was also decided to hold a meeting at Ipswich later on, to finally settle the matter. Since then the Bishop has arranged to attend such a meeting on February 4th.

SIFOLDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 11th, at All Saints' Church, with the bells muffled, except the tenor at buck stroke, a date touch of Bob Minor (1,921 changes) in 70 mins.; W. Cousins 1, A. Bacon 2, B. Barker 3, C. Cousins 4, H. Porter 5, T. Price (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Address by Rector (the Rev. H. Lawrence Phillips). Tea at 5 (6d. each) in the Church House, followed by usual business.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the East Suffolk Branch, to which members of the West Suffolk Branch and of the Norwich and Ipswich Association are also invited, will be held at Stowmarket at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Reports having been spread that the Suffolk Association is being organised in opposition to the Norwich and Ipswich Association, it is hoped at this meeting to make it clear that this is not so. The Vicar of Stowmarket will outline his scheme for joint working between the two associations. Bells available from 2 p.m. Also at Finborough (6) all day. Tea at the King's Head at 4 p.m., 1s. 6d. each.—Herbert Drake, Sec., Ufford, Woodbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Barnsley (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 5.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 5. Tea (1s. each) in the Church Institute at 5.45.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Branch Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above, in conjunction with the Romney Marsh Guild, will be held at Mersham on Saturday, Dec. 10th, at which a peal tablet will be unveiled to commemorate the first peal rung by a lady member of both the above societies. Meeting to commence at 3 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Farnworth, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells at 2.30. All ringing friends welcome.—H. L. Harlow, District Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Quarterly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above association will be held at St. James', Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (10) available from 3 o'clock. Service conducted by the Rev. E. F. Neep at 4.30. Tea, 1s. per head, 5 o'clock, at the Parish Hall. Meeting to follow. The President (Rev. E. F. Neep) and Members of the St. James' Society extend a hearty wel-

come to all ringers at the above meeting.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Bushey on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Service at 5 p.m. Meat tea in the Institute at 5.45 p.m., 2s. per head. Bells will be open from 3.30 p.m. and the tower at Bushey Heath will be available after the business meeting. Kindly notify me if you intend to come.—H. Eden, Hon. Sec. Watford Division, 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hoddesdon and Broxbourne on Dec. 10th. The bells of Hoddesdon will be open from 3 till 5, and Broxbourne from 3 till 8. Tea will be at the Welcome at 5.30, business after. All will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, District Sec., Little Mundon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready at 4. Tea, 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to Sec.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the North and East District will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea, at a small charge, at 6 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. A good attendance is desired.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The first Annual Social will be held at Chorley on Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available from 2 till 5. Tea in the Church Institute at 5.15, to be followed by a whist drive and social evening. Visitors heartily welcomed. Admission, ladies or gents, 2/6 each.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec., 98, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Western District will be held at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, Dec. 10th. The fine recast peal of ten (tenor 25½ cwt.) will be available from 2 to 4 p.m., and after tea until 9 p.m. A short service will be held in the Cathedral at 4 p.m., when the Vicar (Archdeacon Stanton Jones, B.A.) will address the members. Tea at 5 p.m. in Captain St. Schools. Business meeting immediately after tea. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dist. Sec., 12, Wiloughby Avenue, Holbeck.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays, at 7.30 p.m. St. Clement Danes, Dec. 12th; St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Dec. 19th. Sundays, at 10 a.m. St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not made twenty attendances in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on Dec. 22nd; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Dec. 13th; St. Andrew's Holborn, on Dec. 15th; and *St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 27th, all at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Thursday, Dec. 15th. Bells (8); also Fordington, from 2 p.m. Guild service at 4.30, followed by tea (kindly provided) and meeting. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Arundel on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Towers open from 2 p.m. till 4 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea at Owen's Restaurant at 5. Lymminster bells are also available, buses running each way every hour. Will all those who intend being present kindly advise me not later than Dec. 13th?—A. W. Groves, 9, Bugden Road, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 o'clock. Subscriptions 1/6 now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Meeting in the Church House at 4.45 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head, will be provided for those who let Mr. G. Yeo, Long Ashton, Bristol, know by Tuesday, Dec. 13th.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscription due.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Rawsonbottom.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 17th, at St. Paul's, Hammersmith, W. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A Monthly meeting of the above will be held at Eastwood on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—Thos. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Woolos, Newport, Mon., on Dec. 26th. Bells (10) available after 12 o'clock. Service at 3.45, to be followed by tea and meeting in Water's Lane Mission Room. All Saints' bells (8) available during the day.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The Quarterly meeting will be at Basford and Bulwell on Saturday, Jan. 21st next.—Further particulars later.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, second Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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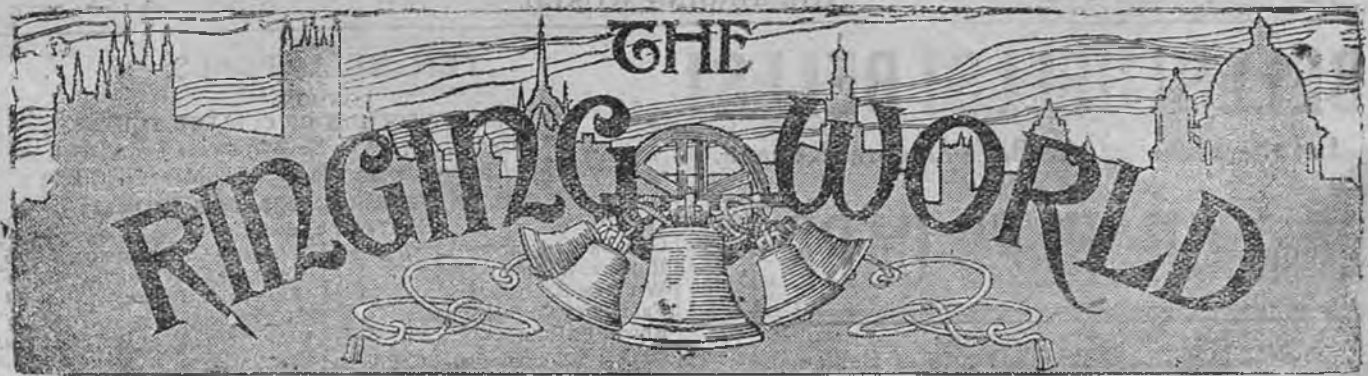
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INSTRUCTORS.

The question raised at the recent meeting of the Hereford Guild as to providing instructors for new ringers is one which ought to occupy a much more prominent place in connection with the work of many of our ringing associations than it actually does. Some of the organisations, it is true, provide facilities for teaching, but there are very few which really give systematic effect to them. Generally, an instructor is more or less indiscriminately appointed, he visits the tower for a certain number of lessons, and leaves the band to their own devices, so that they may or may not thereafter make progress. The association, unfortunately, takes very little interest after the instructor has been appointed.— We have known more than one instance of a band who have had a course of instruction, but who, so far as future effort is concerned, have failed to profit by the trouble expended upon them, and, in fact, have, on the contrary, very quickly slipped backward.

This, not infrequently, is the fault of the association and the lack of organisation to follow up the advantage which has been gained by the instructor's lessons. Except that the rules may provide for sending out paid instructors for helping beginners, few associations have any settled plans for carrying the teaching beyond the very rudiments of the art; indeed, it is often considered that when a band has been instructed in the way to ring a plain method like Bob Minor or Grandsire the responsibilities of the association have been fully discharged. Would it not be to the greater advantage of the Exercise, however, if instruction could be carried some stages further than this?

It may be advanced that, having been initiated into the elements of method ringing, a band ought to have sufficient interest and keenness to go on by themselves. Given the right kind of company, they will probably do so; but the majority of new companies are not so gifted, and in country districts, where they may be some miles removed from the nearest change-ringing tower, the absence of help and the difficulties which confront the beginner not only deter them from further progress, but sometimes result in the evaporation of interest and the gradual dropping away of the men until the band is so depleted that no change-ringing can be done. In some cases the band has, perhaps, to be content to confine its ringing to the one method which the instructor may have taught them. That they are unable to go ahead may be due to their limitations, and not to their fault. What we should like to see is in all associations a scheme for sending out instructors to teach the ringing of higher methods to those who are still unable to get further than plain methods. Why should there not be instructors for Stedman and Double Norwich as well as for Grandsire and Plain Bob?

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WILLIAM E. GARRARD 3	ERNEST E. BRETT 8
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS 4	REUBEN SANDERS 9
EDWIN F. PIKE 5	* ROBERT E. PELLATT... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. FARDON.

* First peal on ten bells.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS Treble	* ALFRED PRIOR 6
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GEORGE CARD 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 8
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	ARTHUR DEAN 9
CECIL J. MATTHEWS 5	* EDWARD SMITH Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal on ten bells.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

GILBERT GUEST Treble	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 6
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 2	REUBEN HALL 7
BENJAMIN GOUGH 3	HERBERT SHEPPARD 8
SAMUEL BAKER 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 9
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. 5	WILLIAM MEEK Tenor

Composed by the late WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT,
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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	ARTHUR W. DIX 5
HUBERT EDEN 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW... .. 6
* HAROLD G. CASHMORE 3	JOSEPH J. ALLEN... .. 7
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD... .. 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HUBERT EDEN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar for permission to attempt the peal and Major Wilkinson, the Master of the recently formed society of Bushey Heath, for his kind hospitality after the peal.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. RICE Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES 5
GEORGE ELLIS 2	ALBERT HARMAN... .. 6
EDWARD C. MERRITT 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIXSTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Nov. 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
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GEORGE DURLING 4	HARRY DURLING Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

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On Friday, Dec. 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

BERT RYDER... .. Treble	FRANCIS BIBBY 5
JOHN E. BIBBY 2	WILLIAM BIBBY 6
EDWARD JENKINS... .. 3	HENRY W. WILDE 7
GEORGE H. RANGLES... .. 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal in the method by all except ringers of 3rd, 7th and tenor. This composition, Author's No. 177, is now rung for the first time.

GODALMING, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM MOOREY Treble	WILLIAM MELVILLE 5
CHARLES HAZELDEN 2	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 6
MAURICE SMITHER 3	WILLIAM G. FOWLER... .. 7
CHARLES BISH 4	WILLIAM G. MILLS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. FOWLER.

This peal was arranged for the conductor, who was on a visit to Godalming from Christchurch, Hants.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

*WILSON RUSHTON Treble	GEORGE M. KILBY 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	WILLIAM H. PICKETT 6
MISS GLADYS E. BATEMAN 3	ISAAC EMERY 7
JEFFREY R. GAMMON 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOS. H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Major.

BLEWBURY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER A. WEBB Treble	G. FREDERICK JAMES 5
THOMAS EAST 2	JAMES S. NAPPER... .. 6
FREDERICK S. MACEY 3	RICHARD G. RICE 7
*ALFRED WEBB 4	WILLIAM A. GOODENOUGH...Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS EAST.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since before the war.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

CYRIL J. JENNINGS Treble	WILLIAM A. PARSONS... .. 5
*WILLIAM BARWELL 2	JOSEPH LORD 6
WILLIAM POYSER 3	WILFRED H. BERTON... .. 7
J. ARTHUR ORGILL 4	R. ALLEN HICKTON Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTANS. Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Dec. 4, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR CAUSLEY Treble	ROBERT J. DAWE... .. 5
WILLIAM PELLING 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	FREDERICK WHITE 7
ALFRED J. TURNER 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Mr. Pelling was re-elected a member of the Association, it being 15 years since he has attempted a peal.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, Dec. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JONATHAN WHEWELL Treble	FRANK SHAW 5
*MISS MARY C. BARNES 2	WILLIAM RILEY 6
JAMES SHAW 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH... .. 7
JACK BARNES 4	ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

* First peal in the method. This peal is Author's No. 172 and is now rung for the first time. Contains the 6th the extent right, without 2nd or 3rd in 6th's place. Rung by the local company.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM G. FAREY, JUN. Treble	JOHN T. HENSMAN 5
WILLIAM FAREY, SEN. 2	HERBERT RAINBOW 6
WILLIAM ROGERS 3	HENRY BLUNDELL 7
JOSEPH C. DEAN 4	WILLIAM J. ALLEN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM J. ALLEN.
First peal of Cambridge by all the band, on the bells, and in the town of Northampton. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Rainbow.

SHILDON, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

JACKSON PALLISTER Treble	JOHN SMITH 5
GEO. W. PEVERELL 2	THOMAS WICK 6
*ALFRED COATES... .. 3	WILLIAM KINGDON 7
ALBERT HUNTER 4	ROBT. B. ROBINSON Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by G. W. PEVERELL.

* First peal in method. Rung, with bells muffled, at hand stroke, as a token of respect to the late Mr. E. J. Titt. Ringers of 3 and 4 were proposed members of the Association before starting.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD. — On Sunday evening, December 4th, for the evening service, 720 of Doubles (240 each of St. Clement's, St. Simon's, and Grandsire): W. Fayers 1, L. Poulson 2, J. Martin 3, W. Head 4, V. Cornell (conductor) 5.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER ANDREWS Treble	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD ... 5
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 2	GEORGE G. JENKINS 6
REV. FRED J. O. HELMORE 3	CHARLES W. BRETT 7
FREDERICK G. BRETT 4	PERCY J. PAINE Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

A birthday peal for Capt. W. Franklyn Helmore, 2nd son of the riager of the 3rd, born Dec. 7th, 1880.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Dec. 8, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	TOM STANCLIFFE 5
ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN ... 2	*JOHN BLACKSHAW 6
FRED CHAMBERS 3	*RICHARD STANCLIFFE ... 7
*TOM CHAMBERS 4	FRED BRADLEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method by St. Michael's Company. The composition is the Author's No. 164, and is now rung for the first time.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Dec. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR Treble	ARTHUR F. JAMES 5
LEONARD E. PITSTOW 2	THOMAS J. WATTS 6
ERNEST A. PITSTOW 3	FREDERICK DENCH 7
*WALTER PRIOR 4	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

Ringers of 2, 3, 5 and 7 hail from Saffron Walden, the rest being local men. This peal was arranged for L. E. Pitstow, it being his first Surprise peal and first attempt.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKE'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

A. EVANS Treble	G. CHAMBERLAIN 5
†J. BLACKMORE 2	W. WORGAN 6
F. ILEY 3	†E. PARKER 7
J. T. DYKE 4	*L. TANNER Tenor

Conducted by E. PARKER.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. First attempt as conductor. Rung on the 31st anniversary of Mr. F. Iley's wedding-day. The band appreciate Prebendary Norton Thompson's kindness for use of bells.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY WOOD Treble	FREDERICK HUNT 5
*HARRY WALKER 2	*THOMAS KENDALL 6
*BERT WILSON 3	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... 7
ALFRED KING 4	ARTHUR ROOKWOOD Tenor

Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. Mollan Williams, Vicar Designate, who was instituted and installed as Vicar on Dec. 12th by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	ALFRED DAVIES 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... 6
ERNEST J. BROOKS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
JOHN BASS 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	EDWIN GOATE 5
ALFRED SMITH 2	JAMES BOUGHTON 6
CHARLES SAYER 3	THOMAS BECKETT 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	GEORGE SPENCER 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 3	ARTHUR HARDING 7
CHARLES S. BIRD 4	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

BOKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	*PERCY JERVIS 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6
WILLIAM T. PALMER 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 7
GEORGE M. THORPE 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

REV. CANON G. F. COLERIDGE Treble	JOSEPH HANDS 5
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 2	WILLIAM MATHEWS 6
GEORGE ESSEX 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 7
MISS STELLA DAVIS 4	SYDNEY NAILER Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

HOLM LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(HEREFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

*ALSC J. TAYLOR Treble	*WALTER TAYLOR 5
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	ALBERT E. HURCOMBE ... 6
GEORGE GIBBIN 3	HENRY J. TAYLOR 7
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 4	†IVOR PROBERT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WALTER SADLER Treble	FRANK CLAYDEN 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
ARTHUR SAUNDERS 3	ERNEST BECKWITH 7
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM ... 4	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

First peal in the method ever rung in Sudbury. Also the first in the method by the Association and first peal on the bells since they were rehung.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND THE HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN T. KENTISH Treble	BARNARD PATMORE 5
GEORGE H. BARKER 2	† GEORGE GRAY 6
* REGINALD DORE 3	* JOSEPH LADLEY 7
* HERBERT J. GRAY 4	HERBERT BAKER Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by COL. H. BAKER.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob with an 'inside' bell.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

FREDERICK W. WOODWARD Treble	WILLIAM HUTTON 5
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 2	COTHEBERT G. WHITE 6
WILLIAM G. DAVIS 3	RICHARD WHITE 7
ARTHUR H. WHITE 4	FRED WHITE Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

Ringer of the 3rd was elected a member previous to starting. This was the first peal on the bells since they were overhauled, the 'go' being now excellent.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHDIOCEANAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES MORLEY Treble	FREDERICK PAGE 5
FRED SMITH 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 6
ERNEST LANDON 3	EDWARD SHERRATT 7
GEORGE CRAWLEY 4	CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by C. H. PAGE.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and the ringers wish to thank Mr. Slater, of Congleton, for having everything in readiness.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. WHEADON ... Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5
GEORGE DURLING 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6
RICHARD MORGAN 3	HENRY SIMMONS 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	* FREDERICK GROOMBRIDGE... Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal and first attempt on tower bells. Rung to celebrate the 85th birthday of Dr. Hy. Wace, Dean of Canterbury, and Vice-President of the above Association.

BRAINTREE.—For evensong, at the Parish Church, on Sunday, Nov. 20th, 1,216 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Wiften 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. W. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, G. Lindridge 6, F. Ely 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

EDWARD H. KING Treble	EBENEZER ANDREWS 5
CALEB FENN 2	GEORGE W. FAULKNER ... 6
* WILLIAM G. JACKSON ... 3	ERNEST G. COTTIS 7
HENRY E. PARKER 4	ALBERT C. HARDY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CALEB FENN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a compliment to the parents of the ringer of the 7th, who celebrated their golden wedding on Dec. 2nd.

HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SIR A. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... Treble	* HERBERT J. ELDRD... .. 5
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 2	HARRY MILLER 6
FRANK A. MILNE 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG 7
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... 4	ALFRED G. CRANE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. G. Crane. This is the first attempt for a peal on these bells since they have been a ring of eight.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

* MISS STELLA DISNEY ... Treble	† TOM ATKINS 5
JOHN OLDBAM 2	CHARLES H. BRIGGS... .. 6
FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
HENRY BRIGGS 4	WILLIAM BRIGGS Tenor

Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Three generations of the Briggs' family took part in this peal. The ringers congratulate Miss Disney (daughter of the Rector) on her excellent ringing throughout the peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Doub 1 Oxford, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt 9.

* FRED GARDNER Treble	† FRANK W. PERRENS 4
HARRY O. WHITE 2	JOHN TAYLOR 5
HUBERT SUMMERS 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal of Minor.

KEMPSTONE, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

MISS EVELYN STEEL ... Treble	CHARLES MORTIMER 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 2	PEARLE INSKIP 5
FRANK WEBB 3	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Sunday, Nov. 13th, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, 630 Grandsire Triples: H. Sibley 1, R. B. Bailey 2, W. H. Austin 3, W. Sibley 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. J. Dove 6, F. Hopper (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We desire to draw the special attention of correspondents to the fact that all matter intended for publication in our issue of December 30th should reach us as early as possible next week.

FINCHAM, NORFOLK.

THE STOW AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A

*WALLACE COUSINS Treble	GRAHAM SPRATT 4
ALFRED BACON 2	†CLAUDE COUSINS 5
HARRY PORTER 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by T. PRICE.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

CHEDZOY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

F. E. SUGG Treble	*R. E. SUGG 4
W. T. LUCAS 2	B. T. JEANES 5
W. GIGG 3	H. CHAPPLE Tenor

Conducted by B. T. JEANES.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Mr. Chapple has been a member of the local band for 32 years. First peal on the bells.

BACKFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	†SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 4
*JOHN HAYES 2	*ARTHUR NEWELL 5
*FRANK FOX 3	*GEORGE R. JONES Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in four methods. The bells have recently been overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The 'go' bow is perfect.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANK RUFFLES Treble	WALTER RUFFLES 4
ERNEST CURTIS 2	PERCY POTTER 5
*GEORGE STANNARD 3	HARRY HALL Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HALL.

* First peal in seven methods.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS ANNIE PARKINS ... Treble	WALTER T. WILSON 4
*MISS PHYLLIS HARE 2	TOM TEBBUTT 5
MISS CECIL E. HEBBURN ... 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal in seven methods.

TWYWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Old Doubles and Plain Bob, and twelve 120's of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*FRANK LEWIN Treble	MATTHIAS HOBES 3
*HERBERT F. WAINWRIGHT 2	†WILLIAM R. LAWRENCE ... 4
CECIL CHAPMAN Tenor	

Conducted by C. CHAPMAN.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in more than one method. First peal on the bells since 1914.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

HORACE M. DAY Treble	*WILLIAM TILLEY 4
*ERNEST WRIGHT 2	†JOSEPH LONDON 5
†ARTHUR RIGGALL 3	†WALTER A. DAY Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

First peal by a local band in the tower, and all are Sunday service ringers. * First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First peal in seven methods.

FULBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, Fulbeck Bob, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD W. PORTER ... Treble	CHARLES W. ELSE 4
GEORGE SCOTT 2	CALEB L. SIMCOCK 5
CHARLES W. BAINES ... 3	*WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

* First peal in six methods. Rung for the Festival of St. Nicholas.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, Nov. 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 14 in D.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD 1-2	GEORGE W. STEERE 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	ERNEST WEATHERBY 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Dec. 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE NORTH FARM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

*JAMES E. GOFTON 1-2	R. ALDER GOFTON 7-8
*JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3-4	*RICHARD A. GOFTON 9-10
THOMAS T. GOFTON 5-6	*WILLIAM L. GOFTON 11-12

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by THOS. T. GOFTON, Umpire: GEORGE R. HOLMES.

* First peal of Cinques. First peal on handbells by W. L. Gofton. This is the first peal of Cinques on handbells by all the band and by the Association.

ILKLEY.—At All Saints', Ilkley, on Nov. 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: E. Rayner 1, Mac Crawshaw 2, W. Naylor 3, R. Naylor 4, H. Crawshaw 5, T. Grange 6, T. W. Crawshaw (conductor) 7, M. Hodgson 8. The first touch of any length attempted by the company, all of whom are new ringers except the conductor. This touch qualifies all the ringers for membership of the Yorkshire Association.

KENT RINGER'S DEATH.

With much regret we record the death of Mr. Fred Hayes, of Milton-next-Gravesend. He caught a cold, pneumonia set in, and he died on Thursday, December 1st, after quite a short illness.

Fred Hayes had been connected with ringing practically all his life, his association with Milton Parish Church extending over 40 years. He was a member of the Kent County Association for the whole of his ringing career, and had been a member of the College Youths since 1886. Only last month he journeyed to London for the College Youths Dinner, and remarked that it was the best he had attended. It was very singular that on that occasion he had his first and last pull on twelve bells at St. Giles', Cripplegate. As a ringer he was very safe, and his first thought was Sunday Service ringing. During later years he suffered with slight deafness, and found this a drawback at times in visiting a strange tower. Of how many peals he rang he did not himself keep a record, but during the past nine years the writer has rung over 30 with him, and can claim some knowledge of his ringing capabilities, comradeship, and good nature. He walked miles to further the cause of the Exercise, and how many ringers he has taught it would, indeed, be hard to say. In all his wanderings no bells were the equal of his favourite peal of six at Milton-next-Gravesend, and he will be sadly and sorely missed in many towers in the district.

He was buried on Tuesday, December 5th, amid many manifestations of sympathy. The first part of the burial service was read at Milton Parish Church under the shadow of whose tower he lived and died, and where he had done much yeoman service in the cause of ringing. The remains were afterwards interred in the beautiful cemetery at Swanscombe in the family grave. Many beautiful floral tributes were sent, among them being wreaths from Dartford, St. Stephen's, Baling, W., Swanscombe, Gravesend, Northfleet, Shorne, and a large bell from his past and present comrades at Milton-next-Gravesend. Mr. Hayes led a life that was well worth following, and now, at the age of 60 years, his earthly peal has finished.

By special request of the bereaved widow, the bells at his favourite tower were not rung during the time he lay dead, nor on the day of the funeral.

CHISLEHURST. — Kent County Association.—On Monday, Nov. 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: T. Phillips 1, J. Bond 2, *P. Brett-Smith 3, H. Durling 4, R. S. Goodchild 5, R. Brett-Smith 6, T. Groombridge, senr. (conductor), 7, *F. Groombridge 8. * First quarter-peal on tower bells.

THE NEW KNIGHTS OF JERUSALEM.

For the third year in succession eight members of the Exercise met at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. G. T. McLean), on Dec. 9th, to celebrate the capture of Jerusalem by the Allies during the war. On the second anniversary of that event, in 1919, a peal of Sledman Triples was rung in commemoration, whilst last year, on 'the day,' the same band met at the unveiling of a very fine peal board, which had been erected to record the peal.

This year, on Friday, December 9th, the band met again, and were welcomed at the church by the Rev. G. E. B. Mort, curate. A fine quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by the following, standing in the same order as in the peal: C. T. Coles, A. K. Harrison, E. H. King, W. J. Kemp, H. J. Walton, A. R. Macdonald, A. D. Barker (conductor), A. W. Coles.

Afterwards, in company with the towerkeeper, Mr. A. Riley, a move was made to the Alexandra Hotel, Victoria Park Road, where a sumptuous repast was enjoyed, followed by reminiscences, etc., and altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

The 'eight,' it should be noted, all served during the war with H.M. Forces in the East, and they hope to be able to celebrate this day together for many years to come.

Thanks are due to the Rector and curate at St. John's Church for making it convenient for the bells to be rung on the actual date necessary, and to Mr. Riley for having all in readiness. C.

DATE TOUCHES.

BUCKLEBURY.—Oxford Guild.—On November 28th, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, a date touch of 1921 changes of Bob Major, in 1 hr. 25 mins.: Emma Franklin 1, W. Wigmore 2, G. Davis 3, S. Chapman 4, Rev. E. M. Thorp 5, F. Freeman 6, J. Hazell 7, W. Mathews (conductor) 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—Gloucester and Bristol Association.—On Nov. 2nd, in 1 hr. 10 mins., a date touch of 1921 St. Dunstan's Doubles: G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, W. C. Cuss 3, J. Hope (conductor) 4, H. Acock 5, G. W. Hastings 6.

PENWORTHAM, LANCS. — — On Monday, November 28th, a date touch of 1921 changes of Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 5 mins.: H. H. Robinson 1, J. R. Taylor 2, J. Morley 3, E. W. Hutchinson 4, W. Taylor (conductor) 5, J. Gornell 6. Longest length for the ringers of the 3rd and 4th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A new treble, weighing 6 cwt. 3 gr., has been cast by Mr. Thomas Bond, of Burford, Oxon, and added to the peal of five at Ilmington, near Shipston-on-Stour, where the bells were rehung by Mr. Bond in 1902. The new bell bears the inscription: 'Thanks be to God who giveth us victory and peace. A. N. Warner, Rector; H. L. Terry, Ringing Master.'

A peal of London Surprise was rung at Kidderminster on Saturday as a compliment to Mr. T. J. Salter, on the completion of 40 years as a ringer, and 35 years as a Sunday Service ringer at the Parish Church. Mr. Salter is one of the few ringers who have rung 100 peals in their own tower. This he accomplished 14 years ago. It is 20 years since a peal of London was rung on the bells at Kidderminster, which, by the way, was Mr. W. Short's first peal of London. In those days, Kidderminster had one of the most progressive bands in the country.

The talented Gofton family have added yet another to their achievements, by ringing a peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells. The fact that we are getting accustomed to 'family' peals in no way detracts from the interest or the merit of the performance, and congratulations of the Exercise will be extended to these skilful ringers.

The suggestion made in our issue of November 17th, that Bristol would be a very suitable point for a 'triangular' dinner seems to have borne some fruit. We learn that a meeting is being held to-night in Bristol, to which all Guilds in that city have been invited to send a representative. It is probable that an announcement will appear in our notice columns next week, and, if this should prove to be the case, the Bristol ringers deserve hearty support from members of London and Provincial Societies for their enterprise.

It would be very appropriate if Mr. C. H. Horton (well known in Bristol, and a past Master of the College Youths), who reminded the Bristolians of their need for activities, would honour the gathering with his presence, and take with him a party from London. It is quite certain that if an annual dinner is instituted at Bristol it will be of the highest order.

Mr. E. H. Arnold, hon. secretary of the Westbury Bells Restoration Fund, writes: 'I am naturally delighted to hear of the splendid use Mr. Fussell made of the 118 miniature bells I sold him on our dedication festival, but I thought I should like to correct the impression that just over "100" were sold. We actually sold 2,450, and they were in demand after I parted with the last 100 to Mr. Fussell. In fact, I re-collected 20 for pressing buyers, the whole helping our fund to the extent of £30. The miniatures were sold at 3d. each.'

RINGER'S DEATH IN THE BELFRY.

TRAGIC ENDING OF A PEAL AT MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL.

We deeply regret to record the sudden death, in the bell chamber of Manchester Cathedral, on Wednesday, Nov. 30th, of one of the ringers, Mr. Richard Massey, who was 40 years of age.

An attempt was being made for a peal of Grandsire Caters which Mr. Massey was conducting, the ringing being in honour of the quinquenary of the Cathedral. The band were: C. McLoughlan 1, B. Massey (conductor) 2, R. Ravenscroft 3, W. Owen 4, J. Simpkins 5, H. Arden 6, W. C. Bridgeford 7, W. Sanders 8, A. Ridyard 9, J. Wright 10.

After ringing 2 hrs. 50 mins., Mr. Massey was seen to collapse and fall backward, his head striking the mat near the door, and his rope flying all over the room. In the excitement of the unexpected happening, it was a minute or so before anyone could go to Mr. Massey's help.

Every effort was then made to bring him round, but it was found he was beyond aid. Some difficulty was experienced in getting the deceased down the staircase to the ambulance. A doctor, who was called, said Mr. Massey died of a blood clot on the brain, caused by a degenerated artery, and death might have occurred at any time, at home or at business. An open verdict was given at the inquest.

The deceased was buried at St. Luke's, Cheetham, and many friends of the deceased and scholars from the Cathedral Sunday School attended.

The floral tribute from the ringers was in the shape of a bell, made of white chrysanthemums, with a clapper of red roses.

A memorial service was held on Sunday morning, when the bells were muffled.

To the deceased's wife and two children the Exercise will extend their deepest sympathy.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

The funeral of Mr. Charles Williams, for many years a ringer at North Cerney, Gloucester, took place on November 11th, when a half-muffled quarter-peal of St. Dunstan's Doubles was rung at the Parish Church by A. Dowdeswell 1, O. Bliss 2, W. C. Cuss 3, J. Hope (conductor) 4, J. Miller 5, W. Peachey 6.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. WESTERN DISTRICT AT BRADFORD.

On Saturday, December 10th, the association were invited to Bradford Cathedral to the ringers' opening of the glorious peal of ten bells recently recast by Taylor to the memory of the men who fell in the great war. This magnificent ring proved a great attraction, and were heard during the afternoon and evening in a variety of methods.

A short service was held in the Cathedral, attended by most of the visitors present, when the Vicar, the Ven. Archdeacon Stanton Jones, gave a very inspiring address. At 5 p.m., about 250 members and friends sat down to tea in the Captain Street Schools.

The business meeting followed, with Mr. G. Bolland (vice-president of the district) in the chair, supported by the Rev. C. C. Marshall (president), and other officers. Several ringers were admitted as members of the association. No invitation being forthcoming for the annual district meeting to be held in March, it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the committee to select a place.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Bradford and wardens for the invitation and use of the bells and schoolroom, on the proposition of the chairman, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson.

Archdeacon Stanton Jones expressed his sorrow at the tea-tables that he could not stay to the meeting, and said it was a great pleasure to him to welcome the ringers to Bradford. He remarked that these meetings did a great deal of good, and said how helpful the quiet hour was that they had spent in the Cathedral that afternoon.

The Rev. C. O. Marshall, in moving a vote of thanks to the local ringers and ladies who assisted with the tea, said being now an old ringer he felt quite competent to judge a good ringers' tea as regards the quality and price. It was going back to the olden days when ringers used to cater and entertain the visitors, and he hoped it would be a precedent for future meetings.—Mr. J. Lawson, in seconding, said he had heard nothing but praise that day as to the beautiful tone and 'go' of the bells. It looked like old times again to see so many present, and did great credit to the Bradford ringers. He hoped it would be an incentive to other companies to make the Yorkshire meetings the same as they used to be.

Mr. Harvey, of the local company, in replying, said it was a great pleasure to see so many there, and hoped it would not be long before they had another meeting at Bradford. No doubt some of the visitors that day would not have the chance of ringing, but they would be welcomed at any practice on a Tuesday night, or at any other time.

A sub-committee was chosen to deal with the question of a wedding present (a model of a bell, or something similar, to be used as a gong) from the Yorkshire ringers to Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles.

The Chairman remarked that the present Ringing Master (Mr. P. J. Johnson) was retiring owing to the fact that he was now the general secretary of the association, and hoped members would look round and nominate someone for the position, due notice of which would be given on the circular for the March meeting.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business.

The room at the Talbot Hotel, reserved for handbell ringing and social intercourse, was taken full advantage of. Stedman and Grand-sire Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal and Major were rattled off in great style. The meeting was the most successful ever held in the district.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Barnsley on Saturday, Dec. 10th, when the following towers were represented: Arksey, Bolsterstone, Crofton, Darfield, Doncaster, Hoylandswaine, All Saints', Sheffield; Rawmarsh, Wath and Wortley, and good practice was obtained in Bob Major, Treble Bob and Stedman Triples, while later in the evening the six-bell experts of the neighbourhood had a turn to themselves. A short service was held, at which the Vicar officiated, and gave a short address, in which much good counsel and advice was given.

After tea, the business meeting was held in the ringing chamber, the vice-president (Mr. E. Willey) being in the chair.—Mr. W. Marsden (Hoylandswaine) and Mr. H. Crossland (Cawthorne) were elected members.

An invitation having been received from Handsworth to hold a meeting there, it was decided to hold the annual meeting of the division at that place on the third Saturday in March 1922.

Mr. Willey presented the result of his endeavours, on behalf of the David Breasley Memorial Fund, and was heartily thanked for his efforts and the trouble he had taken for this worthy object.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the address, and to Mr. C. D. Potter for his kindness in making all arrangements, brought the meeting to a close, after which the majority of the visitors were the guests of Mr. Potter for a pleasant hour.

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for ringing. With several new arrivals, the whole company adjourned to that tower, and several touches and courses of Stedman and Grand-sire Triples, and Bristol and Cambridge Surprise were rung. The meeting was thus turned into a success, from a ringing point of view, in addition to the success as a social event already assured to it.

EXTENSION OF METHODS.

BY THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

The subject this week is Double Court: The bell the treble turns from lead hunts up $\frac{x}{2} + 1$ places, makes the place, changes with the treble in the middle; she then hunts $x-1$ places if she crosses the treble or $x-3$ places if she does not cross the treble and dodges, and continues to do this until the treble turns her from lead or behind.

These rules will ring the method on all even numbers, and on odd numbers also, by ignoring fractions and taking the next whole number above and crossing the treble and bell in the hunt between the making of the places.

In Minor, x equals 6. $\frac{x}{2} + 1$ is four, make fourth's place change with the treble in the middle, make third's, hunt $x-1$, that is, five places and dodge, 3 more places and dodge, 5 more places and dodge and treble turns you.

In Triples, $x=7$. $\frac{x}{2}$ is 3½, call it four.

Major Caters and Maximus produce four blows in front and behind, and are, therefore, useless.

Royal $\frac{x}{2} + 1$ equals 6, and $x-1$ equals nine

These rules will ring the method; what do they tell us about its extension?

From 6 to 7 add a bell in the hunt and hunt two more places between the dodges, that is, hunt one more place, for each added bell from 6 to 10, add four places to the dodging.

This proves that the extension of a double method with a plain hunt treble is simply the extension of the plain hunting between the dodges in proportion to the number of bells added, and so again the practical and theoretical extension agree.

I now think anyone can prove the same truth for Double Bob for themselves, and next week I shall deal with Double Oxford.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Law James is ambiguous. What does he mean when he says 'we have to take both (rival theories) into account'? Does he mean (1) that after the theoretical extension of a method has been obtained it is necessary to take into account its ringing value before starting to practise it? If so, we should, of course, all agree, but it hardly seems necessary to have mentioned so obvious a fact.

Or (2) is he trying to bring home to the practical ringer the value of the scientist's efforts on his behalf by pointing out that the scientific extension is likely to appeal to the ringer by producing on all numbers similar work on the part of individual bells occurring in the same order? His illustration seems to suggest this, and it is a valuable addition to the points mentioned in my last letter.

Or (3) there is another possibility which I should hesitate to suggest owing to its utter absurdity, were it not that others of our recognised experts appear by their writings to have fallen into the heresy. Does he really mean that the investigator is to try to combine in his extension mathematical considerations with the requirements of practical ringing? To this the answer is simply that the extension of a method is either a mathematical process or it is not. Mathematics will allow no half-hearted following. You must go wherever it leads you, or you must leave it alone altogether.

Holbeton Vicarage.

E. S. POWELL.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE BELLS OF ST. JAMES', CLERKENWELL.

The North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and Loudon Diocesan Guild met at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, December 10th, and a good company of ringers attended in the hope of a pull on this historic peal of bells. Unfortunately, however, the bad 'go' of the tenor made the ringing anything but pleasurable, so that the touches rung were limited to a few of Stedman and Grand-sire Triples.

A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. J. Parker), who afterwards presided at tea, in company with the church-wardens. A very nice meal had been prepared, and was much enjoyed after the hard work of the afternoon. A course of Stedman Caters was rung on the handbells by Messrs. C. T. Coles, W. Pye, G. R. Pye, J. Thomas and B. S. Thompson.

At the subsequent business meeting, two new members were elected. A hope was expressed that something might be done to put the bells into ringing order again, and, in replying to a vote of thanks, the Vicar stated that the matter would be given serious thought. The great difficulty was the expense, as the church was situated in a very poor neighbourhood, but they would see what could be done. He stated that he was sorry that not much ringing could be done that afternoon, as they had looked forward to the visit of the society.

By the kindness of the Rector of St. Andrew's, Holborn, and Mr. J. Raynor, steepkeeper, the bells at that church were made available

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ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

CARISBROOKE, 1921.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

THE C. H. HATTERSLEY MEMORIAL.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The remarks contained in your issue of December 9th, written by A. T. Baker, can be assessed at the same value as those of a spoilt child, who cries because it cannot have all its own way. They are simply the outcome of personal feeling on the part of one who walked out of the Cathedral tower because another member of 35-40 years' standing dared to say two words in reply to Mr. Baker during an argument.

He states that he only incidentally mentioned the matter of a memorial dinner outside the committee meetings, so that evidently his abilities in that sphere were not a success, as he hadn't the strength of conviction to bring the matter forward in a proper manner.

It is still the wish and desire of those intimately connected with the late Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley to hold a commemorative dinner, but it is obvious to us that the initiation of such a scheme is more exhaustive and expensive than the continuance of those at present in vogue, especially so, when we wish to make it a success that would correspond with the esteem in which the late gentleman was held by his many friends.

The fact of your article in the issue of October 14th advertising the C.H.H. Library, and the willingness with which we are pleased to lend any books to those who desire them, certainly disposes of the selfish creed which we are alleged to possess; also, we might add, applications for volumes from our library collection have been so numerous lately that we have reluctantly been unable to satisfy the demand.

Bearing in mind that with a view to economy, and as an example to other bodies, the Sheffield Cutlery Company decided to postpone their annual function this year, we did not think that the present was a suitable time for the inauguration of a memorial dinner, but we feel sure of the support of those who really know us immediately we are able to carry same out.

In conclusion, may we add that 'A.T.B.' is not gifted with Sheffield birth, that he will have to measure 'six-feet' very quickly if he does not desire to see a 'C.H.H. Memorial Dinner.'—Yours faithfully,

COLIN HARRISON, W. LOMAS, G. HOLMES, J. THORPE,
L. CHARLESWORTH, R. HARRISON, W. BURGAR, F. WARD, S. SEED, H. THORPE, S. PALMER,
H. NAYLOR.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The first annual social of the Preston Branch was held at Chorley on Saturday last, and was in every way a complete success. The bells of the Parish Church and of St. Mary's (R.C.) were available from 2 till 5, and the first named were utilised again from 5.45 to 6.30, whilst the second sitting for tea was in progress. Standard methods, with the addition of Double Norwich and London and Cambridge Surprise Minor, were rung during the afternoon. It is rather a pity that the 'go' of the bells at St. Mary's is affected by the excessive vibration of the tower, and in consequence there is no regular ringing at this church.

Tea was served in the Gymnasium of the Church Institute, and the attendance was rather startling to the organisers, no less than 127 adults and nine children sitting down. However, the caterer was equal to his task, and the tables were loaded with good things which, needless to add, rapidly disappeared from view. A second sitting was necessary for a few owing to limitations of the seating accommodation. Tea over, a whist drive took place in the upper room, about 100 taking part, the caterer very kindly presenting the prizes. The successful players were: Ladies: 1 Mrs. Martin, 2 Miss Kearney. Gentlemen: 1 Mr. Cliffe, 2 Mr. Wm. Nelson. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing and singing, a small ringers' orchestra providing the music. These gentlemen, who deserve a special word of praise, considering they had not previously played together, were Messrs. Jas. and Percy Watkinson, of Leyland, violin and clarinet; J. H. Gartside, of Chorley, piano. Handbell selections were rendered by Mr. Booth and his daughter, of Standish, and drew an encore on each occasion. Songs were rendered by Miss Gartside, Messrs. Jas. Miller and J. Watkinson.

At an interval, Mr. Lofthouse read an apology for absence from the Rector of Chorley (the Rev. Archdeacon Allen), who was confined to the house with a chill.

Mr. J. T. Miller of Leyland, then proposed a hearty vote of thanks, firstly to the Rectors of the Parish Church and St. Mary's for the use of their bells; and, secondly, to the Chorley ringers for their very complete arrangements made for the social.—This was seconded by Mr. R. Sanderson, of Preston, and was unanimously carried. Mr. Lofthouse suitably acknowledging the motion.

The proceedings terminated with the National Anthem, about 11 p.m., everyone voting the affair, what is called in Lancashire, 'A gradely good do.'

It will certainly not be the last 'annual' social for the Preston branch. The large attendance represented some twelve towers, along with the ringers' wives and lady friends.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Rochester District was held at Swanscombe, on December 3rd, when a good number of ringers attended. A short service was held in the church, and the Rector (the Rev. Campbell Ward), an hon. member of the association, welcomed the members to his parish, and gave an eloquent address. The organist, Mr. C. Horridge, also attended. The Rector and Mrs. Campbell Ward invited the ringers to tea, and 36 sat down to an excellent spread.

Prior to the business meeting, the district secretary, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, informed the members of the death, that had taken place two days previously, of Mr. Fred Hayes, of Milton-next-Gravesend, one of the oldest members of the association in the district. He reminded them that he (the speaker) had been associated with the late Mr. Hayes at the same tower ever since he was a ringer, and was a pupil of his, and was in a position to speak of his excellent qualities. A good ringer, Mr. Hayes loved a good peal, but his first thought was for Sunday Service ringing, and now that death had claimed him, he proposed that the district's deepest sympathy be extended to the bereaved widow, and to Mr. George Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. W. Harper.—The proposition was carried in silence by all standing.

The Rector took the chair for the meeting, and four new members were elected.

The secretary's report and balance sheet held over from the annual meeting were read and adopted.

Three towers were proposed for the next meeting, and on a vote being taken, Rainham was chosen, the meeting to be held on Saturday, 25th February. In the event of Rainham not being obtained the alternative tower is to be Gillingham.

The Secretary stated that the district's total to date for the county war memorial was £6 3s. 9d.

A discussion was initiated by Mr. W. Harper regarding the date of the annual general meeting of the association, and from the remarks it was clear that the meeting were not in favour of the date.

Mr. W. Haigh proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Campbell Ward and the Rector for so kindly entertaining them to tea, also to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service.—In replying, the Rector said it gave them great pleasure to receive the district, and regretted that there were not more there, and he hoped their next visit would be in the summer, so that they could have a large gathering, and he and Mrs. Ward would be pleased to entertain them on the lawn.—The secretary promised to remember this.

A collection for the Gravesend Bell Restoration Fund realised £1. Ringing continued until 9 o'clock, and all methods up to Cambridge and Superlative were rung. Forty members attended during the ringing, including members from Lewisham district, and Prittlewell, Essex. It would hardly be a meeting of Rochester district without the latter ringers.

DEATH OF MR. C. CHAPMAN, CHALFONT.

The death has occurred at Chalfont St. Giles, of Mr. Charles Chapman, who was for upwards of 25 years a member of the Parish Church belfry, and also for some years a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Deceased, who was 46 years of age, had suffered from heart trouble for some time, and passed away in his sleep on the night of Wednesday, November 30th. He had been at his work as usual during the day, and on the previous Sunday evening rang the treble to a 720 of Minor before the service. He was much respected in the village, being of a quiet and obliging disposition, and was very regular in attendance for the Sunday Service ringing, and also at the services.

He was laid to rest on Tuesday afternoon, December 6th, in the picturesque little churchyard of this old-world village, the Rector (the Rev. H. O. F. Whittingstall) taking the service, and the ringers acting as bearers. Amongst the floral tributes was a wreath of chrysanthemums. 'In remembrance and with deep sympathy from his brother ringers.' The bells were rung muffled, after the service, and during the evening. The sympathy of the Chalfont ringers; and, in fact, of everyone in the parish goes out to Mrs. Chapman and her young family in their sad bereavement.

NAMES OF METHODS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The following further claims have been made, and I submit them to the Exercise:—

Page 6, No. 17th, Horsmonden; Page 10, No. 9, Nelson (not Denton); Page 10, No. 11, Woodcock's Victory; Page 19, No. 24, Duke of Clarence (not Armler); Page 20, No. 25, Woodside Delight; Page 20, No. 27, London Victory (not Sutton); Page 20, No. 28, Middlewood Delight; Page 25, No. 18, Beeston Castle; Page 25, No. 20, Pevril Castle; Page 26, No. 22, Lensowe Castle.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

At All Saints' Church, Wath-on-Deerne, on Saturday, Nov. 26th, 720 each of the methods, Nos. 25 and 28, on page 20 in the Central Council's Collection, which were named respectively, Woodside Delight and Middlewood Delight, was rung by W. Green 1, H. Chamberlin 2, A. Panther (conductor) 3, T. Hilton 4, A. Gill 5, C. Walsh 6.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WEST EALING.—On Sunday, Dec. 11th, for the morning service, at St. Stephen's Church, a quarter-peal of **Stedman Triples**, in 4 mins.: H. Folkard 1, E. J. Walsom 2, W. Lawrence 3, C. Edwards 4, H. Belcher 5, A. Harding 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, L. Harris 8. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 2nd on the anniversary of his birthday.

LONDON.—At St. Andrew's, Wells Street, on Sunday, Dec. 11th, for evening service, 1,260 **Stedman Triples**, in 40 mins.: W. E. Judd 1, E. E. Holman 2, H. Dyas 3, H. Belcher 4, H. J. Eldred 5, W. H. Wood 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer 8.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, Dec. 11th, for morning service, 336 **Bob Major**, conducted by C. Ross—For evening service, a quarter-peal of **Grandsire Triples**: A. Racher 1, H. A. Barnett 2, S. W. Crabb 3, H. Strickland 4, A. E. Hull 5, W. Gibson 6, C. Ross (conductor) 7, H. Biee 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 27th, at St. Mary's Church, for dedication service, 720 **Kent Treble Bob**: Miss A. Dale 1, Miss E. Brandon 2, Miss K. Jutson 3, E. Tilley 4, W. Waldron 5, F. Rawlinson (conductor) 6. Also 360 **Oxford Treble Bob**, and 180 **Plain Bob**: Miss D. Dale 1, Miss E. Brandon 2, Miss K. Jutson 3, Miss A. Dale 4, W. Waldron 5, F. Rawlinson (conductor) 6.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Sunday, November 20th, for evensong, 580 **Bob Major**: J. Simmonds 1, W. Scott, senr. 2, W. Johnson 3, J. Bacon 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, W. Chambers 8.

THORNE, YORKS.—On Sunday, Nov. 20th, for evening service, 720 **Bob Minor**: C. Thorley, junr., 1, A. Woods 2, C. H. Thorley (conductor) 3, A. Darley 4, W. Sleight 5, W. Hobson 6, F. J. Hinds (tenor covering).—On Sunday, Nov. 27th, for evening service, 720 **Bob Minor**: W. Hobson 1, A. Woods 2, W. Sleight 3, A. Darley 4, C. H. Thorley (conductor) 5, C. Thorley, junr. (first 720 on inside bell) 6, F. J. Hinds (tenor covering).

LEXTONSTONE.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, for morning service, on Nov. 27th, 720 **Ipswich Surprise**: G. L. Joyce (conductor) 1, P. H. Avey 2, E. Smith 3, A. Prior 4, W. Miller 5, G. Dawson 6. For evening service, 720 **Cambridge Surprise**: W. Riches 1, P. H. Avey 2, A. Prior (conductor) 3, G. Dawson 4, W. Miller 5, E. Smith 6.

FOLKESTONE.—For evening service, on Nov. 20th, at the Parish Church of SS. Mary and Eaneswyth, a quarter-peal of **Grandsire Triples**, from Holt's Original, in 46 mins.: J. Henley 1, W. Lawrence (West Ealing) 2, Miss Ethel Jarvis 3, E. Bridges 4, A. Kedwell 5, T. Farley 6, S. Binfield (conductor) 7, J. Coppins 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—At All Saints' Church, for evensong, on Nov. 20th, a quarter-peal of **Stedman Caters** (1,299 changes) in 54 mins.: Fred Hayes (conductor) 1, H. Butler 2, R. Coles 3, E. Markham 4, G. Twicken 5, E. R. Coles 6, G. White 7, P. S. C. A. Smith (first quarter away from tenor) 8, S. T. Goodchild 9, F. Boxell 10.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Nov. 20th, for evening service, 1,056 **Kent Treble Bob Major**: A. Henman 1, G. Lines 2, H. Meadows 3, H. Saddington 4, M. Norton 5, J. Saddington 6, B. J. Saddington 7, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 8.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, Nov. 20th, at St. Thomas' Church, 720 **Bob Minor**, 6-8 covering, for evening service: W. A. Pugh 1, A. J. Skelding 2, C. W. Cooper 3, G. Skelding 4, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 5, H. Bridgens 6, A. W. Dodd 7, G. Grazier 8.

LINSLADE.—On Sunday, Nov. 20th, for evening service, 700 **Oxford Bob Triples** in 30 mins.: F. Buttram 1, F. Dedman 2, F. Pickers 3, J. Bear 4, A. Vickers 5, W. Dedman (composer and conductor) 6, W. Jeffs 7, A. E. Seddon 8.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, Nov. 20th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, 518 **Grandsire Triples**: T. T. Hayward 1, W. Farley 2, S. M. Loxton 3, A. E. Mills 4, F. S. Loxton 5, E. G. Lush 6, J. Hunt (conductor) 7, P. W. Cave 8. For evening service, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Bath and Wells, 518 **Grandsire Triples**: E. E. Stiles 1, T. T. Hayward 2, W. J. Mills 3, H. Fry 4, E. G. Lush 5, A. E. Mills 6, W. Farley (conductor) 7, H. G. Farley 8.

SHREWSBURY.—On Sunday, November 20th, on the occasion of the Mayor and Corporation attending divine service at St. Chad's Church, 701 **Grandsire Caters**: R. Chilton 1, G. Byolin 2, G. Jones 3, J. E. Lilley 4, R. Pole 5, A. Short 6, D. J. Boucher 7, W. Fairhead 8, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 9, J. Evans 10. Longest length of **Grandsire Caters** by 1, 4, 5, 8, 7 and 8.—Also 168 of **Stedman Triples**.—After service, 287 **Grandsire Caters**.—For evening service, 168 of **Stedman Triples**, and two courses of **Stedman Caters**: G. Byolin 1, G. Jones 2, S. Snelson 3, J. E. Lilley 4, R. Pole 5, A. Short 6, D. J. Boucher 7, W. Fairhead 8, C. R. Lilley 9, R. Chilton 10. First course of **Stedman Caters** by 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and tenor.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 20th, for evening service, 1,260 **Grandsire Triples**: *F. Darby 1, Mrs. R. Whittington 2, A. Arnold 3, C. Kippin 4, J. W. Trappitt 5, R. Whittington 6, A. J. Trappitt (conductor) 7, F. J. Trappitt 8. * First quarter-peal.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, November 20th, a quarter-peal of **Grandsire Doubles**: E. W. Pannett 1, E. J. Pannett 3, J. Crowder 4, H. J. Norgate 5, T. A. Easterby 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, R. A. Fosdike 8. After meeting short for Triples, 6 8 covering.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday evening, November 20th, 1,320 **Kent Treble Bob Royal**, in 52 mins.: J. W. Driver 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hollier 3, A. Cutmore 4, A. R. Macdonald 5, W. E. Judd 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, F. Skevington 8, A. Harding 9, H. Belcher 10.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, November 20th, a quarter-peal of **Bob Major** (1,264 changes), in 42 mins.: *S. D. Breeze 1, *H. Wincote 2, J. W. Fruin 3, *C. Brown 4, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 5, *F. W. Goodfellow 6, *L. Page 7, *Robt. Fardon 8. * First quarter **Bob Major**.

ST. MARY'S, BLETCHINGLEY.—On Sunday evening, November 20th, a quarter-peal of **Grandsire Triples** (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: G. Kirby 1, L. F. Goodwin 2, W. J. Wilson 3, A. Wood 4, T. J. Coppard 5, F. Balcombe 6, F. Rice (conductor) 7, J. Balcombe 8.

CHATHAM.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, on Sunday evening, Nov. 26th, a quarter-peal of **Kent Treble Bob Major** (1,280 changes) was rung in 50 mins., by: T. Hill 1, H. Springate 2, R. Hogarth 3, F. Richardson 4, S. Shellock 5, F. Belsey 6, Chr.-Sergt. J. Bennett, R.M. (conductor), 7, C. Norris 8. First quarter of **Treble Bob** by the local band.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, on November 13th, 720 **Oxford Treble Bob**: C. Bowen 1, Alice Wheeldon 2, Alice Preston 3, W. Wheeldon, senr., 4, W. Fradley 5, C. Preston 6. For evening service, 720 **Kent Treble Bob**: W. Wheeldon, junr., 5, the rest as above. Both conducted by Alice Preston.

CLEATOR MOOR.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 13th, for evening service, 720 **Bob Minor**, in commemoration of the Armistice, and in memory of our glorious dead, with bells fully muffled: F. H. Tembey 1, J. C. Joyce 2, T. H. Kewley 3, W. Myers 4, D. Atkinson 5, J. Kewley 6, J. Hutchinson (conductor) 7, H. Bortowdale 8, 6-8 covering.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

294 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.	
234567	
S	762453 2
	347562 1
S	523647 1
	785423 1
S	327546 2
S	563427 1
	275346 2
	752346 4
S	847235 2
	526347 1
	475632 2
S	234567 2

L. HEAD.

1,200 BOB MAJOR.				
23456 W B M R				
	23564	—	1	
	52436	—	—	
	52564	—	1	
	35426	—	—	
	35264	—	1	
	42356	—	—	
	25463	—	1	
	34256	—	—	
	45362	—	1	
	23456	—	—	

J. A. TROLLOPE.

1,248 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.					
23456 1 4 5 6					
	42635	—	—	—	
	36245	—	—	—	
	23564	—	—	—	
	35264	—	—	—	
	32564	—	S	—	
	23465	—	—	—	
	34265	—	—	—	
	35248	—	—	—	
	52346	—	—	—	
	53246	—	S	—	
	42356	—	—	—	
	23456	—	—	—	

F. W. ROGERS.

720 CHESTER SURPRISE MINOR.				
2345 W 4th O I H				
	4235	—	—	—
	3425	—	—	—
	2534	—	—	—
	5432	—	—	—
	3542	—	—	—
	2345	—	—	—

The above is also the calling for Carlisle, York or Durham, and, repeated, with S at the last H, will run to Bob Minor.

C. SEVERN.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The last meeting of the year for the Stockport Branch was held at St. Paul's, Staley, on Saturday, December 10th, about forty members being present. In the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Sheriff), through indisposition, the service was conducted by the Rev. A. T. Beeston. The usual tea and business meeting followed, with Mr. J. H. Jackson in the chair.

Much useful discussion took place, as to the best way in which fresh methods may be mastered. This was the result of a question raised by the local ringers, who are desirous of making progress.

It was unanimously resolved that the annual branch meeting shall in future be the first meeting of each year instead of the last, as formerly was the case, and the next meeting will be held at Norbury on Feb. 11th, 1922.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

The bells (eight) were well requisitioned, but to ring them is 'labour,' not 'capital,' and it is to be hoped that in the near future the authorities will call in the bell hangers. The local ringers are keen, and, though at present they ring only Grandsire, they strive to maintain the essential of all ringing—good striking.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the North-West District of the Essex Association was held at Saffron Walden, visitors joining the local company from Cambridge, Newmarket, Sawston, Ely, Bishop's Stortford, Royston, Stansted and Rickling, to take advantage of the opportunity of ringing on the twelve bells. The Vicar (the Rev. L. Hughes) conducted a short service, and the Rev. G. M. Benton gave an address on the use of bells. Miss Dennis presided at the organ. After tea, at the Abbey Temperance Hotel, the business meeting was held, the Vicar being supported in the chair by the Rev. G. M. Benton, Mr. F. Pitstow (Master of the Saffron Walden company), Mr. F. J. Pitstow (general secretary and treasurer of the Association), Mr. F. Dench (district secretary), Mr. R. A. Strong (secretary of the Saffron Walden company) and Miss V. Shorter (general secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association).—The Vicar extended a cordial welcome to the visitors, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to help in furthering the cause of bell ringing, which, he said, had been going on solely as an English art for several centuries.

Mr. F. Pitstow and Mr. F. Dench were re-elected Master and secretary respectively of the district, and the Rev. G. M. Benton was elected an honorary member.—Votes of thanks were accorded to all who had contributed to make the meeting both interesting and successful.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the district at Roydon and Hunsdon in the New Year.

DEATH OF A SHILDON RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. E. J. Titt, which took place on November 18th, at his residence, King Edward Street, Shildon, after a few days' illness. The deceased was 67 years of age. On Sunday, November 20th, his remains were laid to rest in St. John's Churchyard, near the tower, under the sound of the bells he loved so well, and amid many tokens of sorrow and respect. A short touch on handbells was rung over the open grave at the conclusion of the service.

Deceased learned to ring at St. Andrew's, Bishop Auckland, and was conductor for several years. On his removal to Shildon, in 1900, the people of St. John's were contemplating building a new tower and installing a peal of bells. He got together a band of young men, and taught them change ringing in his own house, and, obtaining practice at Bishop Auckland on the tower bells, they were able to ring for both services on the first Sunday after the new bells had been dedicated. Deceased became a member of the Durham and Newcastle Association in 1884, and was also a member of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. He took part in 32 peals, conducting 4. By his death the church has lost a keen worker, and the ringers a friend whom to know was to love. The deepest sympathy goes out to the sorrowing widow and family.

On December 7th a muffled peal was rung on the bells of Shildon Parish Church.

HEREFORD GUILD.

A combined practice of the Hereford district was held at Moreton-Lugg, on Saturday, December 3rd, members being present from Madley, Holmer, Wellington, Lugwardine Hereford and Burghill. The bells are a light peal of six (tenor 7 cwt.), by Meats and Stainbank, but the ropes hang in an indifferent circle, the third being in the centre of the ringing chamber, so that it is not an ideal place for change ringing. Several 120's of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were brought round; also a 720 of Bob Minor, the first on the bells, which was rung in 26 minutes by Ivor Probert 1, W. H. Symonds 2, C. Edwards 3, W. Williams 4, H. J. Taylor 5, F. Arrowsmith 6. This would be an ideal tower for some special conductor to call a peal of Minor blindfolded.

DEATH OF MR. A. SHUTTLEWORTH.

Mr. Abraham Shuttleworth, for 40 years a ringer at Widford, Essex, has recently passed away. On Wednesday, December 7th, a band met at the Parish Church to ring a memorial peal, but were prevented from starting on account of a C.E.M.S. meeting. However, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells deeply muffled, was rung by A. Edwards 1, P. Timson 2, C. Pease 3, J. Wood 4, A. Head 5, E. P. Buckingham 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, A. H. Bewers 8.

REMEMBRANCE DAY.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Nov. 11th (Armistice Day), with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. Harper (Swanscombe) 1, J. Wheadon 2, R. Morgan 3, E. Brown 4, J. H. Cheesman (conductor) 5, E. Bates 6, H. Audsley 7, H. Simmons 8. Also 544 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Harper 1, J. Wheadon 2, R. Morgan 3, E. Brown 4, J. H. Cheesman (conductor) 5, E. Bates 6, H. Simmons 7, H. Audsley 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On Nov. 13th (Armistice Sunday), for morning service, at the Parish Church, 576 Kent Major. In the afternoon, 1,600 changes in the same method, in 1 hr. 14 mins. Both touches with the bells fully muffled. The following took part: Wm. Cook 1, Benson Douglas 2, Benn Douglas 3, J. J. Spedding 4, Wm. Douglas 5, J. Rothery 6, Wm. Norman 7, G. W. Tembey (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by all except the conductor.

LLANDAFF.—Llandaff Diocesan Association.—At Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung, after the anthem for evening memorial service on Nov. 11th, Armistice Day: J. Bailey 1, W. Biss 2, J. Pritchard 3, F. Bailey 4, T. Woods 5, S. Dawe 6, W. Bolton (conductor) 7, J. Wright 8.

DOVER, KENT.—On Nov. 11th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,008 Grandsire Triples, to celebrate the third anniversary of Armistice Day: J. Eagles 1, C. W. Woolley (Dover College) 2, C. R. Walker 3, H. J. Saunders 4, C. R. Millway 5, H. Whitehead 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, G. Godfrey 8.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On Friday, Nov. 11th, Armistice Day anniversary, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. A. Smith 1, A. C. Barker 2, J. Rowlinson 3, A. Mattock 4, J. Grainger 5, A. J. Abrams (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, Nov. 13th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: P. A. Smith 1, A. C. Barker 2, J. Rowlinson 3, A. Mattock (conductor) 4, J. Grainger 5, A. Abrams 6.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Armistice Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, ten and a half 6-scores, each called differently: E. Cox 1, H. Palmer 2, W. Hitchman (conductor) 3, L. Hitchman 4, R. G. Rice 5, W. Corderoy 6.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE'S 200 PEALS.

	On Tower Bells.	Handbells.
Seven Methods on five bells	1	
Five Methods on six bells	1	
Grandsire Triples	5	5
Grandsire Major		2
Grandsire Caters	6	1
Grandsire Cinques	1	
Oxford Bob Triples	1	
Bob Minor		1
Bob Triples	1	1
Bob Major	9	17*
Bob Royal		1
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	7	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	3	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	8	
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1	
Stedman Triples	11	1
Stedman Caters	12	2
Stedman Cinques	1	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	33	
Double Norwich Court Bob Caters	1	
Forward Major	1	
Forward Royal	1	
Duffield Major	1	
Waterloo Reverse Bob Major	1	
Cambridge Surprise Major	15	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	3	
New Cumberland Surprise Major	1	
Norfolk Surprise Major	7	
Brighton Surprise Major	1	
Superlative Surprise Major	18	
Bristol Surprise Major	10	
London Surprise Major	3	
	168	32

* Including 6720 and 11,200. Rung in 81 towers, 14 counties and 14 associations. Conducted 22.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not made twenty attendances in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on Dec. 22nd and *St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 27th, all at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Arundel on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Towers open from 2 p.m. till 4 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea at Owen's Restaurant at 5. Lyminster bells are also available, buses running each way every hour.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 o'clock. Subscriptions 1/6 now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Meeting in the Church House at 4.45 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscription due.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Rawsbottom.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 17th, at St. Paul's, Hammersmith, W. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A Monthly meeting of the above will be held at Eastwood on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—Thos. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Woolos, Newport, Mon., on Dec. 26th. Bells (10) available after 12 o'clock. Service at 3.45, to be followed by tea and meeting in Water's Lane Mission Room. All Saints' bells (8) available during the day.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Sunderland on Tuesday, Dec. 27th, the three towers being available for ringing. Ringing begins at 1.30 at Bishopwearmouth, to which church ringers will proceed on arrival, and where bands will be arranged for the other towers. All ringers welcome. Tea 1/6 to those who write by Dec. 24th.—Joseph W. Parker, 5, Amberley Street, Sunderland.

LEICESTER, ST. MARGARET'S.—The new peal of 12 will be available for visiting ringers on Tuesday, Dec. 27th. Ringing from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Tea (2/- each) at 5 p.m. can be arranged for those who advise me before Dec. 22nd. Afterwards a social evening will be held in the Schools. All ringers welcome.—A. Cattell, Hon. Sec., 67, Hinckley Road, Leicester.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, second Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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DEATH.

HAYES.—On Thursday, December 1st, 1921, at Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, Frederick Henry Hayes, aged 60 years.

Mrs. Hayes, Mr. George Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. Harper wish to return sincere thanks to all ringers for their kind expressions of sympathy in their sad bereavement, also for the beautiful floral tributes sent.

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LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on November 20th, 448 changes each of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major: A. J. Smith 1, A. King 2, B. Wilson 3, C. Rollings 4, F. Hunt 5, T. Blackburn 6, T. Kendall 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8. The above are all members of the local band.

MORE SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

COALBROOKDALE.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 27th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 49 mins., composed by J. B. Hessey, from 'The Ringing World,' August 12th: *W. Crawford 1, H. Nixon 2, A. Bayley 3, W. Wase 4, *R. Jones 5, *J. Hanley 6, L. Hewitt 7, W. Saunders (first quarter-peal of Major as conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal of Major. First quarter-peal of Major by a Coalbrookdale band.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Nov. 27th, for morning service, 576 Grandsire Caters: C. Harding 1, G. Harwood 2, G. Clayton 3, H. Hammonds 4, B. Thompson 5, D. Hayward (conductor) 6, H. Wright 7, F. Pestell 8, G. Fletcher 9, W. Thain 10.—For evening service, 540 Bob Royal: C. Harding 1, G. Harwood 2, G. Clayton 3, A. Webber 4, H. Hammonds 5, D. Hayward (conductor) 6, H. Wright 7, B. Thompson 8, F. Pestell 9, W. Lee 10.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Advent Sunday, Nov. 27th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: S. Hughes (longest touch) 1, A. Hickman (longest touch on a bob bell) 2, F. Montford 3, T. Tudor 4, J. Clark 5, W. Weatherby 6, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 7, G. Hall 8.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.—On Sunday, Nov. 27th for morning service, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Gillett 1, W. Stratford 2, J. Collett 3, E. Parden 4, T. Banning 5, H. Gillett 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Buttlar 8. This touch, composed by E. Mullins, was taken from 'The Ringing World.'

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Nov. 27th, a course of Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Chance 1, G. Lewis (first in the method) 2, E. E. Barber 3, W. Niblett 4, J. R. Newman 5, E. Gibbs 6, C. Camm 7, R. G. Knowles 8; and 640 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Bayliss 1, G. Lewis (first touch in the method) 2, E. E. Barber 3, C. Bowers 4, W. Niblett 5, R. G. Knowles 6, E. Gibbs 7, C. Camm (conductor) 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples, with B. Hull 1 and R. G. Knowles conductor.

ROYSTON, HERTS.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Sunday evening, November 27th, before the confirmation service, by the Bishop of St. Albans, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: A. Gilbert 1, W. L. Darlow 2, C. S. Gouldthorpe 3, E. Bonnett 4, R. G. King 5, S. E. Roberts 6, W. B. Manning (conductor) 7, F. Harper 8. Longest touch of Stedman by all except 6 and 7. After confirmation, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. G. Griffen 1, W. B. Manning 2, W. L. Darlow 3, C. S. Gouldthorpe 4, A. Gilbert 5, F. Harper 6, S. E. Roberts 7, R. G. King (conductor) 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Skinner 1, G. F. James 2, G. Durling 3, A. James 4, E. Mounter 5, G. Huxley 6, P. J. Spice (conductor) 7, F. F. Scott 8.

BRENTWOOD.—At St. Thomas-the-Martyr's Church, Brentwood, on Sunday, November 20th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: A. Rainbird 1, W. Leggett 2, E. D. Baker 3, E. J. Butler 4, A. Tarbun, junr., 5, H. F. Dawkins (conductor) 6, Wesley Watson 7, S. Carroll 8.

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THE POSITION IN 12-BELL TOWERS.

The pointed comments upon the condition of ringing in the twelve-bell towers of the country offered by our correspondent 'Once a Beginner' will be read with interest. The writer of the letter has as wide a personal knowledge of the matter as most people, and, speaking generally, it must be admitted there is little that can be disputed in his review of the position. The centres where twelve-bell ringing is really seriously cultivated are far too few, compared with the number of twelve-bell towers, and 'Once a Beginner' puts his finger unerringly upon the principal causes.

In several cases, of course, the bells are not sufficiently good a condition to make ringing an attractive occupation; in others, the surroundings are such that opportunities are exceedingly limited, and in either of these circumstances little can be effected, although, we think, the development of a greater enthusiasm might eventually result in getting the dilapidated rings put in order. In a considerable number of instances, however, neither of the foregoing reasons can be advanced for the lack of good twelve-bell ringing in the towers favoured with sufficient bells. Absence of real interest and enterprise and, as our correspondent puts it, the absence also of men with the necessary personality is, unfortunately, largely responsible. A man may be a clever ringer and a good conductor, and yet be a poor leader. This may be said with regard to ringers in every kind of tower, but it applies with additional force in the case of twelve-bell companies. Ringers are notoriously difficult teams to handle, and the man who can keep his band together and make them ringers of the first order, keen and capable, is not to be found in every tower. This kind of leader is born, not made, and we suppose the twelve-bell towers have only got their proportion of them.

At the same time, it is a pity that we do not find a more general activity in the twelve-bell towers. 'Once a Beginner' mentions some of those wherein there is real 'life,' and others could be added; but there is too long a list of places where, from one reason or another, little is done, and that little is all too poor. Those ringers who are privileged to have control of a peal of twelve ought to look upon their position as one carrying special responsibilities. They have the opportunity of extending the art of ringing in a direction which comparatively few can share, and if they really cherish the true interests of their calling, they will see to it that their bells are in the best condition, that their belfries are the best ordered, and that their ringing is of the best kind. Bad ringing is a source of annoyance to the public as well as to the good ringer;

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lack of unity and of enterprise in a single belfry is a weakness to the whole structure of the Exercise; and it is to the twelve-bell towers of the land that the rest should be able to look for leadership and example. Improvement cannot be expected all at once, but where ringing does not already reach the highest standard there is nothing to delay an immediate beginning if the ringers themselves like to will it.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 38½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	*WILLIAM J. KEMP 7
*EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	*HAROLD W. CLARK 8
ISAAC G. SHADE... .. 3	*WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 9
*ARTHUR MASON 4	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 10
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
WILLIAM PYE 6	WILLIAM J. NUDDS Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of treble twelve, also first in the method by the Association. The above is the 100th peal the conductor has called on 12 bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOLTON-BY-ERADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Nov. 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR AINGE Treble	JOHN PALFRAMAN 5
FIRTH HOPWOOD 2	JOHN JOYCE 6
ARTHUR GILL 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7
WILLIAM JOYCE 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 350). Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This peal was rung in honour of the betrothal of H.R.H. the Princess Mary to a Yorkshire nobleman, Viscount Lascelles. This composition—the 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 6th's, and the 5th and 6th the extent in 5th's without the 2nd in 6th's—is now rung for the first time. It was also a birthday compliment to Miss Pollie Gill, an esteemed member of the Bolton company.

BALDOCK, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ERNEST W. DAY Treble	HERBERT E. DAY 5
MISS A. MAY DURRANT ... 2	LEONARD FIDLER... .. 6
*JOHN J. CAWDELL 3	WILLIAM J. CROFT 7
ERNEST J. NEWELL 4	GEORGE T. CROFT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE T. CROFT.

* First peal in the method.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.	
GEORGE F. SWANN Treble	HERBERT C. SPENCER... .. 5
CHARLES COTTRELL 2	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 6
WILLIAM J. MEERS 3	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ... 7
JOATHAN PRESTON 4	JOHN E. PYWELL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

This peal was rung to celebrate the coming of age of Mr. William Baden Preston, son of the ringer of the 4th, also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. F. Swann, wife of the conductor, and to the ringer of the 2nd.

WATFORD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(WATFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 24½ cwt.	
*GEORGE SEAMAN Treble	WILLIAM E. OAKLEY 5	*JAMES A. HOWARD 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS 6
EDWARD JONES 3	WILLIAM HEWITT 7	*ERIC M. ELLIOTT 4	*HENRY J. WISE Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

* First peal. This is the first peal on the bells since being recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, in January, 1920. It was rung by the local band, all of whom are regular Sunday service ringers. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Ayerst) for the great interest he takes in them. The ringer of the 3rd is in his 72nd year.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
BENJAMIN THORP... .. Treble	JOSEPH MELLOR 5	SAMUEL WOOD 2	ALBERT ADAMS 6
JAMES H. RIDING 3	SAMUEL BOOTH 7	WILLIAM BRAMMER 4	JOHN HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL BOOTH.

First peal as conductor in the method.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 12, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.	
*EDWARD GRINDLE Treble	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2	*WALTER RUFFLES 6
PERCIVAL WOODS 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7
JOHN C. G. HAGGAR... .. 4	THOMAS W. LAST Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by W. J. GROOM.
* First peal in the method.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.	
WILLIAM JONES Treble	SYDNEY TUNNELL 5
JOHN G. HALL 2	JOHN C. POLLARD 6
JOHN W. PASSMAN 3	THOMAS METCALFE 7
WILLIAM A. BRECKON 4	THOMAS LANCASTER Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE. Conducted by THOMAS LANCASTER.
First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. F. H. Stock, who has been Vicar of the parish for 15 years, and has now taken up the living of Westoe in the neighbourhood of Selby, Yorkshire.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Dec. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
STEPHEN MADDISON Treble	JOHN W. WOOD 5
ROBERT RICHARDSON 2	JOHN CERRY... .. 6
ARTHUR J. FARR 3	GEORGE LADD 7
JOHN T. BROWN 4	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
First peal as conductor and first attempt.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Nov. 11th, 518 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: W. Johnson 1, E. Hendley 2, E. Collins 3, Miss G. Brown 4, E. Whitfield 5, E. Green 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, E. Bradford 8.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.	
*FRANK FOX Treble	ROBERT SPERRING 5
HARRY OVERTON 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
ARTHUR NEWELL 3	WILLIAM BIBBY 7
RICHARD T. HOLDING 4	EDWARD JENKINS... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (160). Conducted by E. JENKINS.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.	
GEORGE HARDY Treble	*JAMES M. BAILEY 5
JAMES G. ROMSEY 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
EDGAR H. BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.
Rung as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. Morgan Jones).
* tooth peal on the bells.

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

On Thursday, Dec. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.	
*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE... .. Treble	WALTER MASTERS 5
JAMES WHATMORE 2	WILLIAM POTTER 6
JOHN KENDALL 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS 7
THOMAS WILLIAMS 4	ROBERT GORDON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. PERKINS.
* First peal and first attempt, and proposed a member before starting. Rung by the local band on the fortieth anniversary of the first peal on the original six bells.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Dec. 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.	
RICHARD FORSTER Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
HENRY C. COLLYER 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	FRANCIS BIBBY 7
EDWARD JENKINS 4	WILLIAM BIBBY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (170). Conducted by E. JENKINS.
First attempt in the method by all except ringers of 4th and tenor.
First peal in the method on the bells.

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

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
WILLIAM SHORT Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY 6
*KEITH SALTER 3	ALFRED DAVIES 7
JOHN BASS 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.
* First peal of Major away from the treble. Believed to be the first peal of London Surprise in which a father and son have rung together.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On Remembrance Day, Nov. 11th, at SS. Peter and Leonard, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,344 changes): W. H. Mitchell 1, G. Hunt 2, G. F. Pickles 3, J. Woffenden 4, G. Barstow 5, H. Rowley (conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, R. Thickett 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.	
HAROLD J. POOLE Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
JOHN OLDHAM 2	*EDWARD C. GOBEY 6
WILLIAM SMITH 3	*JAMES F. GEORGE 7
HARRY BROUGHTON 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.	
FRYCE TAYLOR Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY 5
JOHN OLDHAM 2	JAMES F. GEORGE 6
*JOHN SADDINGTON 3	†HAROLD J. POOLE 7
*SHIRLEY BURTON 4	HARRY BROUGHTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method. The above peals were arranged for Messrs. E. C. Gobeys and J. F. George, of Ilkeston.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.	
WILFRED BOOTH Treble	ROBERT J. DAWES 5
ALFRED C. PANKHURST 2	GEORGE W. STOKES 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	BENJAMIN HOBBS 7
ARTHUR R. MILES 4	ALBERT READ Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

Tenor 12¾ cwt.	
SIDNEY ANSTEAD Treble	ISAAC EMERY 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	*RICHARD MORGAN 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 7
JOHN WEHADON 4	EDWIN BARNET, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

HIGHGATE, MIDDLESEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14¾ cwt.	
THOMAS BEVAN Treble	EDWARD CHAPMAN 5
MISS KITTY SMITH 2	ERNEST PRYOR 6
FRANK SMITH 3	RICHARD BEVAN 7
CHARLES PRYOR 4	ARTHUR HARWIN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.	
*BEN S. THOMPSON Treble	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 5
*GEORGE T. PRGNELL 2	WILLIAM E. BASON 6
WALTER CHANDLER 3	JOHN A. GODFREY 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	GEORGE MAYERS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell in this method.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.	
THOMAS PAYNE Treble	GERALD CAUDWELL 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK 2	WILLIAM STONE 6
HARRY HOLIFIELD 3	HARRY MILES 7
ALBERT E. LOCK 4	THOMAS STYLES Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by HARRY MILES.

FINEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.	
JOHN R. MAIN Treble	*THOMAS ABBOTT 5
ARTHUR BELLAMY 2	THOMAS WILSON 6
*JOHN CLAYPOLE 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... 7
LEONARD J. WYMAN 4	GEORGE BASFORD Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by GEORGE BASFORD.

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

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.	
GEORGE ALLDER Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE 5
*ARTHUR MARTIN 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
FRANK BOREHAM 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
JOHN EVANS 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal of London Surprise away from the treble.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.	
GEORGE BENNETT Treble	JAMES ROSE 5
ALBERT FLEMING 2	GEORGE FLEMING 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	ERNEST E. LANHAM 7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 4	T. WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.	
ARTHUR LINTOTT Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... 2	HERBERT LUDKIN 6
EDWARD CAUNCE 3	EDWIN BREEZE 7
CLAUDE I. DAVIES 4	JAMES MARTIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.	
*JOHN W. CUPITT Treble	FRANK F. HILL 5
*REV. R. F. WILKINSON ... 2	FRED W. HILL 6
KENNETH G. SHELDON 3	ALEX. HUTCHISON 7
THOMAS BETTISON 4	ALFRED C. WRIGHT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

* First peal in the method. Author's Peal No. 75 B., now rung for the first time.

BIRSTALL, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	JAMES R. KEMP 5
JOHN PALFRAMAN 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
ARTHUR GILL 4	WILLIAM E. H. ASH Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

* First peal in the method. This peal was rung as a welcome to the Queen and Princess Mary on their visit to Harewood House.

OAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Vincent,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARCHIE C. STOKES Treble	SIDNEY PROCTOR 5
HENRY SQUIRES 2	GEORGE SCOTT 6
HENRY HAYNES 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS 7
*CALEB M. SIMCOCK 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

† First peal of Bob Major. * First peal on eight and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Mackears.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Katherine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. W. JONES Treble	WILLIAM BOLTON 5
HARRY PAGE 2	SIDNEY DAWE 6
WILLIAM B. BISS 3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 7
ERNEST H. HUNT 4	HARRY WEST Tenor

Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

This peal was specially arranged as a welcome to the Rev. T. Parry Pryce, who was inducted as Vicar of the above church on the 14th inst.

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

On Sunday, Dec. 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN WILLIAM SEAMER ... Treble	J. BENJAMIN BUDD 5
FRED OVERTON 2	EX-CPL. F. METCALF 6
EX-CORPL. S. S. MINGAY 3	(Tanks) 6
(R.F.A.) 3	STEPHEN BROMFIELD 7
ALONZA W. LONG 4	EX-SGT. R. S. LONG (Staffs) Tenor

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect on the occasion of the unveiling of the cenotaph erected in memory of the Grimsby men who lost their lives in the Great War.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, Grassendale,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

†THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... Treble	JOHN ALLEN 4
THOMAS JENNION 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
*CLAUDE I. DAVIES 3	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal on six bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Mr. Thomas J. Morris, who had rung regularly at this church for upwards of 40 years.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Friday, Dec. 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of (1) Trowell and Duke of Norfolk, (2) College Exercise and Norbury, (3) Bocking and Willesden, (4) Grove Delight and Neasden, (5) College Bob IV. and Wragby, (6) Poynton and Old Oxford Modernised, (7) Oxford, Overton, Sandal, London Scholars and Kingston. Tenor 9 cwt.

ASHER LOMAS Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY 4
JAMES A. MILNER 2	ADAM T. MARSLAND 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3	FRED HOLT Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

LENTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY Treble	CECIL J. BAKER 4
*R. ALLAN HICKTON 2	FREDERICK J. TITE 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY 3	JAMES F. GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Minor. Rung after meeting short, through illness, for Treble Bob Major.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight, New London Pleasure, Kent, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt. in F.

HARRY CROSSLAND Treble	ARTHUR PANTHOR 4
ARTHUR GILL 2	LEWIS WILKINSON 5
JOHN BREARLEY 3	GEORGE HILL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HILL.

This peal was arranged and rung to celebrate the 60th year as ringer at the above church of Mr. H. Crossland. Great credit is due to him for the way in which he rang his bell, he being well over 70 years of age. The ringers of 2nd and 4th hail from Wath, 3rd from Bolsterstone, and the 5th and tenor from Hoylandswaine. The treble ringer was elected a member before starting.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH.
THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

H. BOYCE Treble	*R. ELLIS 4
E. STITCH 2	J. HAMMOND 5
J. E. BLOXHAM 3	A. J. PRYMAN Tenor

Conducted by J. HAMMOND.

* First peal of Minor. This peal contains the 720 of Bob Minor, composed by H. W. Wilde, which appeared in the Ringing World, Oct. 21st, 1921, and is believed to be now rung for the first time.

HOLT, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

WALTER THOMAS Treble	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 4
GEORGE JONES 2	WILLIAM CLARKE 5
HENRY W. WILDE 3	JAMES MORGAN Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Walter Thomas.

EASTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Dec. 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College
Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure & Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHRIS. BOWERS Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
GEOFFREY LEWIS... .. 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
DAVID HORNE 3	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Dec. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NEDAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, New London Pleasure, Duke of York,
Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE H. CARTER Treble	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 4
BARNARD PATMORE 2	HENRY WALLACE 5
SIDNEY CARTER 3	ERNEST A. OVERALL Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

WIMBODON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Dec. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

P. E. SUGG Treble	W. GIGG 4
R. E. SUGG 2	B. T. JEANES 5
W. T. LUCAS 3	*H. J. SEGG Tenor

Conducted by B. T. JEANES.

* First peal, and elected a member prior to starting.

LITTLEINGTON, CAMBS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, being 720 changes each of Stedman, St. Simon's
Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure
and Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WALTER SERMONS Treble	HARRY HOWARD... .. 4
WALTER MANSFIELD 2	ALBERT HOWARD 5
ROBERT HOWARD... .. 3	*CHARLES BYSSOUTH Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

First peal on the bells. * First peal in seven methods and hails
from Barkway, Herts. The rest of the band hail from Barley, Herts.
The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. L. G. Edwards) for the
use of the bells.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Dec. 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise,
Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES ABLITT... .. Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 4
ALBERT FLEMING... .. 2	CHARLES E. FISHER 5
GEORGE PRYKE 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, Dec. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Seventeen and a half Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. A.H.F. BOUGHAY (Trin.) 1-2	H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 5-6
E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) ... 3-4	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by H. G. BENSON.

First peal as conductor.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

JAMES M. BAILEY 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 7-8
EDGAR H. BAILEY 9-10	

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.
Witnesses: C. SAMPSON, A. KEEBLE and J. G. RUNSEY.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Dec. 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE NORTH FARM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

JAMES E. GOFTON 1-2	R. ALDER GOFTON 7-8
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3-4	THOMAS T. GOFTON 9-10
WILLIAM H. BARBER 5-6	RICHARD A. GOFTON 11-12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and a half Minute,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. E. PARSONS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

PERCY O. LAFLIN 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES 7-8
ALBERT WALKER... .. 3-4	ALBERT E. NORMAN 9-10
GEORGE F. SWANN 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.
Referee: ALBERT E. PARSONS.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT 130, CLONMORE STREET, S.W.15,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 in B flat.

*REGINALD BROUGH 1-2	†JOHN SPARROW 5-6
JOHN D. MATTHEWS... .. 3-4	CECIL J. MATTHEWS... .. 7-8
THOMAS NEWMAN 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Royal 'in hand.' † First peal of Bob Royal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, Dec. 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN W. WOOD 1-2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	TOM TEBBITT 7-8

Composed by CHAS. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE.

Witness: MISS PHYLLIS HARE.

Conductor's first peal of Major 'in hand.'

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Steeple Ash-
ton on December 3rd, ringers being present from Keevil, Trowbridge,
Steeple Ashton, and Westbury. Ringing in the afternoon was fol-
lowed by tea at the Tongs Arms, and a short business meeting fol-
lowed. Mr. W. Gale, of Molksham, was elected a ringing member
of the Guild.

The Chairman reminded the members that that was the last meet-
ing of the year, and they only had a month to look round and see
who they were going to put into office for 1922. He would not be
seeking re-election himself, as he felt the time had come when he
would not be able to attend the meetings so regularly. He conclud-
ed by proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Knubley for the
use of the bells.—The Canon, in reply, said he hoped the branch
would come in the summer, when next they visited Steeple Ashton, as
it was a very pretty place. He also hoped to have a young band of
ringers ready to join the Guild by that time, as Mr. W. Baxter, of
Trowbridge, had offered to instruct them.

DEATH OF A LIVERPOOL RINGER.

The death occurred at Liverpool, on Wednesday, November 30th, of Mr. Thomas J. Morris. Deceased had been a ringer of St. Mary's, Grassendale, for upwards of 40 years, and had taken part in 15 peals for the Lancashire Association at Garston, Grassendale and Halewood.

The funeral took place at Allerton Cemetery, on Monday, December 5th, prior to which a service was held at St. Mary's, Grassendale, at which the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Jobling) paid an eloquent tribute to the loyalty and faithfulness shown by the deceased. The coffin was borne to the grave by four of the late Mr. Morris's fellow ringers, viz.: T. Jennion, J. Allen, senr., J. Allen, junr., and S. Finch, assisted by T. Hammond, junr., and J. H. Moore. Among the numerous floral tributes were wreaths sent by St. Mary's, Grassendale, company, and also from St. Nicholas', Liverpool.

On Sunday, December 4th, the bells were rung half-muffled for each service, and on the Monday evening following, a peal of 5,040 changes. Much sympathy is extended to Mrs. Morris and her family in their sad bereavement.

FINE 'CENTURIES.'

Mr. Arthur Mason, who the other day completed his first century of peals, almost all of which have been rung since the war, has a list which few ringers of a hundred peals can equal. It includes 55 Surprise peals, among them 10 of Cambridge Royal, and 12 peals of Stedman Cinques. Mr. Mason has had the opportunities, and he has made the most of them.

The peals comprise Grandsire Triples, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 16 (conducted 1); Stedman Caters, 5; Stedman Cinques, 12; Bob Major, 4; Granta Treble Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, Superlative Surprise Major, 11; Cambridge Surprise Major, 8; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 11; Bristol Surprise Major, 15; London Surprise Major, 10; total, 100.

With a peal of Bristol Surprise at Leiston, Mr. J. M. Bailey completed his 100 peals on the bells, and is the fourth member of his family to do so. The century includes peals in no fewer than nine Surprise methods, and the following is the list:—Grandsire Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 6; Bob Major, 5; Kent Treble Bob, 14; Oxford Treble Bob, 5; Double Oxford, 1; Double Norwich, 10; Superlative, 19; Cambridge Surprise, 16; New Cambridge Surprise, 4; Yorkshire Surprise, 1; Norfolk Surprise, 1; Guildford Surprise, 2; Suffolk Surprise, 1; Bristol Surprise, 11; London Surprise, 3; total, 100.

EXTENSION OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—First of all to answer Mr. Powell. He says that my statement is ambiguous, and gives three possible meanings. Of course, I agree with his first statement, but I am really at work trying to bring home to the practical ringer the fact that the scientific extension of a method is the only one that is possible, whether it be practical or not. The third of his statements is not, to my mind, a possibility at all.

Now we turn to Double Oxford.

The Minor is obviously a combination of Double Court and Double Bob; Triples is the same with a bell in the hunt added; Major is a combination of Double Norwich and Double Bob, and so it is not the same method as the Minor, and, as far as I know, it is the only case in which Shipway made a mistake, but Shipway's mistake may stand, because the real Major is not a practical method, but Shipway's Royal is wrong, and the true extension is much better. I add a lead of the Major and Royal, and anyone who has followed my previous letters will be able to practise a similar formula to extend the method, and also to ring it by; proving what is true of all plain hunt methods, that the extension is nothing but an extension of the plain hunt.

Major.	Royal.
12345678	1234567890
21436587	2143658709
24163857	2416385079
42613587	4261830597
46231857	4628135079
42638175	6482310597
46283715	6482301957
64827351	6482039175
46283751	6840293715
etc.	8604927351
	8840293751
	etc.

The Major is useless, and the Maximus is also useless, as they involve four blows in front and four blows behind, but the correct Royal is a fine method.

Next week I shall deal with Double Norwich.

H. LAW JAMES.

WILLESDEN.—On Sunday evening, December 11, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. A. Kilby (first quarter-peal) 1, G. M. Kilby 2, W. G. Matthews 3, E. Lankester (first quarter with a bob bell) 4, A. Tennant 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6, R. Kilby 7, P. Norton 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Sixty years a ringer at one church is a proud record, and the Exercise will join in congratulating Mr. Harry Crossland, of Cawthorne, Yorks, upon completing such a long period of service in one belfry. A peal was rung to celebrate the event, and Mr. Crossland, happily, was able to take part in it.

Another veteran ringer takes his place in the belfry every Sunday, wet or fine, at Stowmarket. This is Mr. C. Souther, who is in his 84th year. He resides two miles from the church, and goes regularly to and from the belfry. On Sunday, December 11th, on the occasion of the dedication of a war memorial chapel, he took part in ringing before and after morning service, and then walked home to dinner, and back again to ring for afternoon service. We raise our hat to the Stowmarket veteran, whose example should be an inspiration to many men 50 or 60 years his junior.

The ringer of the 7th, at Colwall, Herefordshire, on November 19th, should read Edward W. Turner, instead of Ernest W. Turner, as published. It was Mr. Turner's first peal in the method.

The Christmas holidays have always been a favourite time for long peals. Among those rung on Boxing Day have been 15,168 Kent Treble Bob Major, at Elland, in the year 1831; 8,066 Double Norwich, at Leiston in 1885; 9,312 Superlative Surprise, at Crawley in 1895; 9,728 Superlative Surprise (record), at Clent in 1910; and 11,111 Stedman Cinques (record), at St. Martin's, Birmingham, in 1901.

On December 27th, 1904, 17,104 Double Norwich was rung at South Wigston, and 10,106 Double Oxford Bob at Brierley Hill on the same date in 1909. On December 28th, 1820, 6,609 Stedman Cinques, the longest length in the method at that time, was rung on the famous peal in the Bull Ring.

Mr. John Bernard Woolley, elder son of the Vicar of Long Stanton, has been awarded a scholarship for science of the value of £80 at Jesus College, Cambridge.

We extend to all our ringers the best wishes for 'A Happy Christmas.'

BOY'S EXTRAORDINARY PERFORMANCE.

An extraordinary performance has been done by Gordon Turner, an 11-year-old boy, of North Anston, near Sheffield. He cannot ring, but has been visiting the belfry fairly regularly for the last six months. He has proved very observant, and has grasped the idea of composition and the way in which touches are called. On Sunday evening, December 11th, he stood in the belfry and conducted 729 of Anston Surprise Minor, the bells being rung by R. Smith 1, W. Platts 2, H. Stenton 3, H. Turner 4, S. Smith 5, C. Fowler 6. The ringer of the 4th is the father of the boy, who has already surpassed his parent in his knowledge of figures. The lad gives promise of a great future in connection with ringing.

INSTRUCTORS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your leader of December 16th covers a subject that is very much in need of attention by all the associations that there are. None of them pay the attention they ought to do to the novices: as you say, a short course of instruction is nothing to what should be done, and it would do a power of good if all the instructors were gathered together and a good course of instruction given to them on 'how to instruct,' for they sadly need it.

The gift of being able to teach is not granted to many. Many men are good ringers, and can conduct in a lot of methods, but they have not got the ability to impart their knowledge to others, and are never in sympathy with their pupils. I know a number of good ringers who are used by their associations as instructors, who never get their hands to grasp their meaning, however hard they work, because they have not got that one gift which really good schoolmasters possess—the ability to retain the attention of their class and concentrate it on the object in view. If one man with the bump of teaching well developed is sent as instructor to a young band, though he can only ring Plain Bob, that band will make more progress than the band taken in hand by a Surprise ringer who has not got the gift of imparting knowledge, and associations would do well to recognise that fact.—Yours truly,
ONCE A BEGINNER.

BREDENBURY.—On Friday, Nov. 11th, at the Parish Church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor and 360 Bob Minor: A. Tomkins 1, W. Watkins 2, W. Mantell 3, J. Hamer 4, A. Tomkins (conductor) 5, R. Bethell 6. Rung in honour of Remembrance Day.

CHELMSFORD.—At All Saints' Church, Springfield, 360 Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled, in honour of fallen comrades. Afterwards the muffles were removed, and 1,260 Bob Minor was rung by the following local band: J. H. Myhill 1, W. Prail 2, J. Poulton 3, A. E. Davis 4, B. Kemp 5, E. Buckingham (first quarter as conductor) 6. This is the first attempt in this method by the first five ringers.

THE TWELVE-BELL TOWERS OF ENGLAND

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your leader on this subject in your issue of December 9th, you say it is a very gratifying feature to see the steady growth of the number of rings of twelve bells, and you are quite correct; but it would be just as gratifying if you could publish the fact that all those in existence were used as they ought to be. Newcastle-on-Tyne have a twelve-bell company, who are whole-hearted, and use their bells. Yorkshire is in 'proud' possession of no less than five rings of twelve, and in not one of the five is it a pleasure to ring on ten, never mind the twelve. In one of them, the twelve have not been pulled up for years, and a prominent ringer told me that there had not been a new ringer taught in that tower within his memory. In two of the others it would be advisable to take a course of Sandow's developer before trying to ring; in yet another the two trebles are so sweet that it is nicer to leave them alone; in still another when there are twelve there to ring 'em, it is something like this: 'Get hold for Cinques; go, Stedman, bob!!! Stand—let's have another start,' and so on till time is up.

In Lancashire only one of the three 12-bell rings are worth visiting, one lot won't 'go,' and the other lot can't go. West Bromwich want a little delicate attention from the bell doctor. Wolverhampton are awake, and Birmingham—well, if you spend much time in the historic Bull Ring you won't visit many of the 12-bell towers between there and Newcastle, as it is like cold bacon and fried up 'veg.' for breakfast, after a Johnson Dinner. Worcester have got men who ring the twelve bells, but they have a lot to contend with. Cambridge and Oxford are worse off still, and we hear but little from a dozen other twelves. Why is this?

One reason I know only too well, and that is that the person or persons in charge of these towers have not got a twelve horse-power personality. It takes a man with an enormous personality to keep together a band who can ring twelve bells as they should be rung, and to override all the little petty spites and jealousies which crop up in any tower, and on twelve these are, of course, quadrupled. The person who would pull his tower out of the rut and keep his band together and keep them in peal form must have exceptional abilities, and when there is such a one in the vicinity of a 12-bell tower the band should take care that they have his services, and not be held back because the one in charge is apathetic or incapable of being a 12-bell leader.

Let me say, in conclusion, that I heartily endorse the letter by Mr. Baker, re a C. H. Hattersley Memorial Dinner, and would point out that no doubt the very best tribute to the memory of a great composer was to ring someone else's composition as his funeral peal. The late Mr. C. H. Hattersley was a gentleman who would never have countenanced that.—Yours truly,
ONCE A BEGINNER.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Long Ashton on Saturday, December 17th, when about 50 members were present. Ringing on the beautiful peal of eight bells commenced shortly after 2.30, and was continued until 4 p.m., when a short service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar (the Rev. — Varley) officiating, and giving a very interesting address. Tea was partaken of in the Church House, after which the business meeting was held, the Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker) presiding.

The Master moved a vote of deep sympathy with Mrs. and Mr. A. Wilkins in the very great loss they had sustained by the death of Mr. R. J. Wilkins. The late Mr. Wilkins was a very keen ringer, and although living out of the diocese of Bath and Wells, very seldom missed a meeting of the association, if it was within reasonable distance of Bristol.—The motion was carried in silence, the members standing.

A few new members were duly elected.

The Chairman then brought up the matter of affiliation fees, and, referring to the circular letter which had been sent to all Vicars where the ringers were members of the association, said it was hoped that the Church Council would see their way to pay the fee.

The place for the next meeting was fixed for Ditchat, after Easter.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. — Varley for arranging and officiating at the service, and for the use of bells, and to the ladies who arranged the tea, brought the meeting to a close.

Further ringing then took place.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A combined practice was held at Winchester Cathedral, on Wednesday, December 14th, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Cinques were rung.

A meeting for combined practice was held at Romsey on Saturday, December 17th, those present including Mr. G. Williams, Mr. P. Gave (late of Bristol), and members from Southampton, North Stoneham, Bishopstoke, and the local band. The methods practised were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, and a touch of 448 Cambridge Surprise Major.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

PROOF AND EXTENT WITH THE TENORS TOGETHER.

By the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

TABLE I.

1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	+	7522634	1
2	2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7	+		
3	1 2 4 6 3 8 5 7	—	3452788	2
4	2 1 6 4 8 3 7 5	—		
5	2 6 1 4 3 8 5 7	+	6547283	3
6	6 2 4 1 8 3 7 5	+		
7	6 2 1 4 8 7 3 5	+	6843257	4
8	2 6 4 1 7 8 5 3	+		
9	6 2 4 7 1 8 3 5	—	5326874	5
10	2 6 7 4 8 1 5 3	—		
11	2 7 6 4 1 8 3 5	+	5347862	6
12	7 2 4 6 8 1 5 3	+		
13	2 7 6 4 8 6 1 3	—	4326578	7
14	7 2 4 6 5 8 3 1	—		
15	7 4 2 5 6 8 1 3	+	8347652	8
16	4 7 5 2 8 6 3 1	+		
17	7 4 2 5 6 8 3 1	—	4326578	7
18	4 7 5 2 8 6 1 3	—		
19	4 5 7 8 2 6 3 1	+	6347652	8
20	5 4 8 7 6 2 1 3	+		
21	4 5 7 8 6 1 2 3	+	4382576	9
22	5 4 8 7 1 6 3 2	—		
23	5 8 4 7 6 1 2 3	+	8342756	10
24	8 5 7 4 1 6 3 2	+		
25	5 8 7 1 4 6 2 3	—	3628475	11
26	8 5 1 7 6 4 3 2	—		
27	3 5 7 1 6 3 4 2	—	4268375	12
28	5 8 1 7 3 6 2 4	—		
29	5 1 8 7 6 3 4 2	+	5783624	13
30	1 5 7 8 3 6 2 4	+		
31	5 1 7 3 8 2 6 4	+	5234768	14
32	1 5 3 7 2 8 4 6	—		

In the foregoing table is given a lead of Cambridge Surprise Major, the rows of which are numbered in the column to the left of it. On the right the nature of each row, positive or negative, is intimated by the sign plus or minus. Note that the lead as here given is the true scientific lead. In this particular lead rounds occupies the place of the backstroke blow of the treble's whole-pull lead, and the thirty-one rows which follow are obligatory. The row preceding rounds may be one of two, i.e., it may be either 12436587, or 13246587. Similarly, the row following 15372846 may be either 15738264, or 13578264. There is, therefore, a break before rounds, and after 15372846; but the rows beginning with rounds and ending with 15372846 form one unbreakable block, and rounds is not the 'lead-end,' but the 'lead head,' and stands as the characteristic of the 31 rows which follow it. These 32 rows constitute lead I. of the plain course. Similarly 5738264 is the lead head of lead II. Similarly also in any other course (as we are assuming throughout that the tenors are together) the number of the lead may be immediately deduced from the position of the tenors in the lead head. Thus 6547283 is the lead head of lead V. in the course whose course-head is 4625378, or, more briefly, 46253.

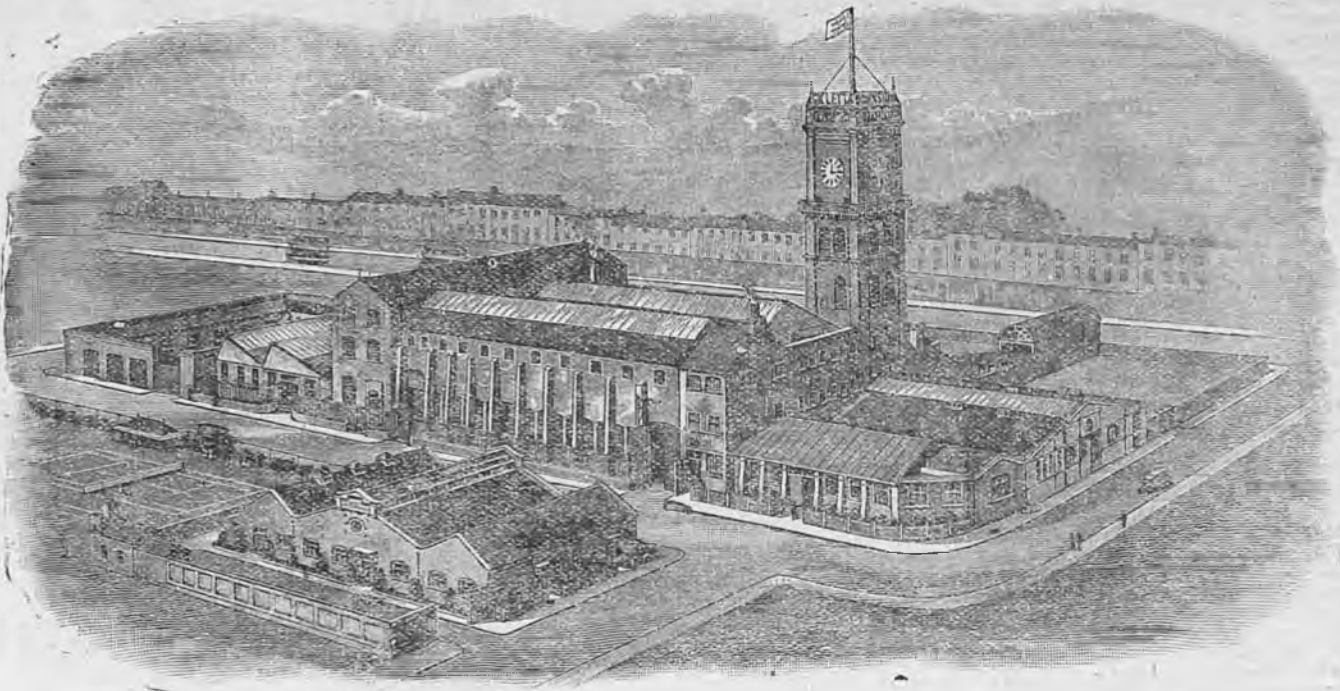
The fourth column in Table I. gives the lead heads which will produce in the other possible position the two rows opposite which they stand. An example will make this clear. Take No. 6—5347862. This stands opposite the two positive rows 27641835 and 72468153 (rows 11, 12), and what it tells us is that these same two rows will be produced in rows 23, 24 (the other two positive rows with the treble in 5—6) in the lead whose head is 5347862. And similarly with all the other 13 lead heads in this column. It will be seen that though 16 are given there are in reality only 14, as Nos. 7 and 8 occur twice. This column is, therefore, the column of 'False Lead-heads.'

In Table II. the top horizontal row of figures with the Roman numerals above them are the lead-heads of the seven leads of the plain course. In column I are given the fourteen false lead-heads, each with its number to the left, taken from Table I. By employing these as operators we can get the fourteen false lead-heads of the other leads of the plain course; or, in fact, of any lead of any course. For instance, take No. 6 (5347862) in column I. If the corresponding false lead-head in, say, lead IV. is wanted, then by applying 5347862 as an operator to 4263857 we get 3265784, which is the false lead-head required. This last is not given in the Table for the reason now to be explained.

We are considering the method only so far as the tenors (7, 8) are kept together, i.e., are kept in the relative paths which they pursue in the plain course. So long as this feature is preserved it is manifest that no lead-head can occur in which the two tenors taken together occupy positions not found in the plain course. Now, in the lead-head just instanced (3265784), the tenor is in 7th's. But in the plain course lead-head, with the tenor in 7th's, the seventh is in 5th's.

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whereas in 3265731 it is in 6th's. This lead-head, therefore, cannot possibly occur, and we need not trouble about it. This being so, only those false lead-heads are given in the Table which have the tenors together, except in column I., in which of necessity all the false lead-heads are given, those with the tenors together (Nos. 3 and 7) being underlined.

TABLE II.

Table with 7 columns (I-VII) and 14 rows of numbers representing lead-heads.

46253-V 32546-V 24765-III 32546-VII 46253-VI 24365-VI 32546-III

Beneath the columns are given the course-heads and the number of the lead in the course in which the false lead will be found. Take, for instance, 6583724 in column III. This is lead VII. from the course-head 3254678.

Since, as stated above, we are considering the method only in so far as the tenors are kept together, it will be found that there are only four points in the course at which bobs can be called. These are: (1) Between leads III. and IV., (2) between IV. and V., (3) between VII. and I., and (4) after lead II. But as this has the effect of cutting out leads III., IV. and V., we shall dispense with it—at least for the present.

Now, as for the present, we are ignoring B (Before), and are considering only bobs M, W and H, it is manifest that the course divides itself into three parts or blocks, that is (1) the first three leads, (2) the fourth lead, and (3) the last three leads.

We are now in a position to assemble and put in order the false course-heads at the foot of Table II. A moment's inspection will show that though these, as they there stand, are fourteen in number, they are capable of considerable compression.

We can now proceed on a voyage of discovery with the object of finding how many of the sixty courses can be selected as true with each other, and of setting against them the courses with which they are false.

We are much helped at the outset of our search by the three false course-heads ending in 65. When these are fully worked out against the three in the first column ending in 56, it is found that each of the 85's is false against each and every 56, so that we at once get the fundamental principle that courses with the bells reversed in 5-6 are false to each other, and that, therefore, having had any two bells in 5-6, we cannot have them reversed in those places.

Accordingly we write down three course-heads ending with 56, and twelve more in similar sets of three with the bells in 5-6 in a regular rota. The meaning of the rota may be seen by running the eye down the bells in 6th's, which will be found in the order 6, 5, 3, 2, 4, those in 5th's showing the same rota beginning with 5.

Note here that we have as yet nothing to do with the ten courses, and all their belongings below the transverse line. That portion of the Table is for the present to be taken as blank. We shall come to it presently.

TABLE III.

Table with 7 columns and 24 rows of numbers representing lead-heads.

(To be Continued.)

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. WESTERN DIVISION MEETING.

A successful quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Arundel, on Saturday, December 17th, the following towers being represented: Angmering, Arundel, Amberley, Brighton, Keene, Billingshurst, Kirdford, Pulborough, and Shoreham.

A short service was held, and an address by the Rev. C. Winn (Rector of Arundel). Afterwards the company adjourned to Owen's Restaurant, where 27 sat down to an excellent tea.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. C. Winn presided. No new members were elected. Goring was selected for the next quarterly meeting, in March.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for presiding, and for the use of the bells; also to Mr. Caldwell for making the arrangements for the meeting. These gentlemen suitably responded.

It was announced by Mr. Burdfield that the Vicar of Billingshurst (the Rev. R. O. Johns) invited members of the association to the opening of the bells on Saturday, December 31st. Tea will be provided. Members accepting the invitation are requested to advise Mr. Burdfield, High Street, Billingshurst, by Wednesday, Dec. 28th.

After the meeting, the company again visited the belfry, and the bells were kept going in various methods until 8.30, when the bells were lowered in peal.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO BELFRY LEADER.

On Saturday, December 3rd, the annual meeting of the above association was held, and the ringers of the Stoke Parish Church (N. Staffordshire) took the opportunity of unveiling a fine peal board, which had been erected in the belfry, commemorating the ringing of 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major on July 16th, 1921—the first peal rung in this method on the bells. It was conducted by Mr. C. H. Page, one of the local ringers. The tablet was unveiled by Mrs. G. J. P. Fleet, wife of one of the churchwardens.

Later in the meeting another pleasing incident took place, a presentation, consisting of a gold watch chain and bell pendant, being made to Mr. S. Churton, who had been leader of the ringers for 21 years.

The Rector (the Rev. H. V. Stuart) made the presentation, and remarked that he was pleased to see such good feeling existing among the ringers.—In acknowledging the gifts, Mr. Churton said a great surprise had been sprung on him, and he greatly appreciated the handsome present and the kind feelings which his brother ringers had for him.

Mr. Churton is well known in the North Staffordshire ringing circles, and has rung between 30 and 40 peals in various methods. He took over the leadership at Stoke from Mr. H. Page, who resigned in June, 1900, but Mr. Churton has been connected with the belfry for about 37 years, and, as the presentation indicates, is much respected by his brother ringers.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, on December 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 45 mins., for morning service: W. H. Stevens 1, W. H. Wood 2, H. Folkard 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackrill 5, H. Belcher 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, H. F. Rivers (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Belcher.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, December 18th, at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 1,260 Stedman Caters: E. H. Lewis 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, C. W. Roberts 3, R. Congreve-Pridgeon 4, G. W. Frayne 5, A. B. Bennett 6, P. L. Miles 7, A. V. Selby 8, H. G. Miles 9, A. F. M. Tuke 10.

COLCHESTER.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, December 18th, for evensong, 840 Grandsire Triples: H. T. Pyc 1, W. J. Schofield 2, W. Button 3, R. W. Stannard (conductor) 4, H. Evers 5, S. Hull 6, W. Chalk 7, C. Lloyd 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, for Sunday evening service, on December 18th, 1,260 Bob Royal: J. W. Driver (conductor) 1, *W. H. Wood 2, *W. H. Hollier 3, *A. Cutmore 4, *W. E. Judd 5, *F. Skevington 6, *G. C. Iles 7, G. Spencer 8, *A. Harding 9, H. Belcher 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Belcher. * First quarter in the method.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, December 8th, at St. Leonard's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: J. Hollows 1, J. Jacques 2, F. Berry 3, T. K. Driver 4, S. Holt 5, T. A. Ogdan 6, R. F. Deal (conductor) 7, D. Renshaw 8. This quarter-peal, composed by H. Franks, of London, contains the 24 7-4's, each one occurring at a call.

RICKMANSWORTH.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Crowsley 1, C. Lord 2, G. Foster 3, J. A. Jones 4, A. Sheldrick 5, E. Hookham 6, J. E. Jones (conductor) 7, J. Good 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Triples rung by a local band for over a century, and the first by all the band except the conductor.

CIRENCESTER.—At Holy Trinity, Watermoot, on Sunday, Dec. 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. J. Lewis (conductor) 1, W. G. Cook 2, J. Butler 3, W. C. Cuss 4, S. R. Hicks 5, H. C. Bond 6, V. R. Williams 7, J. Hayward 8.

BOW, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Parish Church, on Sunday evening, December 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: A. Scambler 1, W. Tanner 2, R. Turner 3, E. Smith 4, J. Scholes 5, W. A. Alps (composer and conductor) 6, R. Sanders 7, T. Baker 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—For evening service, on Sunday, Dec. 4th, 514 Stedman Cinques: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, H. Butler 2, J. H. R. Freeborn (Kidlington, Oxon) 3, E. R. Coles 4, G. White 5, J. W. Wilkins 6, A. J. Hoing 7, G. Twitchen 8, F. Boxall 9, P.-Sergt. C. A. Smith 10. J. Gransbury 11, S. T. Goodchild 12.

WRITTLE.—On Sunday, December 4th, for evening service, 672 Stedman Triples: T. Lincoln 1, G. W. Sorrell 2, H. W. Kirton 3, F. G. Radley 4, H. Head 5, A. Head 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, T. B. Fairhead 8. Rung as a farewell touch to H. W. Kirton, who has left for Birkenhead.

PERRY BARR, STAFFS.—At St. John's Church, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: A. Dixon (first quarter-peal) 1, G. T. Mitchison 2, Wm. Cooper 3, R. C. Ingram 4, F. W. Richworth (first as conductor) 5, M. Watts Read 6, E. Weston 7, H. Cook 8. All are members of the Sunday Service band.

SKIRBECK, BOSTON.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Eastern Branch).—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, Dec. 4th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: W. E. Clarke 1, F. Staffurth 2, F. Darby 3, Arthur H. Palmer 4, Harry Palmer 5, T. Groombridge, junr. (conductor) 6.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 4th, 840 Grandsire Triples, in 30 mins., composed by John Carter: A. Hickman 1, W. Weatherby 2, T. Tudor 3, W. Lycett 4, J. Clark 5, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 6, H. Tyler 7, G. Hall 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Dec. 4th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Cutmore 1, F. Skevington 2, W. E. Judd 3, W. H. Wood 4, A. Harding 5, H. Belcher 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer 8. Composed by W. A. Cave, and published on the Sunday Service page of 'The Ringing World.' Rung on the 118th anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Triples. Rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington.

STONY STRATFORD.—On Sunday, Dec. 4th, at St. Giles', for the christening of the infant son of the late Mr. Cecil Valentine, 1,260 Minor (consisting of 720 York Surprise, 240 each of Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, and 60 Double Court: A. Clarke 1, H. C. Edwards 2, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, W. W. Bonham 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, E. Yates 6.

NEATH, SOUTH WALES.—West Wales Association.—For morning service, at St. Thomas' Church, on Nov. 27th, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), in 38 mins., being 560 Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob, and 420 Grandsire: A. F. Hatton 1, J. Hammond (conductor) 2, H. Boyse 3, R. Ellis 4, C. Hatton 5, A. Hatton 6.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Nov. 27th, 1,008 Bob Major, in 56 mins.: F. Watkinson (conductor) 1, Eva Hopkins 2, Maud Gough 3, Wm. Taylor 4, Wm. Godden 5, F. Cardwell 6, Hy. Wilson 7, Jos. Garth 8. With the exception of the treble ringer, the whole of the band have learnt ringing since the bells were erected as a war memorial in December, 1920, and this is the longest length they have rung.

MARKET DEEPING, Lincs.—On Sunday, November 27th, for morning service, 360 of Double Bob Minor: T. Henson 1, H. M. Day (conductor) 2, A. Riggall 3, H. Holmes 4, W. A. Day 5, G. Wells 6.—For evening service, 720 of Bob Minor: F. Simpson (first 720) 1, A. Riggall 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, J. Landon 4, W. A. Day 5, G. Wells 6.

LONDON.—London County Association. — On Sunday, November 27th, at St. John-the-Divine's, Kennington, S.E., for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. J. King 1, T. W. Taffender, junr., 2, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 3, J. R. Gammon 4, G. A. Card 5, J. Attwater 6, R. G. Chapple 7, W. Rushton 8.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, November 26th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. Bailey 1, A. J. Naunton 2, E. Bailey 3, A. J. L. Naunton 4, G. Lee 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, December 4th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Bailey 1, A. J. L. Naunton 2, E. Bailey 3, F. Wade 4, G. Lee 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob. For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: E. Bailey 1, A. J. Naunton 2, E. Bailey 3, A. J. L. Naunton 4, G. Lee 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6. Mr. A. J. Naunton is in his 78th year.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Chad's Cathedral, on Sunday, Nov. 20th, 1,008 Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins.: T. Furick 1, T. Ducker 2, J. Porter 3, T. Kelly 4, C. Mackenzie 5, E. Mullins 6, T. Miller (conductor) 7, T. Miller, junr., 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Mullins, who attained the age of 40 on the 18th November.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1,260 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

23456	1	2	3	4
42356	—	—	—	—
64253	—	—	S	—
26453	—	—	—	—
52654	—	—	S	—
43256	—	—	S	—
24356	—	—	—	—
32456	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	S	—
43265	S	—	S	—
24365	—	—	—	—
32465	—	—	—	—
23465	—	—	—	—
42365	—	—	—	—
32546	—	—	—	—

F. DENCH.

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24653	2	—	—	—
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THE BELLS OF ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER.

RE-DEDICATION OF THE RECAST RING.
A £100 ROADSIDE COLLECTION.

Saturday and Sunday, December 10th and 11th inst., were memorable days in the history of Leicester, for on the former, the newly recast bells of St. Margaret's returned from Messrs. Taylor's foundry, and were paraded round the city, accompanied by St. Margaret's ringers, with handbells, and the Ivanhoe Prize Band. A collection en route amounted to nearly £100, and on returning to the church, the bells were unloaded and placed under the tower in readiness for the re-dedication on the following morning by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

On Saturday evening, the ringers were entertained to tea by the Vicar, and a representative from each of the other local towers, while Mr. Denison Taylor and Miss Taylor, of the bell foundry, were also present. After tea a very pleasant evening was spent with music, handbell ringing, etc., which was very much appreciated and enjoyed by all present.

On Sunday morning, in the presence of a large congregation, which included the High Sheriff of the county (Mr. J. E. Faire, J.P.), the Mayor (Councillor Heath), and members of the Corporation and Board of Guardians, the Bishop dedicated the new ten bells, and gave a most interesting address, speaking from the words, 'O come, let us sing unto the Lord, let us ring out our joy unto the God of our salvation—a translation of Psalm xcvi. 1. He spoke entirely on bells, their history, peculiar uses, change ringing, and foundries, and rightly said that St. Margaret's would have a peal of bells which would compare favourably with any in the country, and would be the proud possessor of the first peal of twelve in the Peterborough Diocese.

The offertory on behalf of the bell fund amounted to £174, and in the afternoon the children came forward splendidly with a collection of over £10.

The services were continued in the evening, when the late Vicar (the Very Rev. Provost Lethbridge, of St. Mary's, Glasgow) preached a powerful sermon. The collection at this service amounted to £27, and the Vicar announced that a gentleman whose name was withheld, but who had already given £105 to the fund, had been so touched by the splendid service, that he would provide the cost of the two new trebles.

Thus in two days, by a united effort, a sum of £500 was raised, and it now requires but £250 to clear the whole debt and St. Margaret's people are hoping that ere the bells ring out their first peal on Christmas morning, they will go so free from all charges. Mr. Ernest Morris again earnestly appeals to all ringers who can to help in this great scheme. Mr. Morris's address is 24, Coventry Street.

The old tenor weighed under 30 cwt., but the new bell is 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. net. The old marks and inscriptions have been faithfully reproduced, with the addition of the founder's mark, and 'recast 1921' on the waists, and on the tenor:—

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in memory of
W. Quinton Lander,
Corporal, 4th Leicesters,
who fell
at the Hohenzollern Redoubt,
October 13th, 1915.

The two new trebles will simply bear the date and founder's mark. St. Margaret's, Leicester, will thus be the first church to possess a peal of twelve in the Peterborough Diocese, and they will also be the heaviest in the county.

DEATH OF MR. JACK COOKE, BEDFORD.

It is with great regret that we announce the death of Mr. P. J. Cooke, better known as 'Jack' Cooke, of the St. Peter's company, Bedford, who passed away on Friday, December 9th, after a long and painful illness.

The deceased was only 34 years of age, and for many years was a member of the St. Peter's company. There is no record of his peals, but he was in the first peal of Surprise Minor rung in the county, and by the Association.

The remains were laid to rest on Monday in the Bedford Cemetery. After the funeral at St. Peter's Church, a 720 Cambridge Surprise was rung with the bells half-muffled: T. Harpin 1, Miss D. Steel 2, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 3, Miss E. Steel 4, C. A. Robinson 5, H. L. Harlow 6; and a 720 London Surprise: T. Harpin 1, Miss D. Steel 2, C. W. Clarke 3, Miss E. Steel 4, H. L. Harlow 5, W. Stapleton (conductor) 6.

Several wreaths, including one from the St. Peter's and St. Paul's ringers, as a token of respect and deepest sympathy, were laid on the grave. The ringers were represented at the graveside by Mr. H. L. Harlow, the district secretary.

NOTICES.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays, at 7.30 p.m. Sundays, at 10 a.m. St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not made twenty attendances in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meeting for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 27th, at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Woolos, Newport, Mon., on Dec. 26th. Bells (10) available after 12 o'clock. Service at 3.45, to be followed by tea and meeting in Water's Lane Mission Room. All Saints' bells (8) available during the day.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Sunderland on Tuesday, Dec. 27th, the three towers being available for ringing. Ringing begins at 1.30 at Bishopwearmouth, to which church ringers will proceed on arrival, and where bands will be arranged for the other towers. All ringers welcome. Tea 1/6 to those who write by Dec. 24th.—Joseph W. Parker, 5, Amberley Street, Sunderland.

LEICESTER, ST. MARGARET'S.—The new peal of 12 will be available for visiting ringers on Tuesday, Dec. 27th. Ringing from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Tea (2/- each) at 5 p.m. Afterwards a social evening will be held in the Schools. All ringers welcome.—A. Cattell, Hon. Sec., 67, Hinckley Road, Leicester.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting at Carisbrooke (8), Tuesday, Dec. 27th. Bells available 2.30. Also St. Thomas', Newport. Service 4 p.m. Tea free to branch members. Visitors, 1s. 6d.—W. Upton, District Hon. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W., who will be glad to know by the 26th how many require tea.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Wivenhoe on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Service at 4.30, followed by tea (provided by local friends). Election of officers for ensuing year, etc. A record attendance is requested. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by January 4th to enable necessary arrangements to be made?—H. T. Pye, District Sec., 49, Wickham Road, Colchester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Annual meeting at Devizes, Jan. 7th, at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Bells available in three towers (8, 6 and 6). The Devizes Branch will unveil the Memorial Tablet erected to commemorate the muffled peal rung in honour of the fallen ringers of the diocese, and all are

welcome.—H. F. Brown, Hon. Sec., 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The branch committee will meet at the Church Room, Bray, near Maidenhead, on Saturday, Jan. 7th, at 4 o'clock. Each tower in union should be represented, and subscriptions owing for 1921 forwarded without delay. Tower bells available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. each will be provided for those who order it three days previously.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Stafford on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. J. H. Kempson, M.A., Vicar of Penkridge. Tea (1s.) at 6 o'clock. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, January 3rd.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Ipswich Branch.—A General meeting will be held at Halesworth on Saturday, Jan. 7th. By kind permission of the Rev. H. C. Newbery, M.A., the bells of the Parish Church will be available from 2 to 7 p.m. Business meeting immediately following tea, which will be served at the Swan Hotel at 4 o'clock, price 1s. 6d. each. In accordance with the revised rules, adopted at the annual general meeting held at Norwich in October, the election of officers will take place at this meeting, and it is hoped there will be a good attendance. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Jan. 2nd.—E. Evans, Hon. Branch Sec., 21, Springfield Lane, Ipswich.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A special meeting will be held at Kettering on Saturday, Jan. 7th. The two new trebles by Gillett & Johnston, recently added to the peal of eight, will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea will be provided at 5 to those who notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 4th.—R. T. Turner, District Sec., 7, Gordon Street, Kettering.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting of the Swindon Branch will be held at the Parish Church, Swindon, on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. and during the evening. Tea at the King's Arms Hotel at 4.45, 1/6, to those who send in their names not later than Jan. 4th.—R. W. Hyner, Hon. Sec., 42, Brunswick Street, Swindon, Wilts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. A short service at 5 o'clock. Tea, provided by the Vicar, at 5.45, at the Vicarage. All those intending to be present must let me know not later than Tuesday, Jan. 9th, or tea will not be provided for them. Please note this.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, second Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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GREETINGS.

The President of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild desires to send greetings to his many ringing friends at this festive season. May they all enjoy a very happy Christmas and a brighter outlook in their lives for the year that is coming.—'The Summit,' Stevenage, Herts.

I beg to convey, through 'The Ringing World,' kind regards and best wishes to all ringing friends.—J. Hunt, New Road, Bishop's Hull, Taunton.

A merry Christmas and a happy new year to all members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, and all ringing friends, is the sincere wish of W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec. S. & W. District.

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CRANLEIGH RINGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

The Cranleigh band and the Winchester Diocesan Guild have lost one of their oldest members, in the person of Mr. William Streeter, who, at the age of 62 years, fell dead in his bedroom on Saturday, December 3rd. The deceased had been a regular service ringer at Cranleigh for 46 years. He was of a particularly jovial disposition, and a general favourite with his fellow-ringers and workmates.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, December 7th, the Rev. P. Cunningham (Rector) officiating at the church service and at the cemetery. At the end of the service he added a few kindly words of appreciation and consolation, which had their effect on all assembled at the graveside.

The bells were rung half-muffled for both services on Sunday, and, although owing to the fact that the 5th bell is cracked and away from the tower for recasting, and it was not convenient or desirable to do much ringing under such conditions, a 360 of Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled immediately after the funeral by the following: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, H. Tidy 2, J. Goacher 3, H. Charman 4, A. Charman 5, R. Whittington 6. Mr. Goacher kindly stood in to make up the band. He is a member of the Clendon band, and a nephew of the deceased.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—For evensong, on Dec. 11th, at All Saints' Church, in 1 hr. 2 mins., a quarter-peal (1,306) Steelman Cinques: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, R. Coles 2, J. Gransbury 3, E. R. Coles 4, J. W. Wilkins 5, F. K. Biggs 6, G. White 7, G. Twitchen 8, F. Boxall 9, P. S. C. A. Smith 10, S. T. Goodchild 11, H. C. Ingram 12. First quarter of Cinques by P. S. C. A. Smith, and first quarter of Cinques by the local band since the return of the service men. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**MANCHESTER BRANCH.**

The monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at the Town Hall, on Saturday, December 17th, and was well attended, between 50 and 60 ringers being present. The ringing commenced soon after three o'clock, and was kept up in various methods till 7 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal owing to there being an organ recital in the large hall.

The business meeting was presided over by Councillor A. Trippier, of Eccles, who asked the members present to stand in silence a minute as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Richard Massey, of the Cathedral band, who died suddenly in the tower under circumstances already reported.

The Chairman called attention to the small number of peals being rung, and thought it showed a lack of interest in change ringing. He asked the members to try and bring it back again to the usual standard, and get younger persons to take to the ringing art. He also made a strong appeal for support of 'The Ringing World,' saying it was still not supported as it ought to be, as it was the only paper the ringers had, and it would be a misfortune if it were allowed to die out through lack of interest.

Two new members were elected, viz., Miss A. Brierley, of Miles Platting, and Mr. E. Jenkins, of Warrington, late of Suffolk. The members were treated to some good handbell ringing from Triples to Cinques in Grandsire and Stedman, by Messrs. A. Bailey, J. W. Washbrook, senr., J. W. Washbrook, F. Page, H. Chapman, A. Ridyard and E. Jenkins.

The Branch Secretary would like to receive subscriptions from the members at the next meeting, which is to be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 14th.

Votes of thanks to the town hall officials, the local ringers, and the chairman, closed an excellent meeting.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Dec. 11th, for evening service, at St. Barnabas Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. White 1, F. Dedman 2, W. Jeffs 3, J. Sear 4, A. Vickers 5, W. Dedman (conductor) 6, F. Vickers 7, A. E. Seddon 8. Rung to welcome the Rev. T. H. Liddiard, formerly curate at Linslade, who was preaching at St. Barnabas.

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THE CLOSING YEAR.

At the end of a year it is customary to review the preceding twelve months, and in a stocktaking of 1921, there is not a little that should give cause for gratification to ringers. The recovery of the Exercise, remarked upon a year ago, has, for the most part, gone steadily on, and while nothing of unusual interest stands out to make 1921 exceptional, there has, we think, been an all-round progress, which is one of the best guarantees for the future. We do not know how the peal records will compare with the preceding twelve months when the figures have been completed, but a superficial survey points to an improved standard in the methods rung. Surprise peals would appear to be practised in an increasing number of centres, and this is the best indication of a rising quality in ringing generally. It is good to notice this feature of progress, which is far more satisfactory than a growth in the number of Surprise peals by just one or two individual bands.

As we have so often remarked, however, peal ringing is not the chief object for which ringers carry on their work. The first duty is to the Church, and we believe that the past year has seen a steady improvement, not only in the regularity of service ringing generally, but in the quality of the ringing. This steady application to the principal task before the Exercise has had its reflection, too, in the peal ringing, and it has been gratifying to read, with increasing frequency, of peals rung by Sunday service bands. If ringers would realise to a greater extent than they do that the promotion of this phase of their work is the surest road to success as a band, and, consequently, to their aspirations in peal ringing, even more rapid results might be attained.

If there is satisfaction in the general review of ringing it must be said that, individually, the associations have had a good year. There have, of course, been difficulties in some quarters; but they are not always a cause for regret, because triumph over difficulties leads, in the majority of cases, to a stronger position in the end. For ourselves, we had to face our own testing-point in the early months, and we were, happily, justified in the bold line that we took. We shouldered the risk, and our readers stood by us, although the response from new subscribers was not wholly what we had hoped for, and we trust our friends will not imagine that there is reason to relax their efforts in aiding us to extend the circulation. The bad old practice still exists in many places of taking one copy for a tower. If only every ringer affiliated to an association could be induced to take an individual copy, the sale would be increased more than three-fold, and this would enable us to provide a paper of a very different style. However, we

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Composed by the late C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. THORPE.

The above peal was rung on the 100th anniversary of the first peal ever rung on the present ring of 10 at Rotherham. It was also a birthday compliment to the conductor. First peal as conductor on 10 bells and first attempt. * First peal on 10 bells and first attempt.

WALTHAMSTOW, N.E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 24, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HEGH T. SCARLETT Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 2	GEORGE B. LUCAS 7
*HAROLD A. EDWARDS 3	FREDERICK C. MAYNARD... .. 8
ROBERT MAYNARD, SENR. 4	WILLIAM PYE 9
CHARLES T. COLES 5	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal on ten bells. Quickest peal on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EARLSHEATON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

STANHOPE RIGG Treble	HERBERT DRANSFIELD 5
J. W. BAKENDALE 2	G. H. HARDY 6
H. WARD 3	J. W. CORDINGLEY 7
HENNINGWAY DRANSFIELD 4	PRATT CORDINGLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. H. HARDY.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5083 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALAN R. MACDONALD... .. Treble	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 5
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 2	CHARLES HAZELDEN 6
ALFRED WOODROW 3	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 7
WILLIAM A. WOODROW 4	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by WM. SHEPHERD.

HARPENDEN, HERTS
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,
On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THORSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.	
BEN JARMAN Treble	FREDERICK HUNT 5
*ARTHUR DAY 2	ALFRED KING 6
THOMAS BLACKBOURN ... 3	L. A. GOODENOUGH 7
THOMAS KENDALL 4	*DAVID DELLAR Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal in the method. The ringers of the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th hail from Luton, the rest are members of the local band.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	FREDERICK POULSON 5
MISS VIOLET SHORTER ... 2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON... 6
FREDERICK LEEKS 3	WM. R. J. POULSON 7
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 4	REGINALD LATHBURY ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

The composition is in the Ely Diocesan Report, 1913, No. 432. Miss Shorter is the first lady to ring a peal on tower bells in West Suffolk; also for the Suffolk Diocesan Association on tower bells. Miss Shorter, Mr. Hooton and Mr. Lathbury were elected members before starting for the peal.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.	
*WILLIAM BUTLER Treble	JOHN C. NEWMAN 5
†HENRY J. LANGSTON... .. 2	FRANK CLAYDON 6
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 3	CHARLES ROGERS 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4	*ERNEST BRIGHT... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Canon P. Barnes, who was only inducted Nov. 5th, and was interred in St. Martin's Cemetery on Dec. 17th.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.	
WILLIAM JONES Treble	THOMAS METCALFE 5
JOHN G. HALL 2	WILLIAM A. BRECKON ... 6
SYDNEY TUNNELL 3	*WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... 7
JOHN C. POLLARD 4	THOMAS LANCASTER... .. Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by THOMAS LANCASTER.

* First peal in the method and first peal on an inside bell. This peal was rung to commemorate the induction of the Rev. Canon Lawson, M.A., Rural Dean of Cleveland, as Vicar of the Parish; also as a birthday compliment to J. W. Passman, one of the ringers.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 24, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.	
*HARRY LEWIS Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	ARTHUR NEWELL 6
FRANK FOX 3	†SAMUEL JONES, JUNR. ... 7
†JOHN HAYES 4	GEORGE R. JONES Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by G. R. JONES.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in method.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Christmas Eve, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 'GRANTA' TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5136 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
FRED CHAMBERS... .. Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 5
TOM STANCLIFFE... .. 2	JOHN SANDERSON... .. 6
TOM CHAMBERS 3	JOHN WATSON 7
ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN ... 4	ARTHUR TOMLINSON Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERS.

First peal in the method by all. First peal as conductor and first attempt.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY)

On Monday, Dec. 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, WELLS STREET, W.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.	
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... Treble	*HARRY H. MANCE 5
HARRY DYAS 2	ERNEST A. REEVE 6
WILLIAM H. WOOD 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
RALPH MACKRILL 4	HARRY MANCE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. MANCE.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a compliment to ringer of second on the nineteenth anniversary of his wedding.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BREDONS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent, and 720 each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*ROBERT HARRIS... .. Treble	WILLIAM RICKETTS 4
*WILLIAM CROOK 2	JOHN HALL 5
JAMES HEMMING 3	OLIVER ATTWOOD... .. Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER ATTWOOD.

* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. F. C. and Mrs. Champion, who were leaving Bredon for Lower Slaughter, on the North Cotswold Hills.

BLAXHALL.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

H. GEORGE SMITH Treble	JAMES SMY 4
WILLIAM SMITH 2	ARTHUR SMITH 5
ALDERMAN LING, SEN. ... 3	ALDERMAN LING, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by ALDERMAN LING, JUN.

First peal by all except the ringers of 2 and 3. First peal as conductor and second attempt.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 18 cwt. approx.

*EDWIN W. PANNETT ... Treble	EDWIN J. PANNETT 3
JOHN CROWDER... .. 2	ALBERT BRADLEY 4
ERNEST B. CROWDER 5	

Conducted by ERNEST B. CROWDER.

* First peal, and elected a member in the tower. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

The report of a peal rung at Eckington has been sent without the number of changes.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Dec. 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	1-2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON	5-6
JOHN B. WOOLLEY	3-4	MISS V. SHORTER	7-8

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, Dec. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor Size 17 in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM	1-2	ALBERT WALKER	7-8
FRANK W. PERRENS	3-4	ALBERT E. NORMAN	9-10
GEORGE F. SWANN	5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS	11-12

Composed and Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Referee: JAMES E. GROVES.

A birthday compliment to G. F. Swann.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Fylde Branch was held at the two six-bell towers of Lytham (St. John's and St. Peter's, E.C.). Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m., at St. Peter's, in Plain and Treble Bob, after which the members adjourned to St. John's, where the business meeting was held.

Nine new members were proposed, eight from Bispham and one from St. John's, Blackpool.

The monthly peal was postponed a day, viz., until Tuesday, Dec. 27th, owing to family re-unions, etc.

The next meeting will be at St. Anne's-on-Sea (eight bells, tenor 18 @wt.).

A few touches of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob brought the meeting to a close.

It was the best attended meeting for a year or two, though still leaving great room for improvement in numbers. The enthusiasm, however, was all that could be desired. All ringers desiring the use of Bispham bells should address their letters to Mr. C. Sharples, 32, Ormond Avenue, Blackpool.

BOLTON BRANCH.

One of the best attended meetings of the year, of the Bolton Branch, was held on Saturday week at Walkden, when members met from Bolton Parish, Holy Trinity, Deane, Newchurch, Tyldesley, and the local churches, with visitors from Eccles, Worsley, Pendleton, Crewe, and Bury. A special feature in the ringing was the good striking, and touches in the following methods were brought round, viz.: Grand sire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Major.

At the business meeting it was decided to hold the December meeting at Farnworth. A discussion arose on the appointment of a Ringing Master for each meeting for the purpose of looking after the interests of the younger aspirants who come to meetings, and, being too shy to ask for any particular method, sometimes go away without a pull. The later was left, for the time being, in the secretary's hands.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ringers for their assistance, brought a very useful and successful meeting to a close.

MUFFLED RINGING AT BISHOPSGATE.

It was with profound regret the ringers of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, learned of the death of Mr. E. Harvey Cook, who for many years was clerk to the vestry, and also clerk to the Bishopsgate Foundation, in which he took a keen interest. The funeral took place on Monday, December 5th, and in the evening the bells of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, were rung deeply muffled, as a last tribute of respect to his memory. The ringers who attended were Messrs. T. Walker, A. S. Pettitt, R. Sanders, C. S. Burden, W. Turner, E. G. Fenn, H. Langdon, R. F. Forward, W. C. Dowding, E. E. Holman, W. Rushton, and W. A. Alps, who conducted the ringing, which consisted of Stedman and Grand sire Triples. — Mr. Churchwarden Walker thanked the ringers for thus showing their appreciation of the good work carried out by Mr. E. Harvey Cook.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Stoney Stratford on Saturday, December 3rd, when a fairly representative gathering, numbering about 25, attended from the following towers: Bletchley, Beachampton, Calvertou, Fenny Stratford, Shenley, and the local ringers. A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Last), the address being given by the President of the Branch (the Rev. J. R. Vincent, of Shenley).

After service, tea was provided in the Parish Room, thanks to the splendid arrangements made by the Vicar. The meeting had a very pleasant surprise, by the presence of the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), who attended both the service and tea, and also took part in the ringing before service; but owing to the long distance he had to travel, and to the restricted train service, he had to leave after tea, when the members adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

The Master brought with him for inspection the Oxford Guild 'Roll of Honour Book,' containing full details of members who had served, etc.

The usual vote of thanks was proposed by the secretary to the Rev. Last, and to the ladies who had so kindly arranged for the meeting and catering, etc., and this was suitably responded to by the Vicar.

The Master having passed a few kindly remarks with reference to the work of the branch and ringing generally, a very pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London Minor.

LEYTONSTONE DELIGHT.

St. John the Baptist Society, Leytonstone, having rung 720 of the Third's Place Delight, No. 35, on page 29 of 'Legitimate Methods,' at St. John's, Leytonstone, on Monday, 19th December, 1921, have claimed for it the name of Leytonstone Delight. It was rung by: P. H. Avey 1, G. L. Joyce 2, A. Prior 3, E. D. Smith 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, J. Moule 6.

RINGERS' DINNER AT HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

The St. Mary's Guild held their first annual supper on Saturday, December 17th, on the anniversary of the opening of the peal of eight at Handsworth. The ringers first rang a few touches of Bob Major, after which an adjournment was made to the Church School-room, where a hot dinner awaited them. Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Turner, of the Old Crown Inn, for the catering.

After dinner various toasts were honoured.

The President (the Rev. W. A. Baker) made a presentation, on behalf of the Guild, to Mr. Fred Watkinson for the valuable services he has rendered to the ringers. Speaking of the progress of the ringers, he said seven members had rung in a touch of 1,008 Bob Major, and three members in a 672 (their longest touches), which spoke for itself, as not one member understood anything of change ringing twelve months ago.

Mr. Watkinson, after accepting the present, which was a complete surprise, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to teach the Guild, and remarked that the enthusiasm of all the members amply repaid him for his efforts. He urged them to work together in unity, and endeavour to give their best to the glory of God and the service of the church. Their progress would then never be in doubt and peals would quickly follow; but these should always take second place in a ringer's ambition.

The rest of the evening was spent in handbell ringing, songs, monologues, and games.

REMEMBRANCE DAY.

BURTON LATIMER.—Central Northants Association.—On Remembrance Day, November 11th, with the clappers half-muffled, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: J. Pettitt 1, H. Meadows 2, J. Saddington 3, H. Saddington 4, M. Norton 5, B. J. Saddington 6, G. Lines (conductor) 7, H. M. Saddington (longest length) 8. First quarter-peal on the octave by an entirely local band.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT. — On Friday, Nov. 11th, with the bells half-muffled, an attempt for a peal of Minor came to grief, after 1½ hours, during which 720 Double Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob were rung, the shift occurring at the end of Cambridge Surprise: F. A. Mitchell 1, Miss E. M. Goodship 2, H. Argent 3, A. R. Copelin 4, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 5, G. Morra 6. First attempt for a peal by F. A. Mitchell, he not having previously rung a 720 on the treble. He was congratulated on his ringing.

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's Church, on Remembrance Day, with the bells half-muffled, 600 Grandsire Doubles: C. Willis 1, J. T. Williams 2, Rev. D. A. Jones 3, W. Dobbins 4, Wal. Dobbins 5, W. Webb 6, J. Williams (conductor) 7, Harold Warrie 8, with 1, 2, 8 covering. On the following Sunday, 480 Grandsire Doubles, by: C. Willis 1, A. Macmillan (longest touch on inside bell) 2, Wal. Dobbins 3, W. Dobbins 4, J. Williams (conductor) 5, W. Webb 6.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, at Dorchester, on December 15th, was marked by a pleasing presentation to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. H. Jennings, of Wyke Regis, in recognition of the valuable work he has done for many years. Ringing was done at St. Peter's and Fordington Churches during the afternoon, and service was held at the former, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. C. Niven), assisted by the Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary of the Winnborne Branch).

The Rector gave an address, dealing with the history of bells, and we take the following extract from the 'Dorset County Chronicle': In the Dorchester deanery, said the Rector, there were only three churches which had mediæval bells, namely, Fordington St. George, Came, and Monkton. At the Reformation certain things were ordered to be destroyed, but in this category bells seemed to have been forgotten. Even bells which had inscriptions on them about the Romish Church or the Virgin Mary were left untouched. In the time of Queen Elizabeth there was a man named John Wallis, of Salisbury, who cast many bells for churches in Dorset and Wilts, which were doing first-class work now, although many of them had been recast. Wallis was a man of few words, but of great taste in his inscriptions on the bells. For instance, at West Stafford two are inscribed 'God is faithful' and 'Serve ye the Lord'; one at West Knighton bears the inscription 'Praise the Lord'; two at Whitcombe, 'Hope well' and 'Love God.' In a list of bells made in the year 1350 there were five at Dorchester St. Peter's—four great bells and a lych bell, which afterwards came to be called the passing bell. In 1734 those bells were recast, and that was why there were no mediæval bells there now. The man who founded the bells was Thomas Bilbie. In 1750 two trebles were added to complete the octave, but, said the Rector, he had only been able to give the record of seven. In 1808 one bell was recast, and there was a further recasting in 1889. The inscriptions on St. Peter's bells were as follows:—Third (formerly the treble)—'Although my sound is but small, I will be heard among you all'; sixth—'God send us good luck'; seventh—'Come, let us go up to the house of God'; tenor—'Ring to the praise of God.' The Rector gave details of inscriptions on some village bells, one of which, at Preston, he said, was rather vindictive—'See in what estate they live, nothing unto the poor they give,' while the tenor in the same church was inscribed 'At thy departure I shall sound and ring to bring thee to the ground.' The Rector observed that at one period it was customary to boast about the founders, and all sorts of undesirable inscriptions were placed on bells. As a lesson from the bells, he asked his hearers that, inasmuch as their eyes and ears must be up when they were in the belfry, so also might their hearts be up as well.

After the service, the members and friends adjourned to St. Peter's Institute, where they were hospitably entertained at tea. The arrangements were admirably carried out by Mrs. F. G. Longman, who had the assistance of several willing helpers. A business meeting followed, under the chairmanship of Mr. R. N. Dawes (chairman of the branch), who was supported by the Revs. G. C. Niven and C. A. Phillips, Mr. F. G. Longman (parish warden of St. Peter's), and Mr. H. C. Jennings, of Wyke Regis (hon. secretary and treasurer of the branch).

The Hon. Secretary read letters of apology for non-attendance from the Revs. F. Ll. Edwards (general secretary of the Guild), C. J. Neate (Frampton), and B. D. Reed (Puddletrenthide), Major Hughes D'Aeth (Master of the Guild), who sent Christmas and New Year greetings), Messrs. F. W. Townsend (Poole), T. Harvey Beams (assistant general secretary of the Guild and hon. secretary of the Bridport branch), J. North (Milton Abbey), W. Hewlett (Puddletown), and W. Bedford (Bere Regis). In his letter, the Rev. B. D. Reed said that at present it was not possible to bear the cost of necessary repairs to the Puddletrenthide church tower, but he hoped the time would come when it would be possible to raise the required amount.—The Chairman said the branch had been interesting itself in the matter in the hope of getting the tower strengthened, and that to the fine peal of bells an addition of three should be made.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary, in the course of his annual report, said:—'The year 1921 completes our first decade as a branch of the Diocesan Guild, which has made steady progress in this healthy and useful Church work since its formation. The objects are (1) to recognise the true position of ringers as Church officials, (2) to encourage the due care and use of church bells and belfries, (3) to cultivate change ringing. In the year of its foundation (1911) the branch started with five towers and a membership of 47, and at the present time we have 12 towers and a record membership of 114. I would urge all the incumbents and ringers who are not at present in the Guild to join, and reap the advantage to be gained, to say nothing of the good fellowship that springs up among this loyal body of Church workers. Quarterly meetings were held at Wyke Regis, Puddletown, Buckland Newton (the first held there), and Dorchester St. Peter's. In addition to these a visit was paid to Buckland Newton in June on pur-

pose to start the local band in change ringing, and the Dorchester and Fordington bands visited Frampton to try the rehung peal of six. At the latter place the tenor bell has been recast by Taylor's, of Loughborough, and the other five have been rehung by Messrs. Doble, of Taunton, making a handy ring of six, the tenor being 16 cwt. A plucky attempt was made at Wyke Regis on Easter Monday for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but unfortunately it was lost after ringing two hours and 45 minutes, Mr. Wiffen conducting. Some of our six-bell towers have found it rather difficult to master the art; we trust that in the coming year arrangements will be made for help and instruction. The Secretary visited Buckland Newton on two occasions and gave them a good insight in the art, and we hope all the towers will take it up seriously. Muffled ringing was general through the district on May 8th as a mark of tribute and respect to our late Lord Bishop, also on Remembrance Day (Nov. 11th), in honour of our glorious dead; Wyke Regis celebrated the 30th anniversary of the bells by a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on Whit-Sunday. Our greatest thanks are due to the incumbents and friends for providing tea at the quarterly meetings and giving the members a hearty welcome, also to Major D'Aeth, who has greatly assisted us by his presence at all our meetings; to our Chairman, for his continued good work; to Mr. J. G. Godwin, who has placed his car at our disposal. The Branch Secretary would like to personally thank the various secretaries of our tower for their continued good work to the Guild. The Secretary wishes to make a suggestion that our towers should bring on some more young ringers. We regret to report the loss, by death, of Mr. S. G. Hodges, Dorchester, well known as the father of the branch, who took an active interest in our work for a number of years, and was one of the founders of the branch; and also Mr. R. Barnes, of Bere Regis. Our sympathy goes out to Mr. Tim Hyde, one of our old members, in his sad loss.'

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, congratulated Mr. Jennings on his excellent work, which had resulted in a most satisfactory increase in the membership of the branch. He also referred sympathetically to the death of their old friend, Mr. Hodges, which was a great loss to the bell ringing world.—Mr. W. Bowring seconded, and the report was adopted.

It was reported that the balance sheet was not quite complete, but it was hoped to have a balance in hand of about £4, and, subject to audit, it was provisionally adopted, on the motion of Mr. H. Thomas, seconded by Mr. W. J. Simons.

Mr. Edgar Guise (general secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association) and Mr. Dibbens, of Bristol, were elected life members of the Dorchester branch.

It was resolved that the quarterly meeting in March should be held at Wool.

On the motion of the Rev. G. C. Niven, seconded by Mr. W. J. Benger, the meeting unanimously re-elected Mr. Dawes as chairman, and he suitably expressed his thanks. Messrs. G. T. White and W. J. Benger, both of Dorchester St. Peter's, were re-elected as Ringing Master and Deputy Master respectively. Mr. J. T. Godwin (Dorchester St. Peter) was re-appointed as the committee branch representative on the Guild.

PRESENTATION TO THE HON. SECRETARY.

The Chairman, in proposing the re-election of the hon. secretary and treasurer, paid a warm tribute to the devoted services of Mr. Jennings since the formation of the branch. Unfortunately, it was doubtful if he would remain in the district, although they sincerely hoped that he would—(hear, hear)—but should it happen that he had to leave them he would be a valuable asset to any ringing Guild with which he might become associated. The members felt that they would like to recognise in a substantial manner his services to the branch, and, thanks to the energy of Mr. Thomas, £10 had been raised from the various towers as a little testimonial for Mr. Jennings.—Mr. White having seconded the motion for Mr. Jennings' re-election, it was agreed to.

The Chairman then handed the cheque to Mr. Jennings, saying, 'I have much pleasure in presenting it to you as a little Christmas present, with our best wishes and thanks.'—Mr. Jennings, who was received with cordiality, tendered his sincere thanks to the members for their handsome gift, and he especially thanked the chairman and Mr. Thomas. It had always been his endeavour to do his utmost for the branch, and in the departments of Church work with which he was connected he regarded bell ringing as No. 1. He spoke with appreciation of the success that had attended the efforts of the Guild in getting bell ringers to recognise their true position as Church officials.

The Chairman proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rev. G. C. Niven for the use of the church, and for his interesting address, and also to Mrs. Longman and her kind helpers for providing such a bountiful tea. Further, he thanked Mr. Longman for showing interest in the branch by attending the service and meeting.—The vote, which was carried with acclamation, was seconded by the Rev. C. A. Phillips, who incidentally alluded to the work of Mr. Jennings, and described him as a model secretary.

Arising out of a suggestion by the Master of the Guild, it was decided to ring a peal at Dorchester St. Peter's on the 21st in celebration of the enthronement of the new Bishop of Salisbury.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE 1921 MEETING.

The first session of the eleventh Council (twenty-ninth meeting) was held in the Upper House of Convocation, in the Church House, Westminster, on Tuesday, May 17th, at 11 a.m. There were present 71 members, including honorary members (representing twenty-eight Guilds and Associations), which was generally deemed a most satisfactory attendance, especially in view of the outstanding difficulties due to the Railway Strike.

After the meeting had been opened with prayer, the Honorary Secretary said the Council would hear with great regret that the President (the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey) was unable to attend the meeting, owing to his suffering from neuritis, and he was sure the Council would share his (Mr. Davies') grief that they would have to proceed to the election of another president. He felt it would be no kindness to Mr. Boughey to re-elect him, and they must proceed to the election of a new president.—On the motion of Mr. W. T. Cockerill, seconded by Canon Baker, Canon Coleridge was unanimously elected president for the ensuing three years.—A vote of sympathy with the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, and of sincere thanks to him for his services, was passed.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, the honorary secretary and treasurer, having intimated his intention of resigning, Mr. E. Alexander Young, of the London County Association, who had been nominated, was, on the motion of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, duly elected to the office.—Mr. Davies, on the motion of the President, was most cordially thanked for his long and valuable services to the Council.

The minutes of the last meeting having been published, were taken as read, and duly confirmed and signed. Arising out of the minutes, Mr. Davies said that he had had a reply (practically an anonymous one) in respect to their recommendation on the subject of the demolition of London churches, and that the towers retaining rings of bells should, wherever possible, be spared. The reply briefly stated that the Bishop's Commission was no longer in existence. Mr. Davies also referred to the very satisfactory interview that he and Mr. Young had had with the authorities at the Victoria and Albert Museum, from which there was every reason to hope for good results.

Apologies for absence were received from Canon Papillon, the Rev. H. Drake, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Miss Gillingham, Messrs. H. Argyle, G. Boland, John Carter, T. R. Dennis, C. Edwards, H. Haigh, C. H. Howard, E. H. Lewis, T. Metcalfe, W. Parker, J. W. Seamer, W. R. Small and R. Warner.

Before further formal business was proceeded with, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies said that it had been arranged to lay a wreath upon the Unknown Warrior's grave that day. This was to be a tribute from the ringers of England to those ringers who fell in the great war. The Council were further informed that the Dean of Westminster had kindly offered to conduct a short service upon the occasion, and to allow handbells to be rung after. The offer was duly and gratefully accepted, as was that of Mr. W. T. Cockerill to arrange a band, and Mr. A. A. Hughes' offer to provide the handbells.

The Hon. Treasurer presented a statement of accounts, of which the following is a summary, viz.: Balance in hand last year, £63 15s. 7d.; affiliated fees received, £12 10s.; interest, £3 8s. 2d., and received from sale of publications, £3 17s. 9d., making with the balance a total of £85 11s. 6d. Against those there had been the expenditure for printing, etc., £9 17s. 3d.; postage, etc., £1 5s. 4d.; stationery, etc., 13s. 5d., leaving a balance in hand for this year of £71 15s. 6d. The statement of accounts having been audited in detail by the Standing Committee, was, on the proposal of Mr. W. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. A. T. King, duly accepted as correct.

The Honorary Librarian, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, read a statement of the sale of publications, showing that the net receipts by sales had been £3 17s. 9d., against £16 13s. 2d. in the previous year. He raised the question of the additional cost this year in respect to posting and advertising, and proposed that the additional charge of £2 12s. 6d. per annum for advertising should be paid, and the same was unanimously agreed to. A proposal that the postage should be added to the cost of the publications was lost.—The Hon. Librarian referred to the books on ringing, which are now being collected in the library, and asked for further gifts. Mr. W. Willson and Mr. R. Narborough, and others, kindly offered to give certain volumes which were missing from the collection.

The Hon. Secretary then read a list of those honorary members, whose names came forward for re-election, and on the motion of Canon Baker, seconded by Mr. George, Messrs. J. Carter, E. A. Daniell, C. D. P. Davies, J. S. Pritchett and J. A. Trollope were re-elected, and Mr. A. T. King and Major J. H. B. Hesse were added; Canon Papillon, whose term also had expired, not being desirous of re-election.

New members attending for the first time were then formally introduced to the president.

On the proposal of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, the previous Standing Committee were unanimously re-elected, viz., the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Canon G. F. Coleridge, Canon H. J. Elsee, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn,

the Rev. H. Law James, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, R. A. Daniell, J. Griffin, A. T. King, E. H. Lewis, and A. E. Parsons, and it was further agreed that Mr. E. A. Young, the new honorary secretary should be added to the same.

The Council then passed to the consideration of the reports and work of the various committees.

THE PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.—Mr. H. W. Wilde having reported and spoken as to the work of the committee referred especially to the help given by Miss Parker in typing the collection of Treble Bob Peals, and a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Parker was put from the chair, and carried unanimously. The committee, consisting of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde and J. W. Parker, were then duly re-elected, and on the proposal of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Miss Edith K. Parker was added to the committee.

THE LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.—The Rev. C. E. Matthews having reported as to the work of the committee, the following members were then duly re-elected, viz., the Rev. C. E. Matthews, the Rev. A. T. Beeston and Mr. R. A. Daniell (Canon Papillon having resigned), and on the proposal of the President, seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. G. E. Burton was added to the committee. (See also subsequent addition).

The Council then adjourned at 12.50 p.m. for the purpose of attending at the grave of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey, where a short service was held by the Dean. The President then, on behalf of the Council, laid a wreath upon the grave, and a course of Stedman Caters was rung by five ex-Service men, as follows: J. Thomas, R.A.F., 1—2; T. H. Taffender, R.N.V.R., 3—4; W. Willson, R.A.F., 5—6; A. H. Pulling, R.G.A., 7—8; W. A. Cave, R.E., 9—10.

On re-assembling in the afternoon, the Council considered the following:—

THE LEGITIMATE METHODS COMMITTEE.—The Rev. H. Law James, and Mr. J. A. Trollope having reported and spoken as to the work of the committee, the committee, consisting of the Rev. H. Law James, Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mr. E. H. Lewis, were then duly re-elected.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.—Mr. King having referred to the report which had been already published, it was proposed by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and seconded by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, that the report be accepted.—On the motion of the President, it was unanimously agreed that the committee be re-appointed. The committee, consisting of the Rev. A. T. Beeston, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. A. T. King and Mr. G. Williams, were then duly re-elected.—It was proposed by the Rev. H. Law James, and seconded by Mr. J. A. Trollope, that after a lapse of six months of the then date, the committee be free to name all unnamed methods of the Minor Methods Collection.

THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.—Major J. H. B. Hesse having reported on the work of the committee, the committee, consisting of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Major J. H. B. Hesse and Mr. E. A. Young, were re-elected. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies also referred to a letter received from the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. The letter was referred to the committee.

THE BELLS OF BELGIUM COMMITTEE.—The Rev. H. J. Elsee having reported generally and referring also to the altered conditions from the time that the committee was appointed, it was proposed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, seconded by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, that the committee be allowed to lapse.—This was unanimously agreed to.

THE RECORDS COMMITTEE.—The Rev. A. T. Beeston having referred to the report which had already been published in 'The Ringing World,' it was proposed by Mr. C. T. Coles, and seconded by Mr. W. Shepherd, that the same be adopted. The committee, consisting of the Rev. A. T. Beeston, the Rev. H. Law James and Mr. T. H. Beams, were then duly re-elected. Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mr. R. A. Daniell kindly agreed to help the committee occasionally, if desired.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston then gave a statement of some of the committee's difficulties in respect to peals of Minor, and after some discussion, a motion, proposed by Mr. W. A. Cave, and seconded by Mr. T. H. Taffender, that the committee deal, for the time being, with peals of Triples, Major, Caters, Cinques and Maximus only, was carried. By further motions duly carried, the committee were authorised to (1) approach the associations for further information, and (2) to include the figures of both the methods and peals where possible.

The Council then passed on to the general business shown upon the agenda, as follows, viz.:—

The Rev. H. Drake, the proposer of the first motion (that all peals should be credited to the local association), not being present, it was moved pro forma by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and seconded by Mr. J. A. Trollope. After a short discussion the motion was negatived by general consent.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn proposed the following resolution: That in every Diocese there should be a recognised authority to give advice on matters concerning church bells, and that it is hoped that each Guild and Association will take steps to provide such authority.—The Rev. M. Kelly seconded, and the motion, meeting with general support, was carried unanimously.

Mr. W. Willson proposed that a committee for ringing defence be formed of five persons, or more, as may be expedient, whose duty shall be to watch the interests of ringing companies, and reply to any attack in the Press, or otherwise, when required to do so.—The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards seconded, and after discussion, which showed sharp division of opinion, the motion was carried by 28 votes to 27.—It was then proposed by Mr. W. Willson, and seconded by Mr. J. George, that the Press Committee be authorised to undertake this work. Upon this being carried, it was then pointed out that the latter did not consist of the above number. The position was regularised, on the proposal of Mr. W. A. Cave, seconded by Mr. T. Faulkner, by the appointment of Mr. W. Willson and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards to the Literature and Press Committee.

The Standing Committee having suggested that next year's meeting be held at Lincoln, Mr. J. Cotterill proposed Bradford, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston, Chester. Each being duly seconded, were voted upon as follows, viz.: Lincoln 31, Chester 19, and Bradford 5. It was accordingly decided to hold the meeting at Lincoln. This ended the business upon the agenda. But as there was an hour to spare, the meeting agreed to discuss two motions which had been received by the secretary, after the prescribed date, viz., from Mr. A. H. Pulling and Alderman R. B. Chambers respectively. These were as follow:

Mr. A. H. Pulling moved, and Mr. W. A. Cave seconded, that the Council recommend that its Associated Guilds and Associations hold their annual meeting within the three months previous to that of the Council.—After some discussion this motion was withdrawn.

In the second case, as Alderman R. B. Chambers was not present to move his resolution, it was agreed that it should remain in abeyance.

On the motion of the Rev. H. Law James, seconded by Canon Baker, a vote of thanks to the president was carried, who briefly replied, and the meeting closed at 5 o'clock.

IRISH PEACE PEAL CELEBRATED.

At Beckenham, Kent, on Monday, December 12th, at St. George's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the Rector's request, to celebrate the Irish Peace Treaty: H. Hawkes (first in the method) 1, P. Meek 2, W. Smith (conductor) 3, F. Scutcher 4, F. Terry 5, G. Durling 6, J. Emery 7, F. King 8.

BARNES.—On Sunday, December 18th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Willmott 1, M. Jacobs 2, W. H. Stevens 3, H. Barrett 4, M. Mackrill 5, H. Cook 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, P. Stratton (first-quarter) 8.

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NORTH-EAST BRANCH.

A meeting was held at Tiverton, on December 10th, and was attended by 37 ringers from Bampton, Calverleigh, Chipstable, Christow, Exeter, Huntsham, Tiverton and Washfield. A feature of the gathering was the notable progress that had been made in Stedman since the previous meeting in October. This was due to the fact that some of the members had attended three special practices for Stedman only on Saturday afternoons during the interval. Several six-scores of Doubles and some plain courses of Triples were rung in consequence.

The new Rector (the Rev. A. E. Chapman, formerly of Luton) gave an address at the service, and afterwards, at the tea extended a most hearty welcome to all present. A really splendid meal was put on the table by Mrs. Knowles, Miss Hanson, and the wives of the local ringers. Thanks were given most cordially to them for their trouble in preparing the tea and so tastefully decorating the table, and also to the Rector and the organist.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells by the Rev. E. V. Cox, Messrs. W. Clements, E. Shepherd and T. G. Bartlett before returning to the tower.

The next meeting will probably be held in Easter week at Locombe Rogus.

DEATH OF MR. W. ROWLAND, CHELMSFORD

GRANDSON OF FAMOUS ESSEX RINGER.

On Tuesday, December 13th, Mr. W. Rowland, formerly foreman of the Chelmsford company, passed away, at the age of 77. His ringing career practically ceased when the old bells were taken down for recasting. He belonged to an old ringing family at Great Baddow. His grandfather's name is recorded at Chelmsford as ringing the tenor to 6,000 Bob Major, in 1815. He also rang a 5,000 at Writtle in 1819, and the tenor to 10,080, given as 'a quarter-peal of Bob Major' at Great Baddow, March 7th, 1819, 'being the masterpiece of the art ever performed in the county.' His father, Angelo, was a member of the band at Baddow, and for fifty-two consecutive years regularly visited at Christmastide the principal houses in the village with his peal of handbells. His son, William, also made a capable ringer, calling Holt's Original at most of the towers in the neighbourhood, but did not join the new band which was formed at the opening of the new ring of twelve. Mr. Rowland was a member of the Essex Association since its formation. His peals were not numerous, about eight in all.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Two long peals by the Oxford Guild were rung on the last day of the year. In 1888 it was the famous 15,041 of Stedman Caters at Appleton, in 9 hours 16 mins., at that time the record length, and in 1892 12,096 Double Norwich at Maidenhead, in 7 hours 10 mins.

The first peal of Halifax Treble Bob was rung at Huddersfield on January 1st, 1868. It was composed by W. Sottenstall.

One of the vory earliest peals of Norwich Court Bob Major was rung at Soham on January 1st, 1795.

January 4th, 1818, was the date of the death of James Barham, the famous old ringer of Leeds, Kent. He was 93 years of age.

Christmas Day, 1753, and New Year's Day, 1754, were the occasions of the ringing of Holt's Original at Saffron Walden. The extracts from old newspapers which have been sent to us by Mr. W. Slater, of Glemsford, and appear in another column, seem to clear up once for all the question as to whether these peals were the first time the 'Original' was called by a ringer taking part in the peal.

The present ring of ten bells at All Saints', Rotherham, were cast by Mears in 1821, and were opened on Easter Monday of the same year. The first peal was rung on them on December 20th, 1821. It was one of Grandsire Caters, consisting of 5,040 changes, and is duly recorded on a tablet in the ringing chamber of the Rotherham Parish Church. On December 20th last a centenary peal, also of Grandsire Caters, was rung.

Mrs. R. Massey wishes to thank all ringers for the sympathy extended to her upon the sudden death of her husband, especially the Manchester branch for their kind vote of condolence passed at the town hall meeting on Saturday, December 17th.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

FIRST RINGER-CONDUCTOR UNKNOWN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I send you copies of extracts from East Anglian newspapers, from which it will be seen that it is not known for certain who did really ring and call Holt's Original first:—

Holt's Original was first rung at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Sunday, July 7th, 1751, conducted from manuscript by John Holt, as most of your readers know. It was rung for the second time at Stonham Aspal as the following record, copied from the 'Ipswich Journal,' shows:—

'On Friday, January 31st, 1752, was rung at Stonham Aspal in the county of Suffolk by their own society of ringers a five thousand and forty Grandsire Triples, it being the second time ever rung with two Doubles only. This true peal has been very lately found out by Mr. John Holt, of London, and the bobs were called by Mr. William Walker. It was completed in 3 hours and 10 minutes by the eight following persons: Henry Gray 1, Daniel Hearsbam 2, James Gardiner 3, Richard Wade 4, William Banyard 5, John Sharp 6, Richard Moyse 7, John Thurlow 8.'

N.B.—It is thought impracticable for a man to ring one of the bells and call the bobs at the same time the peal being so intricate.'

The composition was rung for the third and fourth times at Norwich, as will be seen from the following extracts from the 'Norwich Mercury':—

'St. Michael's, Coslany.—On Saturday, August 22nd 1752, was rung at St. Michael's, Coslany, a complete 5,040 of Mr. Holt's Triples in 3 hours, without changes alike or a bell out of course, it being the first time ever performed by eight men only. So intricate, it was thought no man could ring a bell and call the bobs. It has been rung in London and at Stonham Aspal with prompts. But was rung by these men without a prompt.'

No names are given in the 'Norwich Mercury,' but from the particulars given it appears certain that the peal was 'Holt's Original.'

The same peal was again rung two months later, the record in the 'Norwich Mercury' being as follows:—

'On Sunday, Oct. 22nd, 1752, was rung at St. Giles', in ye city of Norwich, 5,040 Grandsire Triples with only two Doubles and no alteration. This true peal has been very lately found out by Mr. John Holt, of London. The bobs were called by William Dixon. The peal being so intricate, the bell (London) ringers thought it impracticable for a man to ring one of the bells, and call the bobs at the same time. The peal was compleatly rung in 3 hours and 6 minutes by the following persons: William Dixon 1, John Gardiner 2, Thomas Hart 3, Charles Jarvis 4, Samuel Shelver 5, Robert Dyke 6, Charles Harth 7, Frederick Whitfield 8.'

This record clearly shows what peal was rung, and these records prove that it is not known who did really first ring and call the peal at the same time. The 'Original' was rung for the fifth and sixth times at Saffron Walden on the dates mentioned, Christmas, 1753, and New Year's Day, 1754.

Hunts Hill, Glemsford.

T. E. SLATER.

THE PROPOSED C. H. H. COMMEMORATION DINNER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Again I crave your indulgence and the hospitality of your columns, to reply to a letter of excuse which appears in this week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' trusting that I may use the metaphor, that figuratively speaking, this ring of twelve who attest their cognomens are unquestionably 'A Baker's Dozen.' Evidently the cap fits, and I am prepared with the sword of truth to battle with them on the aforementioned subject—of course, with your kind permission—leaving the Exercise to adjudicate.

Let them, with all their professed admiration of the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, dispute these glaring facts:—

(1) Was it the postponement of the Cutlers' Feast that prevented them from sending one single flower as a last token of respect to their late chief on the day of interment (this is the first stone upon which I built my present opinion). I saw one laid on that grave from Birmingham. How was that? Simply because it was not so exhaustive and expensive for the Birmingham fellows to show a little respect: I only quote Birmingham as an example. I do not even know them, yet actions speak louder than words—in Birmingham and in Sheffield.

(2) A half-muffled peal was rung also on the day of interment at the Cathedral at Sheffield (Stedman Cinques) COMPOSED (in large capitals, Mr. Editor) and conducted by William Lomas! And all their late chief's gems of composition cast to the four winds. Was that for economy's sake, or was it out of respect? No, it was the same insidious fiend, self first; C. H. H., or anybody else, last.

(3) Now we arrive at 'the man of a few words,' with his 35-40 years' standing, who simply played Hamlet, because I, in the capacity of (first) treasurer had to make a nominal levy of 1s. 6d. per head, so that I might honourably settle a final account of 25s. in connection with the C. H. H. Memorial Library, which they speak of in their letter as 'Our Library.' It is a Hattersley Memorial Library, not theirs! It is put there for the purpose of disseminating knowledge freely; it costs them nothing to lend the books (see Rule 9 in the catalogue). They also rely on the lending of a few books to clear away the truthful imputations made concerning them and their selfish greed, not creed! They have none! a creed is a confession of faith! Here are the words of the great personal friend and admirer of the late C. H. H., who, when he had to subscribe 1s. 6d., said, 'We never had this sort of thing until you came, Baker; we shall soon have to pay to come to ring.' That's the spirit of the man who I dared to say two more words upon the subject. Child-like, he said 'Two more words.' My reply was, 'No, you never did anything until I came.' I retired, leaving them falling out amongst themselves how much I should be fined for leaving the tower.

This is the state of affairs at Sheffield Cathedral, and to-day I challenge these 'Worshippers of Mammon' to show us one iota of what they have done for the Honour and Glory of God, His Church, or the art of campanology, other than the Memorial Library!

In connection with the Memorial Library, panels were inserted both dexter and sinister to act as a necrology, thereby keeping a chronological record of those ringers who answered the last call of the great Composer and Conductor. How many names want adding to-day? Why are they not inscribed up to date? Are they omitted for economy's sake, or is it with a selfish motive that the space is reserved? Answer, please! There is an old adage which says, 'A man with one eye can see more than a man with two'; afflicted as I am with that physical infirmity, I can see with one optic, that the ever-erasing finger of time is blotting out those peal records on the west wall of the tower. My name is not there, but I have the ambition to leave anonymous footprints by putting them into a good and readable state of preservation.

These are the kind of things the spoilt child cries about. There is no self about such actions as this. Why, pray, should they inconvenience themselves, or the Editor, by advertising the fact that I am not 'gifted with Sheffield birth.' That is no great honour if they are typical specimens. My former letter was sufficient proof to the Exercise, who are not all endowed with an indolent stupidity! Further, it matters not whether I come into contact with humanity in its shirt-sleeves or in the purple. I shall never bow down to worship Mammon to please any votary of that false deity. To conclude, I may add, 'Gloriam ad Dei Veritas.' I am 'not gifted with Sheffield birth,' only a spoilt child; an alien, pleading for humanity, aye, even begging for the very thing that humanity desires!—Yours, etc.

22, Hawthorn Road, Hillsbro'.
ALFRED T. BAKER.

STAVELEY'S VETERAN RINGER.

At Staveley, Derbyshire, on Saturday, October 29th, 768 Kent Treble Rob Major: H. Stow 1, L. G. Palmer 2, H. Daffin 3, F. E. Parsons 4, W. Daffin 5, S. Smedley, senr., 6, A. E. Parsons 7, J. R. Brooks (conductor) 8. Also 252 Grand sire Triples by the same band, conducted by L. G. Palmer. These touches were rung in honour of the Rector, Canon Molineux's 79th birthday, and his 35th year as Rector of Staveley.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

(Concluded from Page 787.)

Starting then with the upper fifteen courses of Table III., given in the first portion of this article, and examining the first three columns of false course-heads we find that the three columns fully repeat each other. In other words, there are fifteen false course-heads against fifteen true ones, the characteristic mark of difference being that the bells in 5—6 in the one are the reverse of those in the other. Hence for the future we can save ourselves the trouble of pricking these three false columns, substituting for them the rule that when once any pair of bells has been in 5—6 in a course-head they must never appear in another in the reverse order. Bear in mind that we are here speaking of only the x and z portions of the course.

The y portion is quite another matter. The y portion of all sixty courses is available.

On pricking out the last two columns of false course-heads and finding that all was well, I had visions of a further set of fifteen true courses, making thirty in all. But careful scrutiny of these last two columns speedily dissolved any such castle in the air. The student should remember that, so far, only the portion of the six columns above the horizontal line is supposed to be known. The ten true course-heads below the line, and their five corresponding columns of false course-heads are as yet all blank. Now carefully scrutinise the fifteen course-heads in the upper portion of each of the last two columns. Among them we find the following, which, for clearness sake, I show in a little table.

TABLE IV.

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53462	34562
54263	
24536	45236
25634	
65243	52643
62345	
32654	26354
36452	
46325	63425

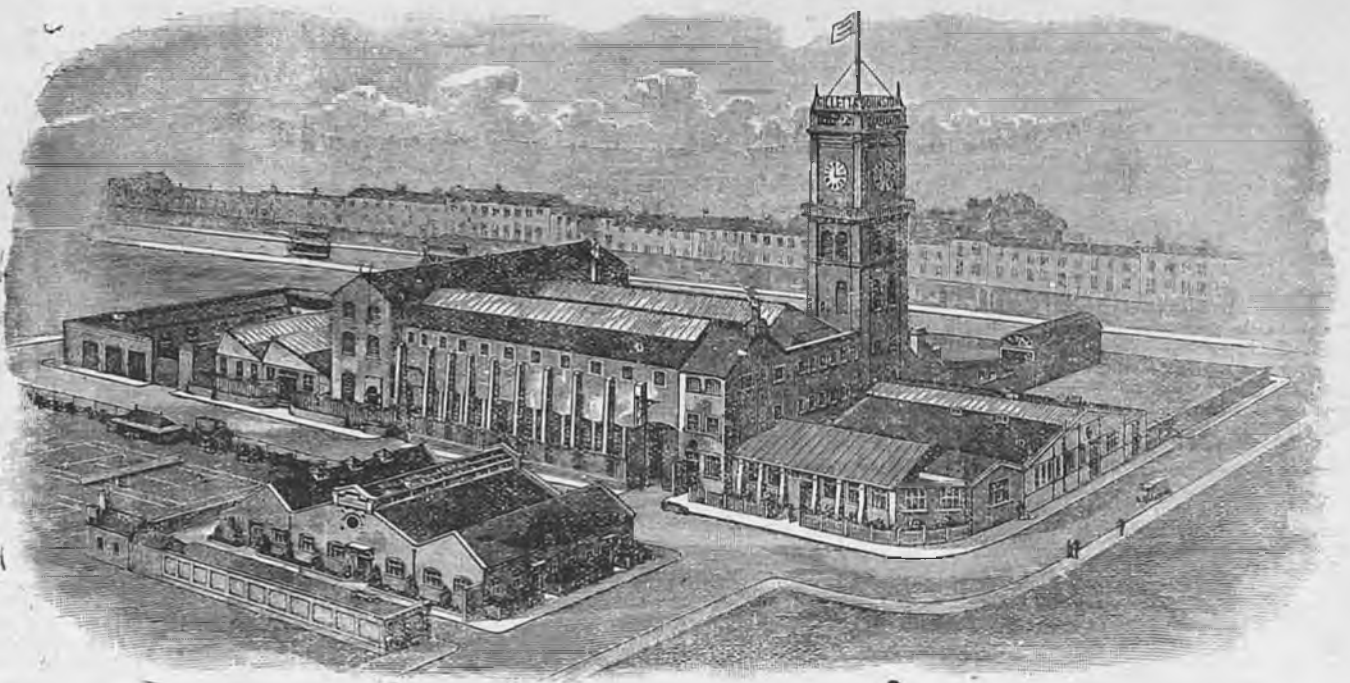
Those on the left of the line occur in the last column but one, and those on the right of it in the last column of all. Only five of these last are given, because, though there are ten as in the other, five of them are the same as in the other column, and so we leave their spaces blank. Let us take the first two lines in the Table—those containing 2 and 6 in 5th and 6ths, as all the other cases are precisely similar to these. Perhaps, however, it may be well first to take a momentary survey of our position. All possible pairs of bells in 5-6 are 23, 24, 25, 26, 34, 35, 36, 45, 46, 56. Each of these help to form six course-heads—three with 23, and three with 32—and so with all the others—sixty altogether. Now of these we have already had thirty, three false and three true of each, so that we now have only 25, 26, 34, 36 and 45. All these come in our little table. Are we going to try 62? If so, we have only a possible chance, and that a poor one, of one of them, viz., 45362, since, if we have either 53462 or 34562 we are immediately false with 35642 or 52364, one of our true fifteen courses; and, moreover, we could then at the most only hope for twenty true courses in all. So we try our luck with 26, of which we still have two chances left, viz., 35426 and 54326. This time fortune favours us, and in this way we get ten more courses, making twenty-five true courses in all. When we compare them with the courses of Middleton's peal, that is, with the x and z portions of Middleton's courses, we find the one set identical with the other.

Though it was but a forlorn hope, I determined to leave no stone unturned in my search for any further possible true courses, or parts of courses. I thought that just possibly I might find the x of one course and the z of another true with the twenty-five already found, and that by means of a suitable y they might be spliced in, and so contribute their share to the formation of a peal of twenty-six or more courses. With this in view I drew up a Table embracing all sixty courses, testing all of them against the twenty-five true ones. Most of them turned out false in four, six, or even eight places, and of the few that were false in only two places, one of these two false places was in every case in the x portion and the other in the z, so that no portion escaped. There are five of them, 45362, 52436, 26543, 63254, and 34625, that is the missing one in each case of the pairs given in Table IV.

Before proceeding to the proof of Middleton's peal it only remains for me to redeem my promise to speak of bobs B (before). These occur at the end of the second lead in the course, and, when employed, transfer us immediately to the head of the sixth lead, thus cutting out the third, fourth and fifth leads, including the position for M and W, which therefore are wholly eliminated by a B, this bob reducing the course to a length of only four leads. Its use serves occasionally at least one good purpose, namely, that of reducing the length of a peal or touch to something nearer the dimensions required than might otherwise be possible. A very good

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instance of such use is found in Johnson's variation, where the peal is reduced to a length of 5056, instead of 5600, which is an uncomfortable quantity.

Before proceeding to our last point, the proof of Middleton's peal, we give the figures of this peal for reference.

The proof follows in Table V.

5600 M W H
 43652 — —
 56234 — —
 23564 — —
 52364 — —
 35264 — —
 Four times repeated.
 C. Middleton.

TABLE V.

z	z	x	x	z	x	x
32546	46253	23456	43652	43652	34562	62453
34562	62453	43652	63254	56234	65324	24536
65324	24536	56234	56234	35284	53624	24365
32654	54263	23564	23564	23564	32654	54263
25634	34562	52364	52364	52364	25634	34562
53624	24365	35264	25463	25463	52643	43265
52643	43265	25463	45362	64352	46532	32654
46532	32654	64352	64352	56342	69432	32546
53462	62345	35642	35642	35642	53462	62345
36452	52643	63542	63542	63542	36452	52643
65432	32546	56342	36245	36245	63425	25346
63425	25346	36245	26543	42563	24653	53462
24653	53462	42563	42563	64523	46253	53624
65423	43526	56423	56423	56423	65423	43526
54263	63425	54263	54263	54263	54263	63425
46253	53624	64523	54326	54326	45236	36524
45236	36524	54326	34625	23645	32465	65243
32465	65243	23645	23645	42635	24365	65432
46325	25634	64235	64235	64235	46325	25634
62345	45236	26435	26435	26435	62345	45236
24365	65432	42635	62534	62534	26354	54632
26354	54632	62534	52436	35426	53246	46325
53246	46325	35426	35426	23456	32546	46253
24536	36452	42356	42356	42356	24536	36452
43526	26354	34256	34256	34256	43526	26354

The three central columns are the peal itself, all the courses being divided into their x, y, z portions, the heads of the courses to which each several portion belongs being entered in its proper column. Take its commencement. We have first the leads I, II, III, that is the portion x, of the plain course. We therefore enter 23456 in the z column. Then comes a bob M. This leads us into lead IV, that is y, of course 43652, which accordingly is next entered under y. There is no bob W, which means that the y portion of 43652 is followed by its z portion. Also there is no bob H, and therefore the z is followed by its own x, as shown under x in the second line. And so on. The last entry in column z perhaps needs a word of explanation. It means that the last three leads of this peal belong to the course whose head is 34256. The last row in this course is the treble's handstroke lead 13246587. Between this and the next row the bob H takes effect, but the next row (rounds), which in the usual and unscientific rotation is called the course end, is in reality nothing of the sort, but is the head of a new course. The z portion of the plain course comes, as may be seen, two courses earlier.

As explained some way back, there are four course heads, 24365x, 43265x, 32546z and 46253z false against 23456x; and four, 24365z, 32465z, 32546x and 46253x, false against 23456z. But we decided that it would not be requisite to write down the first two of each of these for the reason that they end with 65, and we decided, instead of pricking them down, to bear carefully in mind that having once got a pair of bells in 5-6, that pair must not be found reversed in 5-6 in x or z. Once having—say—3, 5 there we must never have 5, 3. This enables us to dispense with two false columns on either side of the Table, so that we have two columns on the left of the peal which are false with the x portions of the peal, and two on the right which are false with its z portions. But happily in this case they are not false, and, therefore, the x column being true to itself, and the z column the same, the x and z portion of the whole peal is true. Only the y portion now remains. This, having a clean proof scale, only requires its own column to be, as it is, true with itself. Its bells may be in any position. Without it, and its freedom from falsity, no peal would have been possible, as we should have had no means of stringing together the only twenty-five x and a portion that this unsatisfactory method allows us

PENZANCE. — On October 18th, for practice, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. C. Corin (first quarter-peal by treble man) 1 Eileen Symons 2, John Symons 3, P. Hitchens (conductor) 4, F. C. Jelhart 5, A. Triggs 6, John Wood 7, J. C. Corkell 8.

WRITTLE, ESSEX. — On Wednesday, December 14th for practice, 1,024 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. Lincoln 1, A. Edwards 2, H. Head 3, J. Wood 4, C. Pease 5, P. Timson 6, W. Lincoln 7, A. Head 8. First touch in the method by all the band.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT SPALDWICK.

Ringers from Rushden, Thrapston, Ringstead, Finedon, Woolston, Great Storton and Godmanchester, attended the dedication of the bells at Spaldwick, Huntingdon, on Saturday, December 10th. The bells, an old ring of five, have been rehung in an iron frame, with all new fittings, and a new treble added, which has made a splendid peal of six. The work has been carried out by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, who has completed the work in first-class style.

A special form of service was used at the dedication, which was conducted by the Venerable Archdeacon Knowles, of Huntingdon, assisted by the Rev. H. T. Havard Jones, Vicar of Spaldwick. After the dedication a few rounds were rung, and 360 Kent Treble Bob, by: R. C. Loveday 1, L. Chapman 2, L. Wyman 3, J. Nicholson 4, J. R. Main 5, A. Smeathers (conductor) 6. Various touches of Kent, Oxford, Woodbine, Double Court, Double Oxford and Cambridge Surprise followed.

The Vicar and churchwardens entertained the ringers, numbering 15, to tea, and a vote of thanks to them was proposed by Mr. A. Smeathers, seconded by Mr. A. Bellamy, town councillor of Ringstead. One of the church officers responded. Afterwards touches were rung on the handbells, and a few tunes were played, a very pleasant evening being thus passed. A special invitation was given by the Vicar for a band to ring a peal on the bells as soon as possible.

BEDFORD ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedford District was held at Bromham, on Saturday, December 10th, when members were present from Bedford, Harrod, Clapham, Cranfield, Roxton, and the local company.

At the business meeting, at which Miss E. Stael presided, two new members were elected, viz., Messrs. A. Lamb, of Bletsoe, and H. Cocking, of Staggsden. It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Harrod some time in February, of which due notice will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mrs. Mortimer for providing tea, and to the local company for having everything ready, were passed.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

MEETING AT WOOD GREEN.

A quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held at St. Paul's Church, Wood Green, Wednesbury, on Saturday, Nov. 19th, when members from the following towers were present: Bilston, Bradley, Dudley, Tipton, Smethwick, Sedgley, West Bromwich, Walsall, and the local band. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. G. Lomas (in the absence of the Vicar, through illness), who gave a most inspiring address. At the close of the service, an adjournment was made to the Institute to partake of tea.

At the business meeting, the Rev. G. Lomas occupied the chair, and it was arranged that the next meeting, which is the annual, should be held at Dudley, and the quarterly peal be attempted at St. Paul's, Wood Green.

Mr. R. Small proposed the best thanks be given to the Vicar (adding sympathy with him in his illness, and wishing him a speedy recovery), for the use of the bells, and his hearty welcome to the Guild; to the Rev. G. Lomas for his address at the service and presiding over the meeting; to the organist; to the ladies who had provided the good things for the tea; and to Mr. E. J. Tyler and the local band for making the necessary arrangements for the meeting.—Mr. Goodman (Ringing Master) seconded the proposition.

The bells were utilised during the afternoon and evening in various methods.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

GLOUCESTER BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the Gloucester Branch was held at Sandhurst on Saturday, December 17th, when a good company assembled from Gloucester, Barnwood, Upton St. Leonard's, and Sandhurst. The bells are a fine peal of eight, and some very good touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major were brought round. After a short service in the church, conducted by the Rector (Canon Sewell) the ringers adjourned to the Schoolroom, where a very excellent tea had been provided by Mrs. Bennett (wife of the hon. secretary), and friends, to which full justice was done.

Tea over, Mr. G. A. Smith (Barnwood) was, in the absence of the Rector, voted to the choir for the business meeting.

The Hon. Secretary, Capt. A. A. Bennett, C.A., gave a brief report of the quarter's work and progress, and announced the very interesting fact, concerning the comparatively small country parish of Frampton-on-Severn, which possessed only six bells that there was a company of thirteen ringers, all of whom had during the quarter joined the association, and were displaying great keenness in change ringing. He urged those present to follow this splendid example, and retain their keenness in the welfare and progress of their local branch. Following the meeting, some excellent touches were rung on the handbells, conducted by Mr. John Austin.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FEERING.—On Sunday, December 18th, for Divine service, with fully muffled bells (except tenor open at back), 912 Bob Major: G. Mayes 1, W. Butler 2, W. H. P. Mellins 3, P. Langston 4, J. C. Newman 5, R. Fisher 6, C. Rogers 7, W. Keeble (conductor) 8. Rung as a token of respect to the late Vicar (Canon Barnes).

LONDON.—At St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Sunday, December 18th, for evensong, 1,179 Stedman Cinques: W. H. Hewett (conductor) 1, J. A. Trollope 2, H. P. James 3, F. I. Hairs 4, E. F. Pike 5, W. J. Kemp 6, C. Burden 7, J. E. Davis 8, E. Brett 9, C. W. R. Grimwood 10, R. Sanders 11, W. E. G. Hewson 12.

WHITBY, YORKS.—At Fylingdales Parish Church, on Sunday, December 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): M. Cooper 1, Miss M. Parnaby 2, Miss A. R. Wilkinson 3, G. F. Alexander 4, Miss B. Welburn 5, J. W. Wilkinson 6, G. H. Corner (conductor) 7, A. Coates 8. First quarter-peal ever rung by the conductor.

BEVERLEY.—At the Minster, for morning service, on Sunday, December 18th, 216 Grandsire Caters.—For evening service, 539 Grandsire Caters: A. Botham 1, G. C. Constable 2, A. E. Sellers 3, J. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerby 5, C. P. Bradley 6, W. Gibson 7, J. E. Constable 8, W. Middleton (conductor) 9, G. M. Daggitt 10.

HITCHIN.—On Sunday, December 18th, for evening service, 720 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Else 1, Miss Durrant 2, E. Day 3, F. R. Bacon 4, G. Wolfe 5, J. Hare 6, H. Day 7, W. Croft (conductor) 8.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, December 18th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,008 Bob Major, for evening service: B. Dunn 1, A. J. Skelding 2, Geo. H. Pagett 3, Gilbert Skelding 4, A. E. Whatmore 5, C. W. Cooper 6, William A. Pugh 7, A. W. Dodd (conductor) 8.

EXHALL.—The third memorial to the fallen of the parish of Exhall, Coventry, has been dedicated. This was a monument erected by the children, and was dedicated by the Vicar. Several touches were rung, half-muffled, before the service and after the ceremony, by: W. Barnett 1, G. Vernon 2, F. Sanders 3, G. Bates 4, D. Ellender (conductor) 5, A. Plachet 6. This is the first time this band has tried to ring, and they would like to be taken into the Warwickshire Guild.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40mins.: J. Harrison 1, R. A. Hickton 2, R. Drage 3, H. Green 4, C. Geary 5, F. Tite 6, J. Bailey 7, T. Hutchinson 8.

DONCASTER.—At St. George's Church, on Sunday, December 18th, for evening service, 1,009 Stedman Triples, in 40 mins.: Miss K. Jackson 1, E. Baldwin 2, J. Holmes 3, C. Scott 4, G. Halksworth 5, W. Lloyd 6, H. Walker (conductor) 7, C. Clarke 8. Longest touch on the bells since they were restored.

ACTON.—St. Mary's Guild.—On Sunday, December 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: M. England (first quarter-peal) 1, S. D. Breeze 2, C. Brown 3, E. S. Coulson 4, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 5, H. Wincote 6, Robt. Fardon 7, E. Easton 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Carter's 'Old Bob'): Robt. Fardon 1, S. D. Breeze (first quarter of Stedman) 2, Robt. Holloway 3, Challis Winney (conductor) 4, W. Alps 5, W. Lawrence 6, H. Langdon 7, C. Brown 8.

SOUTH WIGSTON.—St. Thomas' Guild.—On Sunday, December 18th, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, at St. Thomas' Church, as a token of respect to the late Rev. T. W. Mortlock: A. Bell 1, W. Humberstone 2, G. Burton 3, L. Willars 4, S. Cox 5, J. Carter 6, E. Jelley (conductor) 7, S. Cheeny 8.

EALING.—On December 18th, for the morning service, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Harding (first quarter) 1, W. Lawrence 2, E. J. Walsom 3, W. H. Hollier 4, H. P. James (conductor) 5, A. Harding 6, J. A. Trollope 7. Rung without a cover.

SAWSTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, December 11th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Hurry 1, S. Stubbings 2, H. Bright 3, S. Nunn 4, F. Matthews 5, M. J. Lyles 6, F. Hurry (conductor) 7, G. Farrow 8. This is the longest touch in the method by all except the conductor, and also by a purely local company.

NEWBURY.—Oxford Guild, Newbury Branch.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on December 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: C. Pool 1, *E. Smith 2, H. W. Curtis (first on an inside bell) 3, E. W. Atkins 4, W. A. Dormer 5, *E. Crocker 6, S. Quinton (conductor) 7, E. Challis 8. * First quarter-peal of Triples. First on the bells by a local band for some years.

COALBROOKDALE.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 18th, 840 Stedman Triples, in 30 mins. (composed by John Carter): W. Wase (conductor) 1, W. Crawford 2, A. Bayley 3, J. Hanley 4, R. Jones 5, W. Lago 6, W. Saunders 7, J. Hayward 8. First touch in the method as conductor. Arranged as a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, who was 21 on December 16th.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, December 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,230 changes), in 48 mins.: J. Waghorn, senr. 1, W. Beard 2, F. Russell 3, W. G. Jackson 4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, A. C. Hardy 6, G. W. Faulkner 7, E. G. Cottis 8. Composed by G. Hollis, and taken from 'The Ringing World' of December 2nd.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On December 18th, at St. Mary's Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Swaffer (first quarter) 1, Sid Hopper 2, P. Page 3, H. C. Castle 4, E. Powell 5, C. W. Everett 6, H. Parker (first as conductor) 7, Tom Tabrett 8.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Sunday, December 18th at Emmanuel Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Myers 1, W. Hobbs 2, H. Clymo 3, A. H. Kentfield 4, H. Burner 5, W. Richards 6, J. Woodley (conductor) 7, S. Symons 8.

EARL SHILTON.—On December 11th, for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples: P. Reynolds 1, H. Wright 2, A. Waters 3, F. Wilson 4, H. Webb 5, W. Powers (Barwell) 6, W. Reynolds (conductor) 7, H. Fullylove 8.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On Sunday, December 11th, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of the dedication of the war memorial, with the bells fully muffled, in memory of the 36 men of the parish who gave their lives, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 33 mins., by: Miss M. Stearn 1, Miss M. Chapman 2, Miss K. Willers (conductor) 3, A. Wilson 4, W. Rayner 5. After the service, with the bells open, 720 Grandsire Doubles: H. Gathercole 1, A. Wilson 2, K. Willers 3, H. Wilson 4, W. Rayner (conductor) 5.

BEVERLEY.—At the Minster, for morning service, on December 11th, 197 Grandsire Caters.—For evening service, 575 Grandsire Caters: A. Botham 1, C. P. Bradley 2, W. Gibson 3, J. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerby 5, G. C. Constable 6, A. E. Sellers 7, J. E. Constable 8, W. Middleton (conductor) 9, G. M. Daggitt 10.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Sunday, Dec. 4th, for evening service, at Charles' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 52 mins.: *H. Ashton 1, G. A. Westcott 2, E. W. Marsh (conductor) 3, W. H. Marsh 4, W. Richards 5, W. Rundle 6, R. Dobson 7, W. Hornbrook 8, F. Hockaday 9, G. Gomer 10. * First quarter-peal. † Longest length with a bob bell. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. E. Davies).

HILLINGDON.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 6th, for morning service, and as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. H. J. Kiteat, on his first Sunday in the parish, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 47 mins.: Miss Grace Baker 1, Miss N. Williams 2, W. Henley (conductor) 3, E. Hancox 4, P. Jones 5, W. Honor 6, C. Mayne 7, H. Chandler 8. Also for evensong, on December 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Baker 1, Miss Williams 2, S. Honor (first quarter inside) 3, H. Chandler 4, W. Honor 5, R. Carter 6, E. Hancox (conductor) 7, A. Dudley 8.

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480 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

2314567	8	11
3451267	S	S
4125367	S	S
1532467	S	S
5243167	S	S
2314567	S	S

Can be bobbed home true from any course end.
W. WALMSLEY.

576 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

23456789						
75392468	2	1	2	3	2	2S
35792468				68S		
73592468				4 in 3		
52436789				1-3		
23456789				9 in 3		

G. HOLLIS.

560 BOB MAJOR.

23456	W	M
43652	—	—
63254	—	—
56234	—	—
35264	—	—
23456	—	—

J. A. TROLLOPE.

720 BOB MINOR.

23456				
S	53642	2		
S	35426	1		
S	53264	1		
S	35642	1		
S	45253	2		
—	45632	1		
P.L.	32564	2		
Five times repeat				
R. G. RICE.				

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very pleasant meeting of the Eastern District was held at Broxbourne on December 10th. The bells were available from three o'clock, and were kept going until nearly nine p.m., with the exception of the tea interval. Members attended from Cheshunt, Edmonton, Cambridge, Walthamstow, Ware, Nazeing, Brockley, Thundridge and Little Munden, besides the members of the Broxbourne band. Tea was prepared at The Welcome, and the business meeting followed, the Rev. Tyrwhitt Drake (Vicar of Thundridge) presiding.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Eardley Wilmot for kindly granting permission to use the bells, also to the Vicar of Hoddesdon for kindly granting the use of his tower, although no ringing was done there, as members chose to remain at Broxbourne, which is near the station.

The meeting expressed a desire to visit Sawbridgeworth in February, if permission could be obtained.

MR. T. J. SALTER'S 300 PEALS.

Grandsire Doubles	4	Conducted	1
1, 4 and 5 methods on six bells	5		
7 methods on six bells	28	Conducted	2
Bob Triples on six bells	2	Conducted	1
Bob Major on six bells	9	Conducted	2
Bob Royal on six bells	1		
Canterbury Pleasure Triples	2	Conducted	2
Canterbury Pleasure Royal	1		
Grandsire Triples	25	Conducted	10
Grandsire Caters	1		
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1		
Kent Treble Bob Major	7	Conducted	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3		
Oxford Bob Triples	1		
Double Oxford Major	3		
Duffield Major	1		
Shipway Major	1		
Stedman Triples	75	Conducted	1
Stedman Caters	5		
Stedman Cinques	1		
Double Norwich Major	40	Conducted	3
Superlative Surprise Major	39	Conducted	2
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1		
Cambridge Surprise Major	20	Conducted	1
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1	Conducted	1
London Surprise Major	17	Conducted	1
Bristol Surprise Major	6	Conducted	1
Total	300		29

Rung in 73 different towers: 105 of these peals have been rung at St. Mary's, Kidderminster.

R. RICHARDSON'S 300 PEALS.

	Tower Bells.	Hand Bells.	Conducted.
Doubles in 5 methods	1		
Minor, 1 to 16 methods	76	8	34
Grandsire Triples	8	16	
Stedman Triples	30	11	
Bob Major	23	23	17
Little Bob Major	2	2	
Double Norwich Major	18	1	4
Double Oxford Major	2		
Cambridge Surprise Major	5		
Superlative Surprise Major	2		
Kent Treble Bob Major	17	1	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	3		
Grandsire Caters	11	4	
Stedman Caters	6	1	
Surfleet Treble Bob Caters	2		
Bob Royal	7	10	3
Kent Treble Bob Royal	4		
Grauta Treble Bob Royal		1	
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1		
Double Court Royal	1		
Double Norwich Royal	1		
Double Oxford Royal	1		
Double Bob Royal	1		
Total	222	78	59

Rung in 79 towers, in 15 counties, and with 335 ringers.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practices: Mondays, at 7.30 p.m. Sundays, at 10 a.m. St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription, etc., is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on Jan. 5th and 19th. *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 10th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 12th, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Reports ready.—Peter Crook, 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes on Monday, Jan. 9th, 1922. Tower open 6.30 p.m. Business meeting 8 p.m., to be followed by special meeting to consider the alteration of rules.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Wivenhoe on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Service at 4.30, followed by tea (provided by local friends). Election of officers for ensuing year, etc. A record attendance is requested. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by January 4th to enable necessary arrangements to be made?—H. T. Pye, District Sec., 49, Wickham Road, Colchester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —Annual meeting at Devizes, Jan. 7th, at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Bells available in three towers (8, 5 and 6). The Devizes Branch will unveil the Memorial Tablet erected to commemorate the muffled peal rung in honour of the fallen ringers of the diocese, and all are welcome.—H. F. Brown, Hon. Sec., 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The branch committee will meet at the Church Room, Bray, near Maidenhead, on Saturday, Jan. 7th, at 4 o'clock. Each tower in union should be represented, and subscriptions owing for 1921 forwarded without delay. Tower bells available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. each will be provided for those who order it three days previously.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Stafford on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. J. H. Kempson, M.A., Vicar of Penkridge. Tea (1s.) at 6 o'clock. Please notify me not later than Tuesday,

January 3rd.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The January Meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, the 7th. Eight bells all afternoon. Tea at 1/- per head to those who write Mr. P. Jervis (previous to the 4th), 7, Littlemoor, Eckington, Sheffield.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Ipswich Branch.—A General meeting will be held at Halesworth on Saturday, Jan. 7th. By kind permission of the Rev. H. C. Newbery, M.A., the bells of the Parish Church will be available from 2 to 7 p.m. Business meeting immediately following tea, which will be served at the Swan Hotel at 4 o'clock, price 1s. 6d. each. In accordance with the revised rules, adopted at the annual general meeting held at Norwich in October, the election of officers will take place at this meeting, and it is hoped there will be a good attendance. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Jan. 2nd.—E. Evans, Hon. Branch Sec., 21, Springfield Lane, Ipswich.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A special meeting will be held at Kettering on Saturday, Jan. 7th. The two new trebles by Gillett & Johnston, recently added to the peal of eight, will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea will be provided at 5 to those who notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 4th.—R. T. Turner, District Sec., 7, Gordon Street, Kettering.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting of the Swindon Branch will be held at the Parish Church, Swindon, on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. and during the evening. Tea at the King's Arms Hotel at 4.45, 1/6, to those who send in their names not later than Jan. 4th.—R. W. Hyner, Hon. Sec., 42, Brunswick Street, Swindon, Wilts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. A short service at 5 o'clock. Tea, provided by the Vicar, at 5.45, at the Vicarage. All those intending to be present must let me know not later than Tuesday, Jan. 9th, or tea will not be provided for them. Please note this.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The Annual Meeting will be held at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge. Tea and Business Meeting following. Ringing at All Saints' and St. Paul's towers before service and after meeting. Those intending to be present at tea please notify by Jan. 7th.—F. Dentry, Branch Sec., Church Street, Twyford, Berks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—S. and W. District.—A meeting will be held at Ohiswick on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.45 p.m., and will arrange tea for 5.30. Welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14th. St. Mary Redcliffe bells (12) available from 3 o'clock. Service in the Lady Chapel 4.30, to be

followed by tea and business meeting at St. Thomas' schoolroom. Please notify Hon. Sec. by Jan. 9th, 1922.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Staunton, near Gloucester, on Saturday, 14th Jan., 1922. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service in Church at 4.30. Tea free to all who will notify me by 10th Jan. All outstanding subscriptions must be paid up at this meeting.—Joseph Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., Glen Holm, Newent, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas (12 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Annual meeting will be held at the St. Martin's Hotel, City, on Tuesday, Jan. 17th, 1922, at 7.30. Bells of St. Martin's available from 6 o'clock to 7.15.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, second Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 70, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, December 11th, for morning service, touches of Grandsire Triples, and Bob Major were rung; and for afternoon service, on the occasion of the dedication of the memorial chapel for 81 men and lads who gave their lives in the great war, and who belonged to Stowmarket. The bells were half-muffled, and a well-struck touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung; also touches after service: F. Sparrow 1, C. Souler (aged 83) 2, W. Souler (conductor) 3, S. Sparrow 4, F. Allard 5, A. Grimwood 6, E. Draper 7, W. Whelham 8.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, December 11th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, 2,520 changes of Grandsire Triples, the first half Taylor's Bob and Single peal, in 1 hr. 35 mins.: S. Paice 1, Mrs. R. Whittington 2, J. Whithead 3, R. Whittington 4, J. Burdfield 5, W. Short (conductor) 6, W. Stanford 7, G. Dibley 8.

GOSPEL OAK.—On Sunday, Dec. 11th, for evening service, at St. Martin's, Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob: T. Bevan (first of Treble Bob) 1, Miss Kate Smith 2, F. Smith 3, E. Chapman 4, E. Young 5, E. Bonfield (first as conductor) 6.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, December 11th, for evensong, at the Parish Church of St. Michael, 1,088 Oxford Treble Bob Major: H. Cooté 1, Geo. Wiffen 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. W. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, G. Lindridge 6, C. H. Howard (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Sunday, December 11th, for evening service, at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Williams 1, T. Roden 2, G. Tudor 3, H. Farlow 4, H. Knight (conductor) 5, E. F. Mitchell 6, W. H. Lawley 7, T. Smith 8. After evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 10 mins.: J. Williams 1, H. Knight (conductor) 2, W. A. Cooper 3, G. Tudor 4, T. Roden 5, H. Farlow 6, E. F. Mitchell 7, A. Fallon 8, W. H. Lawley 9, R. Thompson 8. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Street.

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NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, December 11th, for evening service, 720 Boh Minor, 7-8 covering, in 30 mins.: F. Howson (age 12) 1, F. Love 2, R. Marsh 3, W. Howson (conductor) 4, H. Love 5, W. Burrows 6, F. Wilby 7, A. Calver 8. First 720 by ringers of 2, 5 and tenor.

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